

MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on April 14, 2012 at the American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA and welcomed all members and guests.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dex Armstrong, Steve Bishop, Alan Brodie, Debbie Brodie, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Doris Faber, Brian Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Julie LeDoux (Press), Richard Lowry, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Mike Naughton, Mary Naughton, Paul Nelson, Tom Perrault, Willie Petruy, Mike Varone, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace. (22 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Dex Armstrong, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

The list of boats lost in the month of April was not read due to the nature of today's Tolling of the Boats ceremony honoring all lost boats.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March meeting were distributed by e-mail and hard copies were available on each table.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Base Commander also dispensed with the reading of the Treasurer's monthly report:

Post meeting note:

Starting balance: \$ 4,188.10

Ending balance: \$ 4,250.76

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Base Commander noted that the main topic of discussion at the most recent Executive Board Meeting was the preparation for the Tolling of the Boats ceremony.

Membership Report by Steve Jaeger: 86 members

Public Relations / Veterans Affairs by Mike Varone: Mike introduced Julia Ledoux, the military editor for the News & Messenger's "Inside NOVA" weekly paper for Prince William County.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) The date for our next visit to Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology ward is Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 11:00 AM. Post meeting note: The visit was conducted by Mike Naughton, Mike Varone, Penny Wallace, and Steve Bishop. 15 children and their families were visited bedside and presented with Honorary Submariner ball caps and certificates.

In the absence of a NSL official, the Base CDR announced that:

1. The NSL Annual History Seminar will be held April 24 at Ft McNair with a presentation on Over the Horizon Targeting (Outlaw Shark).
2. The Submarine Technology Symposium will be held May 15-17 at JHU APL.

There were no announcements from the **District Commander Mike Naughton**. However, the Base Commander noted that the Chesapeake Base Oyster and Bull Roast has been cancelled. There were no other officer reports.

OLD BUSINESS

We still have NOVA Base business cards.

September USSVI Convention in Norfolk – Sign up at the USSVI national website. If the Marriott hotel is full when you book your room, the Sheraton is directly across the street.

SCORPION Symposium – The planned May symposium was postponed and plans are being made for a dive to be conducted in October 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

News from National:

1. Start planning for the 2014 Memorial Day Parade in Wash DC - it's the 50th anniversary of the USSVI.
2. USSVI is asking for donations for the USSVI memorial plaque for the Navy Memorial in DC.
3. The next few Virginia Class submarines have been named; hull numbers and names are: 786 USS Illinois; 787 USS Washington; 788 USS Colorado; 789 USS Indiana; and 790 USS South Dakota.

The Guest speaker for May 12th meeting will be CAPT (Sel) Stevens, PMS 450, Virginia Class Program Office.

The Binnacle List currently includes:

Rod Puffer;
Peggy Williams (broken hip); and
condolences to the family of CAPT Charles Armitage (former CO, USS Sturgeon).

Post meeting note: Condolences are also extended to the family of USSVI NOVA base member CDR Ed Ettner. Ed's son, LTC Eddie Ettner, Jr. died on April 11th. Ed's address is:
10535 Amity Street
Lorton, VA 22079-3516

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for April: Pat Peterson 1st, Paul Nelson 8th, Lisa Murphy 8th, Willie Petruy 8th, Dick Laulor 16th, Tim Oliver 20th, Peggy Puffer 20th, Ed Ettner 21st, and the U.S. Submarine Service 11th (112 years young).

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Perrault, who donated the winnings back to the Base.

The solemn Tolling of the Boats ceremony was conducted with the Base commander reading the boats lost and the COB tolling the ship's bell for each boat lost.

After the reading, a toast to the U.S Submarine Service was conducted.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 1150.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Stephen C Bishop
Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base

Post Meeting Note: Julia LeDoux's article on our Tolling of the Boats ceremony has been published in the *Inside NOVA* newspaper . It will be distributed to the NOVA Base members separately. Thank you to Mike Varone, our PAO. BZ!!