

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, DEC 8, 2012**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1110 on Dec 8, 2012 at the American Legion Post 162 in Lorton, VA, and welcomed all members and guests.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Art Bivens, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Doc Compton, Katie Compton, Abigale Compton, new member Jeffrey Earl, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Brian Haller, Pat Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Mike Murphy, Lisa Murphy, Regional Director Mike Naughton, Mary Lou Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace (23 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Chuck Martin, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain, Steve Jaeger, delivered the Invocation.

After a moment of silence, The CDR read the list of boats lost in the month of December . These were:

USS Capelin (SS-289)	Dec 2, 1943
USS Sealion (SS-195)	Dec 10, 1941
USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)	Dec 17, 1917
USS S-4 (SS-109)	Dec 17, 1927

BALLOTS

The Base CDR called for all ballots to be collected by the Secretary. Paper ballots were collected and tallied with the previously received paper and electronic ballots.

HISTORIAN

The Base CDR read a piece of submarine history compiled by the base historian, Richard Lowry , who could not make the meeting today. The article was on the USS Sealion (SS 195) who was damaged by bombs in Manila Bay and scuttled to prevent her from falling into enemy hands early in WW II and on the exploits of the new Sealion (SS-315).

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting and Holland Club induction were distributed by e-mail. One correction has been made - RADM Mike Yurina's qual boat was the SSN 637, not SSBN 637. The minutes of the November meeting were approved by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, reported that the base bank account balance was \$4,807.00 . He issued a reminder that 2013 dues are due by December 31, 2012. All dues payers who have paid by now are eligible for the drawing for free dues next year - one member and one associate member. The drawing was held and the winners were:

Associate member - Darlene Jaeger

Member – John Lindstedt

The Treasurer presented the recommended budget for 2013. Paper copies were available on each table during the meeting. Discussion mentioned that we have significant numbers of Holland Club inductees coming up in both 2013 and 2014, so running with a high cash balance now is a prudent course of action. The 2013 budget was approved by the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board: The Executive Committee met last week and the following issues were discussed:

- 2013 meeting and event calendar
- Holland Club after action report
- website and newsletter status
- final draft budget for 2013
- revisions needed to the Base By-Laws to comply with the updated national Constitution and By-Laws regarding Associate membership, etc.

Membership Report: One new member signed up today: Jeffrey Earl.

COB: Due to the resignation of Dex Armstrong, the Base CDR has appointed Chuck Martin as the new COB. Concurrence of the base membership is required, a vote was held and Chuck Martin was approved unanimously as our new COB.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): Steve Bishop recognized all members and associate members who have attended our 8 previous trips to Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology ward. USSVI Regional Director Mike Naughton presented Chuck Martin with a Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) pin for his participation on our last visit on October 25th. It should be noted that Mike Varone, Mike Naughton, and Steve Bishop have participated in every visit to make these special kids "Honorary Submariners".

Regional Director Mike Naughton:

The Thresher memorial group in Kittery, ME is seeking donations for the 50th anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher. The Rockville, MD Veteran's Ceremony was held Sunday, Nov 11th with Mike Naughton, Tom Perrault, and Howard Chatham attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Holland Club induction and luncheon held last month was a success. All Holland Club members in attendance were asked to rise to be recognized. Next year we will have four new Holland Club members to be inducted and even more coming in 2014.

The Base CDR read the USSVI letter from the National Commander that was sent to the Secretary of the Navy requesting that the USS Scorpion site be dived again. Ed Ettner questioned why and the Base CDR summarized earlier discussions noting that there are newer technologies now available for searching for the cause of the disaster.

NEW BUSINESS:

On December 5th, LTJGs Leveque, Cowan, and Noonan became the first female unrestricted line officers to qualify in submarines. No enlisted females in the pipeline - YET.

In a cost saving effort, the 800 phone number for the USSVI National Storekeeper has been terminated and replaced by (925) 679-1744.

The new Submarine Bridge Trainer at NAVSUBSCOL has been declared ready for training.

A sad day for the submarine force: Retired CT1(SS) Robert Hoffman was arrested in an espionage sting recently.

The draft schedule of events for the base for 2013 was read. It will be distributed electronically with these minutes by the Base CDR.

Penny Wallace reported that, as part of Wreaths Across America, the Alexandria National Cemetery Wreath Laying ceremony would held on December 15th.

ELECTIONS: The Secretary presented the election results tally to the current elected base officers and then announced the results of the base elections for 2013 officers as:

Base Commander: Howard Chatham
Vice Commander: Paul Nelson
Treasurer: Steve Jaeger
Secretary: Steve Bishop

The Binnacle List currently includes:

Rod Puffer, Ralph Chatham, and Tom Perrault's niece Leslie.

For the Good of the Order:

Birthdays for the Month are:

November: Rod Batiza, Art Bivens, Rich Lowry, Francis McNamara, Dennis Mohr, Benny Parker, Carla Petruy, and Eva Waylet.

December: Yuko Basham, Rich Carpel, Mimi Cooper, Bud Cunally, Carol Fannan, Frank Fannan, Mickie Garverick, Shiela Gilmore, Pat Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Barbara Miller, Mary Lou Naughton, Mike Naughton, Tin Shannon, George Steeg, Ray Stone, and Mike White.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Lisa Murphy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Seventeen of us then met at Madigan's Restaurant on the waterfront in Occoquan, VA for a holiday lunch.

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