

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, February 11, 2012**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on February 11, 2012 at American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA and welcomed all members and guests.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dex Armstrong, Alan Amos, Steve Bishop, Debbie Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Ralph Chatham, Brian Haller, Pat Haller, Myra Hansborough (Dex's friend), Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Barbara Miller, Dennis Mohr (new member), Tina Mohr, Mike Naughton, Mary Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tom Perrault, Pete Petruy, Ross Sargent, Lorraine Sargent, George Wallace and Penny Wallace. (27 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 CDR read the list of boats lost in the month of January. These were:

USS Barbel (SS-316)	Feb 4, 1945
USS Shark (SS-174)	Feb 11, 1942
USS Amberjack (SS-219)	Feb 16, 1943
USS Grayback (SS-208)	Feb 27, 1944
USS Trout (SS-202)	Feb 29, 1944

The Base Historian, Ralph Chatham, read a passage on Submarine History: The Chopper excursions. Down, up, and down.

MEETING MINUTES

The Secretary, Steve Bishop, read the minutes of the January meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger presented the Treasurer's monthly report:

Starting balance: \$ 4,002.62

Ending balance: \$ 4,141.74

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Base Commander presented a summary of the most recent Executive Board Meeting.

Membership Report by Steve Jaeger: 84 members, plus 1 new member, Dennis Mohr, signing up today. Total of 85 members.

All in attendance summarized their military service and current activities.

The Base Commander asked for volunteers for our non-elected positions. Positions to be filled are:

Position	Volunteer
Newsletter editor	Open position and Dennis Mohr would like to hear more on what the volunteer job entails.

The COB reported that PJ Skidoos has booked us for the Holland Cub ceremony on November 10, 2012. Menu choices, with optional priced salads and desserts are being discussed. The Base Secretary will contact RADM Mike Yurina to invite him to speak and present.

In the absence of a NSL official, the Base CDR announced that the quarterly luncheon would be held on April 13th and the guest speaker would be VADM Burke, VCNO for Fleet Readiness and Logistics.

The District Commander Mike Naughton spoke:

1. The annual report to National is important so USSVI national can keep its 503(c) status with the IRS. The IRS is auditing closely all 503 C organizations for compliance.
2. District 4 intends to hold a District meeting in August or October, 2012. Last year's meeting was in Dover, DE.

There were no other officer reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Terry Nelson addressed the final details for the Sweetheart's luncheon after the meeting reminding ALCON to pay the Treasurer before leaving for the restaurant.

The Base CDR reminded the attendees that we had base business cards to assist in their efforts to recruit new members.

He also provided a reminder about the September USSVI convention in Norfolk.

Steve Bishop spoke about the National and Base Kaps 4 Kids effort.

NEW BUSINESS

The Base Treasurer and the Base Commander presented donation checks to American Legion Post 162 for: \$50 for the Carville Star charity for those with leprosy, and \$100 to the base for allowing us to use their facilities for our gatherings .

The Base CDR discussed the deterioration of the USS Requin and the COB elaborated on the maintenance effort as well as how it came to be a memorial in Pittsburg.

During his visit to the Central Florida Base, our Base CDR discovered that a patch for the Mare Island Shipyard is available on e-Bay.

He also reported that:

- COMSUBRON Three was recently disestablished;
- There will be a symposium on the loss of the Scorpion at the Navy Memorial on May 2nd;
- A reunion is being planned for the USS George C Marshall this summer;
- The National Geographic Channel will broadcast a program on the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster on Sunday evening; and
- Bill Clement is looking for folks who have flown Space Available to pick their brains on how to do it and any pitfalls associated with it.

The Binnacle List currently only includes: Rod Puffer and possibly Dex's computer.

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for February: Ross Sargent 6th; Don Hall 8th; Peggy Williams 9th; and Charlie Mills 23rd.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Penny Wallace who donated all the proceeds back to the Base.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

The CDR requested a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1150.

29 of the members and guests attended the annual Sweethearts luncheon at the Fireside Grill in downtown Lorton.

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