

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

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

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Amos, Steve Bishop, Debbie Bishop, Art Bivens, Paul Boyne, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Ralph Chatham, John Cola, Tom Denton (Tri-State Base), Edward Ettner, Robert Glover, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Lisa Murphy, Mike Murphy, Mike Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Tom Perrault, Tom Peschke (Tri-State Base), Pete Petruy, Ross Sargent, Ray Stone, Lee Turner, Mike Varone, George Wallace and Penny Wallace.

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The acting COB, Mike Murphy, 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 Scorpion (SS-278)	Jan 5, 1944
USS Argonaut (SS-166)	Jan 10, 1943
USS Swordfish (SS-193)	Jan 12, 1945
USS S-36 (SS-141)	Jan 20, 1942
USS S-26 (SS-131)	Jan 24, 1942

The District Commander, Mike Naughton, swore in the newly elected Base Commander, Howard Chatham.

Howard Chatham then swore in the other newly elected officers:

Vice Commander	Paul Nelson
Treasurer	Steve Jaeger
Secretary	Steve Bishop

The Base Commander read a short submarine history passage about what could go wrong and did go wrong in a maneuvering watch scenario. This later set up his brother's talk on Tom Clancy, the IC manual, and relaying orders from the bridge. SNAFU!!

MEETING MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger presented the Treasurer's monthly report:
Starting balance: \$ 3,975.11 (as of 11/30/11)
Ending balance: \$ 4,002.62.

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

Membership Report by Steve Jaeger: 82 members, plus 2 new members signing up today: George Wallace and Associate Penny Wallace. Total of 84 members.

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

Lee Turner will be our Holland Club inductee this year - National USSVI has approved him.

The Base held a drawing for the early bird dues winners by drawing from a hat. Cathy Chatham won for as an Associate member, and Mike Kwiecien won as a regular member.

The Base Commander asked for volunteers for our non-elected positions, saying that the elected board simply cannot do it all. Positions to be filled are:

Position	Volunteer
Public Affairs Officer	Mike Varone is interested in what the position entails.
Storekeeper	The base will support The Submarine Ship's Store (Gary Watson).
Veterans Affairs	Open
Chief of the Boat	Dex Armstrong
Legal Officer	Ross Sargent
Historian	Ralph Chatham
Webmaster	Ray Stone is working on the website as a temporary webmaster
Newsletter editor	Open and sorely needed

A vote was held and all volunteer positions nominations were accepted and approved by the membership.

There were no other officer reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Naughton presented Mike Varone with his Kaps 4 Kids Service Pin for his steadfast support of the program and the kids. Steve Bishop presented some information on the program and noted that we would be most appreciative of any donations from the base membership.

The Base Commander reported that the web site was back in commission and hoped to be posting the meeting minutes on it soon. He let the attendees know that National is looking to post photos of members and they can send them to the Base Commander who will pass them along to Bill Lee. The Base Commander then noted that Revision 2 to the Base calendar had been promulgated and reminded ALCON of the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk in September, 2012.

Tom Perrault, the outgoing Base Commander and Plank Owner of this base, was presented several awards and mementos from the Base and National USSVI, including a Challenge coin,

longevity pin and patch, and a National USSVI framed Certificate of Merit. Howard thanked him for his 15 years of service. Tom received a standing ovation from the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

District Commander Mike Naughton said that he would be running for the Regional Commander. He looked directly at Tom Perrault and said the District Commander position would need to be filled.

Tim Oliver spoke for the Navy Submarine League and informed us that the Chief of Naval Personnel will be the luncheon speaker at the January 27th meeting at the Army Navy Club.

The Base Commander noted that the 2013 USSVI National convention will be held in Rochester, MN; The USSVI National Commander has set up a blog, and the Base has procured the business cards for our members to pass out to potential recruits.

Terry Nelson reported on next month's Sweetheart luncheon. It will be at the same location in Lorton - the Fireside Grill at 12:30 PM after the base meeting in Feb 11, 2012. Price is \$25 per person. There are three menu choices - ALCON are to RSVP to Terry with your menu choices, and pay the Treasurer before the end of next month's meeting.

The Binnacle List includes two USSVI national officers:

Tom Conlon, National Secretary, and Rich Nelson, the National Parliamentarian. Cards were signed and to be mailed to each at home. Local members on the list are Rod Puffer and Sam Dunlap. The Base Commander also mentioned the passing of VADM Beshany.

Alan Amos reported that a dear member of Post 162 recently died - USMC COL Paul Klepper. He was the post member that fought to allow our Base to conduct its meetings at Post 162.

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for January: Hank Chiles, Bob Glover, Bruce Miller (5th), Katy Chiles (7th), Paula Friedrich (8th), Sam Dunlap (9th), Mike Murphy (12th), Einer Nielson and Judy Perault (13th), Nader Elquindi (18th), Susan Glover (22nd), Roger Hall (27th), and Dan Arquette (29th).

The 50/50 raffle was won by Chuck Martin, who donated all of his winnings 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 1143.

After a short break, the Base Commander introduced CDR Ralph Chatham who entertained us for almost an hour with his stories of the Navy, NASA, and how he was involved with the book The Hunt for Red October.

Tom Denton, USSVI national artist and one of two of Ralph's former shipmates from the George C Marshall were there from the Tri State base in PA and presented him with a painting of the

boat. Howard presented his brother with a Challenge coin from the USS Barbel, his first boat, in appreciation for his speech / storytelling to the membership today.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Stephen C Bishop
Secretary
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