

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, OCT 13, 2012**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on Oct 13, 2012 at the American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA, and welcomed all members and guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, new base member Charles Dickens, Ed Ettner, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Mike Naughton (Regional Director & District Commander - departing), Mary Lou Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tom Perrault, (District Commander - relieving), Ross Sargent, Mike Varone, George Wallace and Penny Wallace . (17 total)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The Vice Commander, Paul Nelson, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Base Commander delivered the Invocation.

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

USS Seawolf (SS-197)	Oct 3, 1944
USS S-44 (SS-155)	Oct 7, 1943
USS Wahoo (SS-238)	Oct 11, 1943
USS Dorado (SS-248)	Oct 12, 1943
USS Escolar (SS-294)	Oct 17, 1944
USS Shark II (SS-314)	Oct 24, 1944
USS Darter (SS-227)	Oct 24, 1944
USS Tang (SS-306)	Oct 25, 1944
USS O-5 (SS-66)	Oct 29, 1923

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the August meeting were distributed by e-mail. There was no base meeting in September as many of us participated in the USSVI Annual Convention in Norfolk, VA. Robert Miller was inducted into the Holland Club at the National Convention in Norfolk. Minutes of the August meeting were approved by the membership with one minor editorial correction.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, was on family travel in Maine. By proxy, he reported that the base bank account balance was about \$4,000.00 and that 2013 dues are due by December 31, 2012.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Base Commander summarized the discussion at the recent Executive Board meeting, including: 1. Vice Commander Paul Nelson is coordinating the induction of base member Lee Turner into the Holland Club at our base ceremony at PJ Skidoo's restaurant in Fairfax, VA on

November 10, 2012 at 11 AM (invitation and menu choices to be sent out by e-mail); 2. Base Commander will take on the Base newsletter and Base website responsibilities now that he has retired from his real job; 3. Potential by laws revisions to be IAW the updated National Constitution and By Laws are forthcoming; 4. USSVI emblem pocket medallions to be worn in a jacket vest pocket are available; and 5. The next EXCOM meeting will be held on Oct 24th.

**Membership Report:** 88 members, with the addition today of Charles Dickens.

**COB:** The COB has resigned and we are looking for a relief.

**Public Relations / Veterans .** Nothing to report.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss)** Steve Bishop announced the date for our next visit to Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology ward will be October, 25, 2012. Anyone else wanting to contribute to this cause can write a tax deductible check to "USSVI- NOVA Base" to help defray the costs of the pink and blue "honorary submariner" ball caps we provide to these special kids. We are one of about 87 USSVI bases that participate in this national program to visit local area hospitals. Members signed up to make this K4K visit are: Mike Naughton, Tom Perrault, Mike Varone, Penny Wallace, and Steve Bishop. We will meet at 1:45 PM in the first floor lobby near the blue parking lot.

**Regional Director Mike Naughton:** The District USSVI convention was held in Dover, DE on October 5 and 6, 2012. Mike took the opportunity to swear in the new District Commander, Tom Perrault, who is our past Base Commander, and a plank owner of the NOVA base. The Base Commander then presented Mike Naughton with a plaque for his years of service as "Our District Commander of the Year."

**SUBLEAGUE:** The Base CDR reminded ALCON of the NSL symposium the following week.

There were no other officer reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

We still have NOVA Base business cards for your use in recruiting new members.

RADM Mike Yurina has confirmed to Steve Bishop that he will be our guest speaker for the Holland Club luncheon at PJ Skidoos in Fairfax on Nov 10, 2012, from 11 AM to 2 PM. His wife Jennifer will be joining him. Please get your RSVP and meal choices back to the Base Commander by Nov 5th, so we can properly notify the restaurant. \$30.00 per person will be collected by the Treasurer as you arrive. (Checks made out to "USSVI-NOVA Base" please). The Base CDR provided a short discussion on the Norfolk convention and noted that our resolution regarding asking the Navy to reopen the investigation into the loss of the USS Scorpion was unanimously approved by the participants at the Annual Business Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Start planning for the 2014 Memorial Day Parade in Wash DC - it's the 50th anniversary of the USSVI.

2. ISA is looking for a membership POC in the base.
3. Many surface warfare sailors are facing closed rates and diminished opportunities for advancement and a number of them are transferring to the submarine service.
4. The USS Miami will be repaired after its fire in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Many parts from the former USS Memphis will be used.
5. Kittery, Maine is making plans for a memorial to the USS Thresher on the 50th anniversary of her loss next year.
6. Female officers will be assigned to the VA class SSNs starting next year. No word on female enlisted being assigned to subs yet.

**The Binnacle List** currently includes:

Rod Puffer and Ralph Chatham.

Please include the families of the following in your prayers: RADM Ghormley and CWO Buss.

**For the Good of the Order**, the CDR read the list of birthdays for September: Alan Amos, Howard Chatham, Chuck Martin, Annette Mills, and Rod Puffer; and for October: Al Anceravage, Kathleen Baldwin, James Bryant, Ralph Chatham, Louise Decker, Joan Haggard, Mike Kwiecien, Helen Laulor, Lou Maruzo, Ed Mattran, George Wallace, and the United States Navy.

The 50/50 raffle was not held as the Pirate Auction fund raiser is coming up.

The Benediction was delivered by the Base Commander..

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM .

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The Base Commander changed into his black pirate outfit and did one heck of a job raising \$233.00 as our proceeds from the pirate auction. Thank you for your donations and your purchases!! Those items brought by the members but not sold at auction were left for the American Legion Post 162's yard sale to be held the next day. A good time was had by all, and Howard Chatham did a super job as our Pirate In Charge. Arrrrrgh and BZ!!!

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
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Secretary, USSVI Northern Virginia Base