

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on April 13, 2013 at the American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA and welcomed all members and guests.

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Bishop, Art Bivens, Alan Brodie, Debbie Brodie, Steve Brodie, Deb Brodie, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Thomas Denton, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Brian Haller, Michael Harmody, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Richard Lowry, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Mike Naughton, Mary Lou Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Willie Petruy, Tim Poole, Ross Sargent, Lee Turner, Mike Varone, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace. (30 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.

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 however the status is included below:

Starting balance: \$ 4,910.44

Ending balance: \$ 4,824.61

**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, the Scouting Recognition Program, and the Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) visit to Fairfax Hospital.

**COB:** The COB and the Base Commander have attended one Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Ruther Glen, VA, will attend another one later today, April 13th, in McLean, VA, and then back to Ruther Glen later this month. The USSVI Scouting Recognition Program awards certificates and patches to Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor. The program also recognizes Girl Scouts and Sea Scouts for their top award and we are reaching out to those communities as well. The CDR also noted that he attended one of the local District's Roundtable sessions this week and briefed the scout leaders in attendance on the program.

**Membership Report by Steve Jaeger:** 85 members including one new member joining today: Michael Harmody who will be eligible for Holland Club induction this year.

**Public Relations / Veterans Affairs by Mike Varone:** nothing to report.

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) by Steve Bishop:** The date for our next visit to Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology ward is Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 1:45 PM. Please park in the Fairfax Hospital Blue parking garage and muster in the women's and children's lounge on the ground level, directly across from the parking structure. Wear your vest and a submarine cap. Bring your parking ticket with you for validation by the nursing staff. Two formal letters of appreciation have been sent to Fairfax Hospital for Children's Patient Care Director for Oncology and the VP of Administration thanking them and their staff/nurses (Jamie Gentile and Holly Senn) for their support of, and time devoted to, our previous seven visits.

**NSL incoming Executive Director Tim Oliver** announced that:

1. The NSL luncheon will be held on Friday, April 26th. The guest speaker will be RADM Barry Bruner (N97) who will be relieved shortly and then will become N80 (Programs and Plans).

**Regional Director Mike Naughton** announced that:

1. The new District Commander is Ron Olson.
2. The Capitol Base will conduct their Tolling of the Boats ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery (F-4 memorial) on May 18th.
3. The Thresher Memorial (50-years since the loss) ceremony was held in Portsmouth NH High School because the Navy and the shipyard pulled all financial and material support two weeks prior to the ceremony. Mike and Mary Lou Naughton attended. At the end of the ceremony the son of the Thresher's CO sang his original song for the attendees and there was not a dry eye in the crowd. The Thresher USSVI Base sent a nice letter to the NOVA USSVI base acknowledging the "nice picture and tribute" we sent them.
4. The 2013 USSVI national convention will be held in August in Rochester, MN (near the Mayo Clinic), and the 2014 USSVI national convention will be held in San Francisco, CA. The San Francisco convention website is now on line. (Post Meeting Note: the website is NOT on line yet and Mike will investigate what is going on.)
5. The Eastern Region North meeting is still planned for early in October.
6. There has been some problems with Bases getting their own tax EINs and thus being ineligible for membership in USSVI which has its own EIN. There is no problem in this area with our base.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The COMSUBLANT PAO briefing is being sent to us for our use at public gatherings and for use in any school presentations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fleet News:

The USS Jefferson City's Central American deployment has been cancelled due to sequestration. A fourth SSN will be added next year to those operating out of CSS 15 in Guam as part of the Navy's pivot to the Pacific.

**The Guest Speakers for the Authors Forum following the May 11<sup>th</sup> business meeting will be our three published authors/members: Art Bivens, Richard Lowry, and George Wallace. The May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will start at 10:00 AM so we can clear out in time for the American Legion Post 162's annual election of officers at noon.**

**The Binnacle List** currently includes:

Rod Puffer, Wayne Baldwin, Don Basham, Tom Perrault, and Ralph Chatham.

**For the Good of the Order**, the CDR read the list of birthdays for April: Pat Peterson, Paul Nelson, Lisa Murphy, Willie Petruy, Dick Laulor, Tim Oliver, Peggy Puffer, Ed Ettner, Robert Frick, and the U.S. Submarine Service (113 years young).

**The 50/50 raffle** was won by Chuck Martin, who donated his winnings back to the Base. THANK YOU, CHUCK!!!

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 1158.

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