

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE  
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, March 9, 2013**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1100 on March 9, 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, James Bryant, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Ralph Chatham, Margaret Chatham, William Clement, Doc Compton, Katie Compton, Abigale Compton, Jeffrey Earl, Delbert Ennis, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Jacob Gunnarson, David Gunnarson, Steve Jaeger, Mike Landers, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Mike Naughton, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Thomas Peshke, Willie Petruy, Norman Polmar (guest speaker), Ross Sargent, Gary Smith, Ann Smith, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace (34 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 CDR read the list of boats lost in the month of January. These were:

USS Perch (SS-176)	March 3, 1942
USS Grampus (SS-207)	March 5, 1943
USS H-1 (SS-28)	March 12, 1920
USS Triton (SS-201)	March 15, 1943
USS Kete (SS-369)	March 20, 1945
USS F-4 (SS-23)	March 25, 1915
USS Tullibee (SS-284)	March 26, 1944
USS Trigger (SS-237)	March 26, 1945

Due to our guest speaker's presentation, we dispensed with the reading of additional submarine history today.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the February meeting were distributed by e-mail and hard copies were available on each table. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Starting balance: \$ 4,829.18

Ending balance: \$ 4,910.44

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

The USSVI NOVA Base End of Year financial report was submitted on time on 31 Jan 2013. We are still waiting for USSVI National to confirm receipt.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Base Commander presented a summary of the most recent Executive Board Meeting. Discussions included dues dinks and membership status, plans for this year's Holland Club initiation, K4K plans, two more changes needed for the By-laws, the Eagle Scout recognition program, a submarine brief for local schools, confirmation of the informal Dining Out in July, planning for next month's Tolling of the Boats, and recognition/donations to both the Thresher and Scorpion memorial projects.

**Membership Report** by Steve Jaeger: 82 members, including:

- 22 Holland Club members
- 2 World War II members
- 49 Regular members
- 11 Associate members

**Public Relations / Veterans Affairs:** none

**Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss)** The date for our next visit to Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology ward is Thursday, April 25, 2013. Please meet at the Blue Women's and Children's wing visitors lounge on the ground level, across from the Blue parking lot at 1:45 PM. Wear your USSVI sub vest and bring in your Blue parking lot ticket, as the nurses will validate our parking. If you want to join us for this, our eighth USSVI NOVA base visit to the Fairfax Hospital pediatric oncology ward, please contact Steve Bishop at (703) 293 6344.

In the absence of a NSL official, the Base CDR announced that:

1. The NSL is looking for volunteers to man their booth at the Sea-air-Space Expo April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Submarine History Seminar is schedule for April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cold War Museum.
3. The quarterly luncheon will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker will be RADM Barry Bruner, Director of USW.
4. There will be no Submarine Technology Seminar this year due to the sequestration.

**District Commander and Regional Director Mike Naughton** spoke:

1. There will be a mid-term USSVI Executive Board meeting in Dallas, TX next week. He will report back to us on this conference next month.

There were no other officer reports.

## OLD BUSINESS

Sweetheart's Luncheon - A success again. Thank you Terry and Paul Nelson!!

The USSVI scholarship application requests are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> and the completed applications must be submitted NLT April 15th.

The Base Commander wrote to USSVI National to question why the NOVA base was not recognized with others for our recent financial contribution to the Submarine Memorial Plaque.

National USSVI responded with an apology and correction.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There is a request from the Post 162 management that we leave the meeting room we use exactly as we find it in the morning to support displaying it for other potential users.

The Thresher Memorial would like a group picture of each USSVI base with a short testimony from the Base for a closed loop video the organizers plan to play at the upcoming memorial ceremony. [We took the USSVI NOVA group pictures after the meeting, and Base Vice Commander Paul Nelson will write up our short dedication; Paul had a classmate and friend perish in the Thresher.]

It was noted that the new submarine movie, Phantom, basically had a one week run in our area.

Bill Clement asked for information on using TRICARE and several members offered to provide him with their knowledge/experiences.

Jeff Earl reported that he has been in contact with the National Veterans Center in DC which provides career-oriented employment and community-based job preparation training to Veterans with significant disabilities. They also will help veteran's connected groups in hosting local events.

**The Binnacle List** currently includes: Wayne Baldwin, Don Basham, Rod Puffer, Ralph Chatham, Tom Perrault's niece's daughter Leslie; and the families of Shirley Ulmen, and our own Lisa and Mike Murphy on the death of their son Patrick.

**For the Good of the Order**, the CDR read the list of birthdays for March: Art Dunn, Ruth Garverick, Steve Jaeger, John Lindstedt, Terry Nelson, Mary Kay Parker, Tom Perrault, Marie Phoenix, Bill Truslow, and Wanda White.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Del Ennis, who contributed his winnings back to the base treasury. Thank you!!!

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BOATS CEREMONY. THE RECOMMENDED "UNIFORM" IS SUIT OR VEST AND TIE, NO T-SHIRTS AND JEANS PLEASE.**

The CDR requested a motion to adjourn. It was so moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1125.

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The Base CDR then introduced our guest speaker, Norman Polmar, the noted analyst, consultant, and author of 50 published books.

Norman spoke on the search for and the raising of the Russian submarine, the K-129, or Project

Azorian. It was a riveting presentation with an abridged video from the Project Azorian documentary by Michael White. After the presentation and video, many questions were posed by the members and guests, and responded to by Norman.

The Base Commander then presented a USSVI challenge coin to Norman Polmar in appreciation for the wonderful presentation on Project Azorian.

NOTE: We can neither confirm nor deny that any attendees at today's presentation actually participated in, or contributed in a meaningful way to this operation, which may or may not have ever happened. :-)

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