

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, June 14, 2014**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1115 on June 14, 2014, at P J Skidoo's restaurant in Fairfax, VA. He welcomed all members and guests to the June meeting and 2014 Northern Virginia Base Holland Club Induction Ceremony.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Al Anceravage, Debbie Bishop, Steve Bishop, Donald Black, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Louise Decker, William Decker, Sam Dunlap, Delbert Ennis, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Mickey Garverick, Sue Glover, Bob Glover, Earl Griggs (Guest Speaker), Mary Lou Griggs, Denise Harrover, Ginger Haskell, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Paul Nelson, Terry Nelson, Tim Oliver, Joe Phoenix, Marie Phoenix, Barbara Reiche, Mark Riethmeier, Lorraine Sargent, Ross Sargent, Verna Sattler, Gary Smith, Ray Stone, Debbie Szymczyk, William Truslow, Anita Varone, Mike Varone, George Wallace, Penny Wallace, Jacqueline Weaver, Maureen Weaver, Floyd Wing, Ruri Wootten, and Carl Wootten. (46 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.

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

USS Herring (SS-233)	Jun 1, 1944
USS R-12 (SS-89)	Jun 12, 1943
USS Golet (SS-361)	Jun 14, 1944
USS Bonefish (SS-223)	Jun 19, 1945
USS S-27 (SS-132)	Jun 19, 1942
USS O-9 (SS-70)	Jun 20, 1941
USS Runner (SS-275)	Jun 26, 1943

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were distributed by e-mail. Minutes were approved by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Steve Jaeger, presented the following:

Starting balance: \$ 5,322.98

Ending balance: \$ 6,143.22 as of June 14, 2014.

Treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Base Commander summarized the discussion at the recent Executive Board meeting, including: 1. Final plans for this year's Holland Club initiation; 2. The Scouting Recognition

Program; 3. A briefing for a local NJROTC unit; and other upcoming events. The next EXCOM meeting will be held on July 2nd.

Membership Report by Steve Jaeger: 82 members consisting of: 33 Holland Club; 38 Regular; and 11 Associate members.

COB: Steve Bishop and Mike Varone were the USSVI NOVA Base representatives for Tommy Slade and Carter Hohl Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony held on Sunday, June 1 Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean, VA. Thanks Steve and Mike for doing such a great job. The date for the next Eagle Scout Court of Honor, honoring Andy Daniels, will be Saturday, June 21 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Personnel who wished to attend were asked to contact the COB at 240-876-2641 or COB@ussvinova.org.

Public Relations / Veterans: Nothing to report.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss): The date for our next visit to Fairfax Inova Hospital's pediatric oncology ward will be Thursday, July 24th at 2:30 PM. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Steve Bishop at 703-293-6344 or dsbishop1@verizon.net.

Submarine League: The Annual Fall Symposium will be held Oct 22-23, 2014 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. The Capitol Chapter Fall Luncheon is TBD.

District Commander and Regional Director are AWOL today, but the Base CDR announced that they would want him to remind all that the USSVI elections are open. Voting on line is easy at USSVI.org but only 6 of our 64 members who are eligible to vote have done so, so far.

There were no other officer reports.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

We will be marching with American Legion Post 162 again in the Lorton 4th of July parade. Details are TBD but expect to meet at the Legion hall around 1000 and then assemble at the Lorton firehouse about 1030.

The July meeting will be an informal dining out on July 12th at 1800 at Neighbors Restaurant at the intersection of Cedar and Park Streets in Vienna VA, and will include showing of an episode or two from the "Silent Service" TV program.

The CDR announced that we are ready to order the Base challenge coin. Any final requests should be submitted to the CDR this week.

The dedication of the USSVI plaque at the Navy Memorial went very well. Our thanks to Steve Bishop, Chuck Martin, Brian and Pat Haller, and the CDR who assisted with the event.

Thanks also to Steve Bishop, Chuck Martin, George and Penny Wallace, Tim Oliver, and the CDR who participated in the DC Memorial Day Parade. Steve and Chuck were the color guard for the USSVI contingent.

And thanks too to George and Penny, Art Bivens, Pete Petruy, Chuck, Margaret Chatham, and the CDR who donated articles for the display at Tysons-Pimmit Public Library last month and a special thanks to Steve Bishop for helping the CDR with the set up/take down of the display. The librarians said it was well received by their patrons.

BINNACLE LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers: Dex Armstrong, Darlene Jaeger, Richard and Vickye Lowry, Resi Steeg, and the families of LCDR John Kennedy, VADM Thomas Bigley, and Bruce Miller (whose mother-in-law, Dorothy Coe, who died this week).

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for June: Debbie Bishop, Marcy Bivens, Dan Burke, Dave Cooper, Jeff Earl, Brian Haller, Art Rosen, Lee Turner, and Reb Wootten.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Base CDR introduced CAPT Earl Griggs, a 1953 graduate of the US Naval Academy. After serving on the USS Rowe (DD-564), he reported to the USS TIRU (SS-416) where he qualified in submarines in 1957. After that he was on the commissioning crew of the USS Scorpion (SSN-589), XO on the USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN-601), and CO of the USS Nautilus (SSN-571). After retiring as a Captain in 1976, Earl earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the George Washington National Law Center and then spent 25 years as a partner in a law firm in northern Virginia. He has been the legal Counsel for the Naval Submarine League for almost 20 years.

Earl spoke to us first about the early leadership of President Eisenhower and Admiral Rickover in using nuclear submarines operating under the polar ice cap to overcome the Soviet Union's huge political and technological lead created by the success of their Sputnik satellites. Then he spoke of the early polar explorations done by the Nautilus on its formerly classified TS mission "Operation Sunshine." Next he spoke of the USS Scorpion and its loss, some five years after he served on her. Many of his former shipmates and friends were lost on Scorpion near the Azores in May, 1968. The day the Scorpion was loading out stores before her fatal return home, CAPT Bill Richardson took personal pictures of the Scorpion alongside in Naples, Italy. That Bill Richardson's son, Admiral John Richardson, is today the leader of our Navy's nuclear power program (NR) - Admiral Rickover's former position. Finally, without knowing that Dex Armstrong was a member of our USSVI base, Earl quoted some real submarine humor and shipmate wisdom penned by Dex. We all laughed and wept, and knew we were in great company with our fellow submarine brothers of the 'Phin.

The Base CDR thanked Earl for his speech and presented him with a USSVI challenge coin.

HOLLAND CLUB INDUCTION

The CDR stated that the reason for this special meeting today is to show our appreciation, to recognize, and to thank nine of our shipmates by inducting them into the USSVI Holland Club. The class of 2014 includes: Bill Decker, Sam Dunlap, Bob Glover, Lou Maruzo, Joe Phoenix, Gary Smith, Ray Stone, Bill Truslow, and Ron Williams. Unfortunately, Lou and Ron were unable to attend as they live in Florida.

Previous inductees into the USSVI Holland Club in attendance were asked to stand and be

recognized. They were: Al Anceravage, Delbert Ennis, Ed Ettner, Paul Nelson, Ross Sargent, and Reb Wootten.

Each of the seven inductees came forward and sat on either side of the podium behind tables. One at a time, the Base CDR read the biographies of each inductee, followed by the Vice CDR reading and presenting the Holland Club certificates, the Secretary presenting the Holland Club Patch, the COB presenting the yellow Holland Club Ball caps, and the Treasurer presenting the challenge coins and posters.

Each of the seven inductees was given the opportunity to speak.

The Chaplain delivered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned. A delicious luncheon was then shared by all attendees.

REMINDERS / POST MEETING NOTES:

1. Our next gathering will be on July 4th for the Lorton parade.
2. The informal dining out is scheduled for the evening of July 12th at Neighbors Restaurant in Vienna, VA
3. A special thanks to Penny and George Wallace for coordinating this Holland Club event.
4. All presentation materials for, and a copy of, the Holland Club ceremony have already been shipped to both Lou and Ron at their home addresses.

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