

**MINUTES OF THE USSVI NORTHERN VIRGINIA BASE
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 11 APRIL 2015**

The Base CDR, Howard Chatham, called the meeting to order at 1103 on 11 April 2015 at the American Legion Post 162, Lorton, VA and welcomed all members and guests. One new member, Tony Poblete, introduced himself and his wife Eva. Tony qualified on the USS Barracuda (SSK-1). A visitor for the second time, Mike Barham, introduced himself. Mike qualified on the USS Darter (SS-576).

MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Barham, Steve Bishop, Cathy Chatham, Howard Chatham, Nate Compton, Delbert Ennis, Ed Ettner, Mary Ettner, Mickey Garverick, Brian Haller, Darlene Jaeger, Steve Jaeger, Richard Lowry, Vickye Lowry, Chuck Martin, Bruce Miller, Antonio Poblete, Eva Poblete, Willie Petruy, Lorraine Sargent, Ross Sargent, Mike Varone, George Wallace, and Penny Wallace. (24 attendees)

■ Holland Club Member

■ Associate Member

■ Guest

The COB, Chuck Martin, led all hands in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of the Chaplain, the Base CDR delivered the Invocation.

The list of boats lost in the month of April and an historical moment were 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. The minutes were voted on and accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Base CDR reviewed the Treasurer's monthly report:

Starting balance: \$ 5,697.53

Ending balance: \$ 5,803.88.

The report was then voted on and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

With the addition of new member Antonio Poblete today, the current membership stands at 85.

This includes:

- 35 Holland Club Members, including two World War II members,
- 39 regular members, and
- 11 Associate members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Base CDR** noted that the main topics of discussion at the most recent Executive Board Meeting were the preparations for today's Tolling of the Boats ceremony, the upcoming Holland

Club initiation, the Base challenge coin, boat sponsorship, Kap(ss)4 Kid(ss), and the Scouting Recognition Program.

VCDR: George Wallace reported that all preparations for the Holland Club Recognition Luncheon have been completed. The honorees this year will be Admiral Henry Chiles and CAPT Earl Griggs. An anonymous donor has contributed handsomely, such that the first 20 Holland Club members of the NOVA Base who RSVP will receive free tickets to the luncheon. Tickets are \$30 per person, payable at the door, with the four menu choices per the flyer found at the end of these minutes. The location and time are PJ Skidoos Restaurant at 9908 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax (route 50) from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, 9 May. RSVP to George Wallace at 703 354 - 4647 or vcdcr@ussvinova.org by May 1st.

Post Meeting Notes: After today's meeting, USSVI National contacted the NOVA Base, and we have added a third honoree: STSCM (SS) Lawrence Woodworth. In addition, the Capitol Base met and voted to support meals for an additional 10 Holland club members and guests. Members of the Capitol Base will also attend the function.

COB: On 3 May 2015, we will participate in another Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This will be held at the Fairfax American Legion Post when two Eagle Scouts will be feted. The COB also reported that we recently learned that the Girl Scouts of America declined to participate in the USSVI Scouting Recognition Program as they prefer not to be associated with any veterans organization. So we will only be recognizing Eagle Scouts and Quartermaster Sea Scouts, not any GSA Gold awardees.

Public Relations by Mike Varone: Mike reported that he will be preparing an article for submission to local papers on today's Tolling of the Boats ceremony. Both Brian Haller and Cathy Chatham recorded video of today's ceremonies and intend to do the same for the Holland Club ceremony next month. Thank you Brian and Cathy.

Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) by Steve Bishop: The K4K team will start our sixth year of outreach by making their thirteenth visit to Inova Fairfax hospital on Thursday, 16 April at 1430 PM. Both our POCs at Inova, Jamie Gentile, Director of Child Life Services, Holly Senn, Child Life Services Nursing Coordinator, have asked that we visit them more often this year so we can interact with more of their special kids. Ross Sargent is working with the senior nursing staff at University of Virginia Hospital to allow our Kap(ss) 4 Kid(ss) team to expand its outreach and to start visiting the children at their facility in Charlottesville, VA.

NSL: Tim Oliver and Brad Kratovil were absent, so the Base CDR reported that the Sea/Air/Space EXPO will be held this week; the Submarine History Seminar will be next Wednesday, 15 April; the Capitol Chapter meeting/luncheon will be on 24 April; and the Fall Symposium is scheduled for 21-22 October.

Regional Director: Mike Naughton was absent, so the Base CDR reported that registration for the 2015 USSVI National Convention (<http://www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org/>) to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, in early September is underway. Only 43 members are signed up on the national site. A new feature has been added this year's agenda: there will be a "Meet the Authors" forum, which will include, among others, George Wallace of NOVA Base and Rick Campbell of the Capitol Base.

OLD BUSINESS

The line drawings have been approved for the Base challenge coin.

NEW BUSINESS

Fleet News:

- Possible submarine cloaking technology which would make our subs “invisible to sonar” is being developed
- Six sailors, so far, have been formally charged in the Wyoming scandal
- SECDEF has announced personnel policy proposals to modify retirement plans and establish a 401 K for active duty personnel
- A Polish man has stolen some British nuclear submarine documents – from his neighbor’s home – OUCH!
- Another trawler and its rigging has reportedly been snagged by a submarine
- HMS Talent collided with a large ice mass, but continued on its deployment
- In Washington DC, the USS Barry will be dismantled this summer prior to the building of a new bridge across the Anacostia River. That new bridge would prevent the USS Barry from passing underneath its fixed span. Go visit the USS Barry on the Navy Yard while you still can.
- The smoking lamp is going out on April 15th in the Legion meeting hall where we hold our monthly meetings
- There will be a field day for the inside and outside of the Legion Post 162 building this Saturday, 18 April from 1300 to 1700.

The Base CDR displayed two more items to be auctioned off at our Pirate Auction after the November base meeting - challenge coins for the Alligator and USS Holland.



The Binnacle List currently includes:

John Gluck, Ray Stone, and the family of CAPT John McNish.

For the Good of the Order, the CDR read the list of birthdays for April: Ed Ettner, Robert Frick, Dick Laulor, Lisa Murphy, Paul Nelson, Tim Oliver, Pat Petersen, Willie Petruy, and the U.S. Submarine Service. Today is National Submarine Day in the USA.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Chuck Martin who donated the winnings back to the base. Thank you, Chuck!!

The solemn Tolling of the Boats ceremony was conducted using the Base presentation with candles being extinguished at tables by the attendees after each boat's name was read.

We also tolled the bell for the two NOVA Base members who went on Eternal Patrol this past year: Benny Parker and Dex Armstrong.

After the ceremony, a toast to the U. S. Submarine Service was conducted.

The next meeting will be 9 May for the Holland Club induction and luncheon at PJ Skidoos Restaurant in Fairfax, VA at 1100.

The Benediction was delivered by the Chaplain, Steve Jaeger.

The CDR adjourned the meeting at 1158.

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



Holland Club Recognition Luncheon USSVI – Northern Virginia Base



The first U.S. Navy Submarine was commissioned on 12 October 1900 as the
USS HOLLAND (Submarine Torpedo Boat #1)

John Phillip Holland, Designer

Call them Submarine Pioneers; call them Ancient Mariners; call them what you will – but above all, call them heroes as we join together to pay tribute to the members of the Holland Club. These are the men who led the way, who trained and taught us to be the greatest Submariners in the strongest, most fearsome Navy the world has ever known. In war and peace, these are the men whose courage, fortitude and “can-do” spirit became the stuff of legends and inspired all of us who followed in their path not only to succeed, but to excel. They taught us the ways of the sea, inspired us to earn the coveted Gold and Silver Submarine Dolphins, and set the highest standards that all U.S. Navy Submariners – past, present, and future, work to achieve.

2015 Honorees:

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| ADM Henry G. (Hank) Chiles | CAPT Norman Earl Griggs | STSCM(SS) Lawrence Woodworth |
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Guest Speaker: Daniel Cooper, VADM USN(ret)

Saturday May 9, 2015

from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

P. J. Skidoos Restaurant

9908 Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50)

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

(see <http://www.pjskidoos.com/index.php> for info/directions)

Menu choices: (\$30/person, tax & tip included, cash bar)

Grilled Lemon Chicken, Broiled Salmon w/honey dijon glaze,

Petit Filet Mignon, or Prime Rib

All served with side salad, two vegetables, coffee or tea. Vegetarian Pasta available upon request.

RSVP (including meal selection) to George Wallace (703) 354-4647

or via e-mail to ycdr@ussvinova.org

no later than Friday, 1 May 2015

