



Hampton Roads Base

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



*"To Perpetuate the Memory of our Shipmates, who gave their lives
in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."*

Regular Base Meeting Minutes for 19-June-2021

Meeting was called to order by Base Commander, Ted Vorce at 11:15 hours and the normal meeting opening sequence was followed:

- A moment of silence for our departed brother and sister submariners was observed.
- The invocation was made by Art Nelson
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary, Bill Bond while the bell was rung by Gary Galles
- There were 5 guest and 2 new members
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guest they brought to the meeting.

Binnacle List (updated 5/10/21) – Base Secretary, Bill Bond:

- Al Friedman – Is on a cane or other support for walking around
- Walt Kreger's wife Manee had part of her lung removed and is currently having issues with her arm. They have returned to the Hampton Roads area. And she is recovering.
- Cletis Nester – He is recovering at home from a stroke and still is in need of back surgery.
- Craig Werner – Was at the meeting looking healthy as can be.
- Issac Spears – Had stents placed in both left and right carotid arteries and is recovering.
- Gene Lockwood- Still having dizzy spells but is getting better
- Jim Taylor – Spent summer in the hospital, but is at home recovering.
- Jack Ritz – Was at the meeting looking healthy as can be.
- Harlie Dockins – Harlie is out of the hospital and recovering. The family appreciates all prayers sent on his behalf and says thank you to all.
- Byrd Seville. Byrd is self-quarantining at this time. He's in good health. He thanks all the folks that have communicated with him and welcomes anyone who would like to call him. If you would like to call or write a letter, contact the Secretary for his contact info.
- Lynn Moran – Was at the meeting looking healthy as can be.

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A 501(c)19 Veteran Organization, Tax ID №, 06-1007203

Base Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month (except March)
at FRA Hall #60, 9601 1st View Street, Norfolk, VA 23503-1603
www.USSVI.org (find a Base/Virginia/Hampton Roads)

Secretary's Report – Base Secretary, Bill Bond:

- The minutes of the May Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 28-May-2021.
- All members are reminded to keep the Secretary informed of any changes in email address, snail mail address, phone number or any other personal statistics maintained by the Base.
- When you receive the base roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in or changed data that needs updating get that information to me.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, for National and the Base, please, help me with this.
- I also need to know about any members who should be on the Binnacle list but aren't.
- If you need a member's identity badge contact Terry Pattison, in person or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- There is no further news on the new USSVI.org website.

Treasurer's Report – Base Treasurer, Brian Daugherty:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-MAY 2021 was \$42,846.05.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of MAY-2021 of \$23,519.07.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of MAY-2021 of \$8.50.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-MAY-2021 at \$23,425.07 and ended the month at \$0.00 for a net DECREASE of \$23,425.07. **This account reached maturity and all funds have been withdrawn for reinvestment in a new account.**
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-MAY-2021 at \$1,534.04, and ended the month at \$1,534.04 after donations and expenditures totaling \$0.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-MAY-2021 at \$5,413.86, and ended the month at \$5,413.86 after donations and expenditures totaling \$0.00.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-MAY-2021 at \$1,278.67, and ended the month at \$1,278.67 after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$0.00.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of MAY-2021 was \$627.50.
- This has resulted in a net INCREASE of \$85.50 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of MAY-2021.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was \$42,831.55.

Due to new IRS regulations, we have had to establish a new Business PayPal account. PayPal payments can be made to Treasurer.ussvi.hrb@gmail.com. We are working to add a link to the website. Credit card payments can be made via PayPal, even if you don't have a PayPal account yourself. We can also process credit card payments via Square, either over the phone, or in person. Both of these options charge a processing fee, which will be added to your payment. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept payments via Venmo

Store Keeper's Report – Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:

- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.
- We didn't order calendars this year. You can purchase them from National Storekeeper at ussvinationalstorekeeper.com. If have issues with getting them, contact Fran.
- If you have something specific you need from the Base Store Keeper, send her an email (FVorce@Verizon.net).
- Fran will be ordering calendars. They should be available for about \$10 each. Final pricing and availability will be announced.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee** –Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Eternal Patrol: John Sullivan departed on 12 May 2021. Eternal Patrol Ceremony conducted on 12 June 2021 with six members in attendance.
 - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 19-April-2020. Next roster will be sent out in July 2021.
 - With gains and losses we are now at – 270 – members; last year at this time we had – 290 – members so this is a ~~gain~~/loss of – 20 – members over last year.
 - As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2021; if you have any questions feel free to contact any of the officers.
 - If you have any suggestions of ways to increase our membership and meeting attendance please let the Base leadership know of it.
 - Anyone who thinks they are due a USSVI Longevity Pin should see Gary after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** –Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - We have received two applicants and their packages are under review by the Scholarship Committee.
 - Results will be announced at next meeting.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - As everyone knows, all events were either cancelled or postponed. As soon as we get word we'll post an accurate list of upcoming events.
 - Because of the upcoming changes in COVID mandates, the Neptune Festival Committee is working on plans for this year's Festival on September 25th. More info will be provided as we get it. Our application has been turned in and we are waiting for final information.
 - Next Base Meeting will be 19-June-2021.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
 - Enrollment for the new fund raising program by sponsorship is open.
 - This program will be in effect for the 2021 calendar year.
 - If you have any questions about the program you can ask any member of Base leadership.
 - If you want to sign up for the program please, see the Base Secretary or Treasurer.
 - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary or Treasurer after the meeting to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
 - Big ticket raffle item: In the past we have had success in raffling off items that have significant value. Any suggestions, please contact BJVC Adam Kingsley.
 - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary, Bill Bond:
 - A reminder for everyone, please wear your HRB ball caps and other USSVI logoed clothing (shirts, jackets, etcetera) when running around and about town. - We want to be seen, to get our name out in the community and to promote our public image.
 - We have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone get rid of your old ones and pick up new.

- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Gary Merryman:
 - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the twenty-fifth of this month.
 - All new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Gary Merryman to have their picture and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.
- **Website and Social Media** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - Website Statistics since last meeting:
 - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 12
 - Total number of website member/users – 149
 - Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days – 44
 - Facebook Statistics
 - New Page members last 30 days – 01
 - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 61
 - Total Page "Likes" – 8
 - Total Members – 187
 - Special Notes –
 - Due to the pandemic... I have attempted to keep the website as generic as possible so as not to post dates for events that may be canceled. Members are reminded to ensure their email address is up to date as email from the Acting Secretary will remain the best method for late breaking News information about Base Operations and Meetings dates.
 - If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website it is in the Base Newsletter every month.
 - Testing the PayPal feature on the website to allow users a more convenient method to pay dues. More to follow. Do not use yet as it is not approved by the Base Treasurer. Please contact Treasure to pay dues. Once approved the RED lettering designating the feature as **UNDER TEST** will be removed.
 - Any question please contact the webmaster at hrb.ussvi@gmail.com
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
 - No events for this year..
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - K4K outings are postponed until COVID-19 restrictions at the hospital have been lifted.
 - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Base Secretary, Bill Bond or Base Treasurer, Brian Daugherty and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program.
 - Once we get started back to going, participation will be restricted to those that are fully vaccinated.

- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
 - In this time of National Emergency due to COVID-19, many Brothers of the Phin may find themselves (or their small business that they own) being economically impacted through no fault of their own.
 - If you have a current financial support need, please reach out to me on my Cell (757.328.9796), or to ERF Committee Member EM2(SS) Paul Schmidt (Cell. 757.481.1297) or to our Base Secretary YNSC(SS) Bill Bond (Cell: 443.534.3962) as this is the reason that the USSVI-HRB Emergency Relief Fund was put in place.
 - If you are interested in serving on the ERF Committee, please reach out to me as we are short (1) member per our Committee By-Laws and that seat needs to be filled.
- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
 - Zoom Meeting was held on 22 May, with a special note read from COMSUBLANT.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
 - Official certified as a 501c Non-Profit.
 - City of Norfolk has selected a location for us between the Waterfront District and Harbor Park.
 - Will be opening bank account to accept donations.

Old Business:

- **ANY OLD BUSINESS**

New Business:

- **HOLLAND CLUB:** We will have a live meeting this year for this. More information to follow as soon as more of the COVID restrictions are lifted.
- **ANY NEW BUSINESS, PLEASE**
- *PHONE TREE – We are looking for some volunteers to be part of our Wellness Check Phone Tree. With the isolation of COVID-19 many of our members may be in a bad spot. It is up to us to take care of our brothers and sisters. Please let the Senior-Vice Commander, Gary Galles (senior.vice.hrb@gmail.com) or the Base Secretary, Bill Bond (secretary.hrbase@gmail.com) know if you have interest in joining this team.*
- Beverly Galles discussed the Christmas Party. Additional updates at next meeting

Program

- FRA Memorial Bricks (see attached flyer)

Good of the Order:

- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary, Bill Bond:

○ USS O-9 (SS-70)	○ USS Herring (SS-233)
○ USS S-27 (SS-132)	○ USS Golet (SS-361)
○ USS R-12 (SS-89)	○ USS Bonefish (SS-223)
○ USS Runner (SS-275)	

- **Review of members' birthdays for the month – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:**
 - Nicholas A. Corey 6/13
 - Daniel E. Bohlke 6/23
 - Jon Bartholomew Walsh 6/13
 - Wilfred Tilton 6/8
 - Paul R. Schmidt 6/3
 - Efren A. Monis 6/30
 - William W. Newton, IV 6/30

50/50 Raffle: Total donated \$205. Dick Helm won \$103, base received \$102

Booze Raffle: Total donated \$101. Rich Corey won and selected a bottle of Bailey's.

Emergency Relief Fund: \$28.00

Submarine Pens: \$25.00

COB collected \$4.00 for missing badges.

There were 48 members and 5 guest in attendance

Our next regular meeting will be 11:15 hours, Saturday 17-July-2021.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:01 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

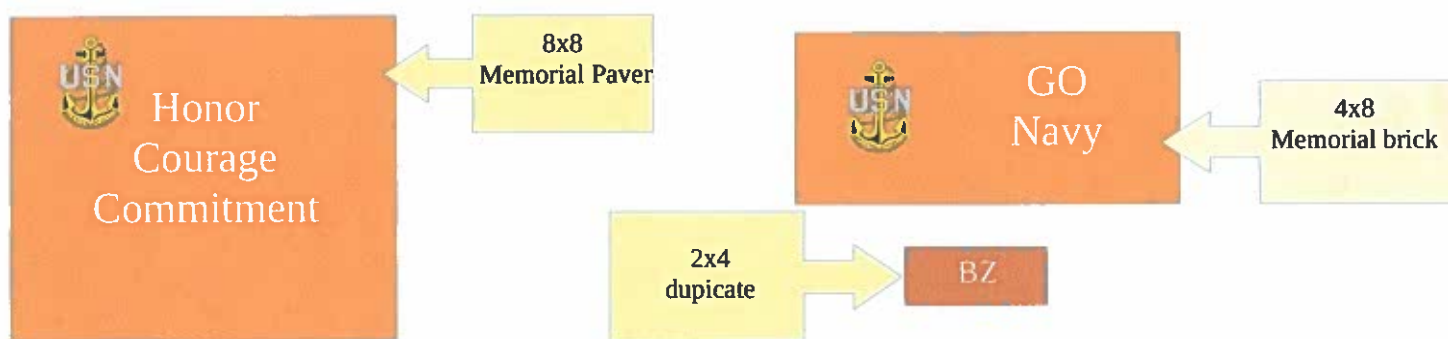


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The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 60 is constructing the Ocean View Veterans Memorial. As a branch or auxiliary member of the Fleet Reserve Association you have the unique opportunity to participate in this limited time introductory offer. You can honor the memory of loved ones, shipmates or friends by purchasing engraved memorial bricks or pavers that commemorate their contributions to the veterans community. Your order will be an integral part of this timeless and enduring memorial showcasing the honor, courage and commitment of our veterans and their families.

The purchase of memorial bricks and pavers is limited to branch and auxiliary members only. Memorial pavers are 8 inches square. Memorial bricks are 8 inches along the horizontal axis and 4 inches along the vertical axis. When buying a memorial brick you may also purchase a replica of the brick on a 2x4 inch clay tile as a keepsake. The replica is yours to keep at home.



Engraving is limited to 20 characters along the horizontal axis for memorial bricks and pavers. Memorial bricks with clip art insignia are limited to 15 characters along the horizontal axis. Spaces between letters and words and punctuation marks are included in that character count of the 20. Memorial pavers are limited to 5 lines of text and memorial bricks are limited to 3 lines of text. All text will appear black and has a life time guarantee. The cost of memorial pavers is \$60.00 each. The cost of memorial bricks is \$40.00. The cost of a duplicate is \$20.00. No additional charges for clip art on duplicates.

Clip art graphics from the engravers stock library cost \$20.00 and consist of the following items: The official seals of the US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard, US Army and US Air Force, Unit Insignia, Rank Insignia and Warfare designations. Memorial bricks are limited to one item of clip art graphics per item. Memorial pavers are limited to two items of clip art graphics per item. Custom clip art graphics are available on a case by case basis.

Fill out the enclosed order form with a check made out to "FRA Branch 60" and mail to:

FRA Branch 60
Memorial Curator
9601 1st View street
Norfolk, VA 23503

Respectfully
Scott Rueppel