



# 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 21-DECEMBER-2019**

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.
- **A word of sorrow for Mike York on the loss of his wife** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The invocation was made by Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.
- The Tolling of the Boats Ceremony was read by Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
- There were no members visiting from National Leadership, Region Leadership, District Leadership.
- There were two members from other Bases visiting.
- A round robin of introductions, led by Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley, was then held with all members present identifying themselves with their qualification boats along with introducing any guests they brought to the meeting.

#### **Binnacle List** – Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes:

- Al Friedman – He is home following Doctor's orders, recovering and rebuilding his strength.
- Al Keck – He is now in an Assisted Living Center in Tennessee being watched over by his daughter and grandson – no recent contact.
- Walt Kreger – is in the hospital recovering from an urgent stent emplacement because he collapsed when visiting his wife who is in the same hospital.
- Bill Mereno – He is under hospice care at home.
- Cletis Nester – He is recovering at home from a stroke and still is in need of back surgery.
- Clyde Russel – is having difficulties with oxygen absorption and balance
- Jim Taylor – He is still recovering at home from back surgery.

#### **Secretary's Report** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The minutes of the 16-NOVEMBER Base Meeting were emailed out to all members on 17-NOVEMBER.
- 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 monthly roster, please, look it over for corrections to your data and any blanks that you can fill in and 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](mailto: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 Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-NOVEMBER-2019 was \$ 40,007.12.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of NOVEMBER-2019 of \$ 2808.40.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of NOVEMBER-2019 of \$ 2404.45.
- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-NOVEMBER-2019 at \$ 22,820.07 and ended the month at \$ 22,839.47 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 19.40.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2019 at \$ 1027.83, after donations and expenditures totaling \$ 271.00, ended the month at \$ 1298.83.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2019 at \$ 3820.86, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.10, the program ended the month at \$ 3820.96.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-NOVEMBER-2019 at \$ 1218.53, after donations, interest, and expenditures, totaling \$ 25.03, ended the month at \$ 1243.56.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of the end of NOVEMBER was \$ 682.15.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 403.95 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for the month of NOVEMBER-2019.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of the end of the month was
- \$ 40,555.70.

#### **Store Keeper's Report:** Base Storekeeper, Fran Vorce:

- I still have three 2020 USSVI Calendar please see me to buy one.
- All On-Hand merchandise is available for sale.
- Patches and other merchandise from National can be ordered through the Base Storekeeper.
- All the materials on the Help-Yourself table are no cost but feel free to make a contribution to the donations bucket, it helps and is appreciated.
- If you have something specific you need from the Base Store Keeper, send her an email ([FVorce@Verizon.net](mailto:FVorce@Verizon.net)).

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The annual membership renewal drive has started and emails have been sent out to everyone who needs to renew their membership.
    - So far, 87 of 113 members who have to have renewed their dues.
  - The roster of all HRB members sent out on 08-DECEMBER-2019.
  - For a short period of time we were up to – 300 – members, then we found out we had lost **EN1(SS) Dale Craig** back on 01-NOVEMBER.
  - With gains and losses we are now at – 299 – members; last year at this time we had – 284 – members so this is a gain/loss of – 15 – members over last year and that's great!

- **WE'RE STILL #2!!!** I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and, as of now, we still hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place in membership nationally by – 12 – members.
- We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members; we need one more to get to 300 members before the end of the year.
- As a reminder, anyone on Active Duty that is qualified to wear dolphins may join USSVI at no charge through the end of 2020, If you have any questions contact Craig.
- From now until the end of the year, new members (other than active duty) who join through 2020 will pay \$45.00 for their dues (National - \$30.00 & Base - \$15.00).
- 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 Craig after the meeting.
- **Scholarship Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The application, instructions, and hints for the HRB 2020 – 2021 Scholastic Scholarship were sent to everyone by email. If you need another set, send an email to Craig to let him know.
  - As a reminder, applications can be submitted after the first of the year.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
  - Recently Completed Events:
    - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 19-NOVEMBER.
    - There was a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 Saturday, 07-DECEMBER-2019.
    - There was a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday, 11-DECEMBER-2019.
    - There was a K4K visit at NMC-P on Tuesday, 17-DECEMBER-2019.
    - The Base Winter Holiday Party last weekend at the Sandcastle Hotel.
    - There was a NSL meeting, Wednesday, 18-DECEMBER-2019.
    - Our December Base meeting is here today.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020**

- Pending Events:
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 4-JANUARY.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 8-JANUARY.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-JANUARY.
  - We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-JANUARY.
  - Sailor-of-the-Year Presentation Ceremonies will be sometime late JANUARY or early FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 1-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-FEBRUARY.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-FEBRUARY.
  - We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-FEBRUARY.
  - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 7-MARCH.
  - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 11-MARCH.
  - We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 21-MARCH.

- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 24-MARCH.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 4-APRIL.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 8-APRIL.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 15-APRIL.
- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-APRIL.
- We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 21-APRIL.
- The 120<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball will be in APRIL at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 2-MAY.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 13-MAY.
- We will have a Base meeting here at FRA #60 at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-MAY.
- The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1970 will be during our May meeting.
- We have a scheduled K4K visit at NMC-P on 19-MAY.
- The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be in MAY at SLF Norfolk.
- The 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will be in MAY.
- The 136<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is in MAY.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 6-JUNE.
- There will be a FRA #60 meeting here at FRA #60 at 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 10-JUNE.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-JUNE.
- The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be here at FRA #60 on 20-JUNE
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
  - Enrollment for the new fund raising program by sponsorship opened at our Winter Holiday Party.
  - This program will be in effect for the 2020 calendar (fiscal) 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 & Treasurer, Craig Werner.
  - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
  - If you have suggestions for any other income streams let Base Leadership know of them.
- **Public Relations and Publicity Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - 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're well into the fall/winter season and windbreakers or jackets are going to be used more and more, having one with the USSVI and/or the HRB logo and/or name would help, contact Jenny.
  - I have the new generic HRB business cards for everyone get rid of your old ones and pick up a pack of new cards.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Base Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle.
  - 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, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and give a simple biography to be included in the newsletter.
- **Website and Social Media** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens

- Website Statistics since last meeting:
  - Number of New Site Members approved since last meeting – 2
  - Total number of website member/users – 95
  - Number of unique visitors to the site in the last 30 days – 101 (^26%)
- Facebook Statistics
  - New Page members last 30 days – 03
  - New Page Interactions last 30 days – 185 (+22%)
  - Total Page “Likes” – 1081 (^40)
  - Total Members – 176 (+2%)
- If there are any members who do not know the URL for the Base Website it is in the Base Newsletter every month.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
  - The HoF selection will be during the program portion of this meeting.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – Committee Co-Chairman, John Sidlovsky.
  - We did a K4K visit Tuesday, 19-NOVEMBER.
    - We had a crew of – 6 – for the visit.
    - We met with – 4 – boys and – 5 – girls, aged 1 month through 15 years old.
  - We did a K4K visit Tuesday, 17-DECEMBER.
    - We had a crew of – 4 – for the visit.
    - We met with – 2 – boys and – 6 – girls, aged 5 days through 13 years old.
  - Our next scheduled K4K visit is Tuesday, 21-JANUARY-2020
  - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) program
- **Hampton Roads Base Emergency Relief Fund Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Sidlovsky:
  - We've had no requests for financial assistance since our last meeting.
  - If you are in need of financial help, as per our Bylaws, contact any member of the committee.
  - Anyone wanting to make a donation specifically to the Emergency Relief Fund should get it to Craig and make sure you specify it's for the Emergency Relief Fund or drop it into the ERF Donations Box on the booze table.
- **SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Committee Chairman, John Donaldson:
  - Nothing to report this meeting.
- **NORFOLK Sail Committee** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman:
  - Anyone who is willing to help with this project should contact the Committee Chairman, Gary Merryman.

#### Old Business:

- Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles – Plans for the restoration of parade trailers.
  - We will do these major restorations after the first of the year.
  - These will require more than one work session and we will need work crews for each session.
  - Contact Gary or Sid to volunteer.

## New Business:

- Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner – The new Base Sponsorship Program:
  - As the Base grows and our activities increase so does our cost of continued operation.
  - So that we can continue to operate as we have and support our ongoing endeavors we need to increase our income commensurately.
  - To that end, we have started an annual program of individual Base sponsorship.
  - Members are invited and encouraged to help support the Base by becoming an individual sponsor at one of the several different sponsorship levels.
  - Each of the nine levels of sponsorship will have certain perquisites based on the level, these include.
    - Winter Holiday Party tickets.
    - Summer Picnic tickets.
    - Either 50/50 Raffle or Booze Raffle tickets.
    - Recognition on the Base website.
    - Recognition in the Base newsletter.
  - In addition, every sponsor will be recognized by a new Base I.D. showing they are a Sponsor.
  - This program is for the calendar year 2020 and is now open anyone who wishes to support the Base.
  - If you have any questions about how the program works just speak with any elected Base Leadership member or member of the Base Executive Board.
  - Contact me to make a donation and become an individual Base Sponsor.
    - If you wish to make your donation anonymously, that too can be arranged.

## Program:

- Selection of the 2020 Hall-of-Fame Boat by member vote – HoF Committee Chairman, Kern Swan:
  - USS GUARDFISH (SSN-612) re-nominated from last year by Ron O'Donnell – 11 votes.
  - USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN-625) nominated by Dave Duffié – 6 votes..
  - **USS SPADEFISH SSN-668) nominated by Domenick Missaggia – 25 votes.**
  - USS ATLANTA (SSN-712) re-nominated from last year by Bill Heron – 15 votes.
  - USS PROVIDENCE (SSN-719) re-nominated from last year by Sam Stevens – 6 votes.
- Election of Base Officers for 2020 & 2021 – Nominations Committee Chairman, Brian Daugherty:
  - Candidate for Base Commander – Ted Vorce
  - Candidate for Senior Base Commander – Gary Galles
  - Candidate for Junior Base Commander – Adam Kingsley
  - Candidate for Base Secretary and Treasurer – Craig Werner
  - As there were no nominations other than the serving officers a motion was made to proceed with the election by Bud Warren and seconded by Bob Saenz.
  - The election was held by voice vote.
    - **The serving officers were re-elected with no negative votes and no abstentions.**

### Good of the Order:

- The new bell we started using at the Winter Holiday Party was donated by our member Bill Mulligan.
  - This bell has a true deep ring sound, thank you, Bill.
- **Review of boats lost in this month** – Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - USS F-1 (SS-20) in 1917
  - USS SEALION (SS-195) in 1941
  - USS S-4 (SS-109) in 1927
  - USS CAPELIN (SS-289) in 1943
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:

○ Kevin Adams on 01-DEC	○ Mad Dog Haynes on 18-DEC
○ Roy Palmer on 01-DEC	○ Tom Etter on 19-DEC
○ Rick Shaw on 04-DEC	○ Larry Mantta on 23-DEC
○ Rich Sutherland on 05-DEC	○ Mervin Burlette on 24-DEC
○ Reggie Erman on 08-DEC	○ Billy Bond on 25-DEC
○ Chris Clements on 09-DEC	○ Ron Busila on 26-DEC
○ Oscar Hudson on 10-DEC	○ Bob Driskell on 26-DEC
○ Leo LaRue on 10-DEC	○ Mike Barrett on 28-DEC
○ Charley Harvilicz on 11-DEC	○ Jerry Benbrook on 29-DEC
○ Bill Jones on 12-DEC	○ John Aldredge on 29-DEC
○ Jake Grabowski on 13-DEC	○ Dave DeCook on 29-DEC
○ Fred Seifert on 13-DEC	○ Shawn Kaylor on 29-DEC
○ Ron Garner on 15-DEC	○ Mark Berner on 31-DEC
○ Dan Giel on 17-DEC	
- The 50/50 raffle of \$ 143 was won by: Chris Fairbanks (the Base received \$ 143).
- The booze raffle was won by: Chris Fairbanks (the Base received \$ 132).
- Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: \$ 17.
- There was \$ 6 donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
- Pen Sales brought in: \$ 15.
- There was a total of \$ 40 was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
- There was a total of \$ 10 was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.
- There were -63- members and -7- guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be at 11:15 hours, Saturday, **18-JANUARY-2019** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

***Fair Winds and Following Seas,***



**EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)**

**Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer**

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