



# HAMPTON ROADS BASE

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### Our Creed:

***To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country.***

***That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.***

***In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.***

***The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.***

***The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."***

### From the Base Commander

Shipmates,

Glad to see that Fall is finally here and bringing cooler



weather. Our membership continues to grow and I would like to thank the ones that help set up for our monthly meetings.

We are in need of a few volunteers to step up and help with the Norfolk sail initiative. Brian, our past Commander continues to move forward; however, a committee is needed to assist if we want the Norfolk sail displayed in our city.

Keep in mind that the Veterans Day Parade is coming up and we are excited about having active duty Sailors join us this year.

After the parade we will be celebrating the Christmas party in December and then bringing in the New Year - 2019 - here we come!



## *From the Secretary/ Treasurer*

Shipmates,

The City of Chesapeake is having a commemoration of Veterans Day on the traditional observation day, 11-NOVEMBER, the Sunday before the Nationally observed Veterans Day and we are invited, please see the poster later in this newsletter.



The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Observation, and associated Luncheon are coming up, please see the poster later in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at the parade and we are expecting up to twenty active duty guys to be with us so we should make a good impression. **Please note, these events will be on this year's observed Veterans Day, Monday, 12-NOVEMBER, the day after the traditional Veterans Day.** Step off for this parade is 09:00 hours, that means we will have to roll out from the Convention Center parking lot at 08:00 so that we can be at our staging point by 08:30 hours. We'll be wearing our standard parade uniform, if you have any questions on this, email me or give me a call.

The Hall of Fame boat program is a **Hampton Roads Base only** program, and at our November meeting, we will hear the presentations for the Hall of Fame boat candidates. The Nomination write-ups are included later in this newsletter. You should review them so you are prepared to ask any questions you may have during the presentations and make an informed choice when we vote to make our selection at the December Base meeting.

The annual dues renewal drive has started and I've sent out dues requests by email (snail mail where required). Of the **85** members that have to pay dues for 2019, **- 34 -** have already done so, thank you. If you owe dues, please, pay them **as soon as possible** so that I don't have to be sending out constant email

reminders for your dues, the phone calls for payment will have to start shortly. I don't like being a nag. Lastly, one member has dropped on request.

Please consider paying Life Dues so that you can put the issue of dues behind you for the future. If you are interested in paying Life Dues you must contact me by email (preferred) or phone to confirm how much those Life dues are for you, based on your age and birthday. We will run the Life Dues by Installment program if there is sufficient interest in it, but you must be current (dues paid through 2019) in order to take advantage of this program, it has you paying 10% of your total Life dues amount each month January through October.

WRT the Wellness Checks Program for our Octogenarian-Plus members: Everyone on the list is good except for **CS1(SS) Roy S. Palmer**, who we have lost all contact with, I currently have a letter out to someone who maybe his daughter and am waiting on her response. If you know of some means to contact Roy or his family, let me know by email or phone so I can reach out to him and/or his family.

Progress has been made on the new USSVI National website (<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>) and it is again in Beta testing but I still don't see how the website can be up before 01-FEBRUARY-2019. I will continue to keep you informed of what is happening with this project as the information becomes available.

That will be all from me for this month. As always, if you need something don't hesitate to email me or call me so I can help you out. I'm only as far away as your computer or the other end of your phone; otherwise...

**~ Stay Safe & Stay Well ~**

EMCS(SS) Craig S. Werner, U.S.N. (Ret.)  
Hampton Roads Base Secretary & Treasurer



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## We remember....We Honor



### Boats Lost in November

**USS CORVINA (SS-226):** Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



**USS SCULPIN (SS-191):** Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 63 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. Forty-one men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT John Philip Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander. He rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



**USS ALBACORE (SS-218):** Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.



**USS GROWLER (SS-215):** Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



**USS SCAMP (SS-277):** Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



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### Thank you, Jim Reynolds

At the October 20 base meeting, Past Base Commander Jim Reynolds was presented with his ship's wheel by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.



Jim has moved to the Atlanta area to be near family. He stated that he will always be a part of the Hampton Road base crew. *Jim, we will miss you.*





## **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) News**

There was really good news and some bad news from Chris Brogan on October 23. THERE WERE NO PATIENTS TO BE VISITED that morning.

However, patients were slated to be admitted that afternoon. Because schedules precluded an afternoon visit we will have to wait for the next visit on November 20.

UPCOMING VISITS (Tentatively):

18 December  
22 January  
19 February  
19 March  
23 April  
21 May

## **Welcome Aboard**

We added a new member to the base roster at the 20 October meeting, MMCM(SS/DV) John Elliott.



John qualified while aboard USS Sargo (SSN-583) in 1968. Welcome Aboard!!



Earlier this year LT Duke Brandon joined us. Duke qualified while aboard USS Swordfish (SS-402) in 1965.



## **HRB November Birthdays**

5: Tom Amann  
6: Thomas Bergen  
7: Grant Lewis  
8: Ed Kracker  
11: Bob Spencer  
13: Bert Hoyt, Bob Marquez  
15: Jim Simpson  
16: Al Konetzni, Frank Decker  
18: Randy Kingsbury  
19: Marlin Boyle  
20: Keith Nesbit, Samuel Boyd  
21: Byrd Saville  
22: Harlie Dockens  
24: Ruddy Summers  
26: Ron Boddy



## Upcoming Events

### **November 2018**

- 12:** Veterans Day Parade
- 17:** Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Nominations
- 18:** German Memorial Service, Phoebus Veterans Cemetery (1100)

### **December 2018**

- 07-09:** Holiday Party
- 12:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room, Sewell's Point Golf Course
- 15:** Base Meeting / Hall of Fame Election

### **January 2019**

- 19:** Base Meeting

### **February 2019**

- 16:** Base Meeting
- 20:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room, Sewell's Point Golf Course

### **March 2019**

- 16:** Base Meeting

### **April 2019**

- 05:** 118<sup>th</sup> Submarine Anniversary Ball-VA Beach Convention Center
- 17:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room, Sewell's Point Golf Course
- 20:** Base Meeting

### **May 2019**

- 16:** WWII Submarine Memorial & Hall of Fame Ceremonies
- 18:** Base Meeting
- 27:** 134<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade

### **June 2019**

- 15:** Base Meeting / Holland Club Induction
- 19:** Naval Submarine League (NSL), Norfolk Room, Sewell's Point Golf Course

### **July 2019**

- 20:** Base Meeting /Picnic/ Scholarship Announcement



## November Historic Events

**10 November 1775** - Congress voted to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

**1 November 1841** - The "Mosquito Fleet," commanded by Lt. Cmdr. J. T. McLaughlin, carried 750 Sailors and Marines into the Everglades to fight the Seminole Indians.

**3 November 1853** - The frigate Constitution, as the flagship of the African Squadron, under the command of Commodore Isaac Mayo, captured American slaver the schooner H. N. Gambrill, 60 miles south of Congo River. This capture was Constitution's last prize.

**17 November 1943** - USS Sailfish / Squalus (SS-192): Sailfish departed, under the command of Robert E. M. Ward, for her 10th war patrol, which took her South of Honshu. She suffered a "hot run" in tube 8, and after the skipper himself went over the side to inspect the damage, ejected the torpedo.

**19 November 1943**- USS Nautilus (SS-168) entered Tarawa lagoon for the first submarine photograph reconnaissance mission. It was later damaged by friendly fire from USS Santa Fe (CL 60) and USS Ringgold (DD 500) off Tarawa. Due to the mission's secrecy, Nautilus' presence was unknown to the vessels.

**25 November 1944** - USS Hardhead (SS-365) attacked a Japanese convoy 60 miles west of Manila and sank Coast Defense Vessel No.38 off Bataan Peninsula while USS Atule (SS 403) sank Japanese freighter Santos Maru off Sabtang Island, Luzon. Also, USS Mingo (SS 261) sank Japanese army transport Manila Maru.

**29 November 1944** - USS Archerfish (SS-311) sank Japanese carrier Shinano on her maiden voyage 160 nautical miles southwest of Tokyo Bay. Shinano was the largest warship sunk by any combatant

submarines during World War II. Also, on this date, USS Scabbardfish (SS-397) sank Japanese submarine I-365 east of Honshu.

**26 November 1952** - USS Tirante (SS-420): Tirante was recommissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME. After conversion to GUPPY configuration and conducting shakedown, she returned to the East Coast of the United States to prepare for her first deployment with the Sixth Fleet.

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## **HUMOR**

### **On Being Older:**

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:  
"And what do you think is the best thing  
About being 104?" the reporter asked.  
She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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My memory's not as sharp as it used to be...  
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.  
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### **THE SENILITY PRAYER:**

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never  
liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do, and

The eyesight to tell the difference.

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## **USWN ARTICLES**

### **Declining Commercial Nuclear Industry Creates Risk for Navy Carriers, Subs**

Ben Werner, USNI News, October 2

<https://news.usni.org/2018/10/02/37045>

The Navy's ability to maintain and manufacture  
aircraft carrier and submarine propulsion systems is at

risk, a panel of experts say, because the commercial  
nuclear industry has been in failing health for two  
decades.

Today, the Navy operates more nuclear reactors than  
the entire U.S. commercial reactor industry. The  
Navy's 101 reactor-powered carriers and submarines  
provide an unmatched advantage to operate around  
the world continuously. Building these reactors,  
though, relies on a shrinking pool of vendors, Adm.  
James Caldwell, the director of Naval Nuclear  
Propulsion Program, said at the Nuclear Energy,  
Naval Propulsion, and National Security Symposium  
at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"The base is small. The base is healthy and capable of  
supporting our Navy propulsion needs. It's sustainable  
through the program of record, but it takes a lot of  
energy to sustain that," Caldwell said.

For example, the Navy only has one contractor  
making reactor plant heavy-components and only a  
handful of companies make the flow control, valves,  
pumps and other parts, Caldwell said. Several  
companies make reactor instrument controls.

The vendors the nuclear Navy relies on are being hurt  
by a retracting commercial nuclear power plant  
industry. Cheaper fuel alternatives, such as natural  
gas, are making it too expensive for power companies  
to run their nuclear plants, said Mike Wallace, a  
senior advisor at CSIS and former Chairman of the  
Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. Wallace also is  
a former Navy nuclear submarine officer.

As a result, today the U.S. has 98 commercial  
reactors, and Wallace expects this number will  
continue decreasing. With fewer commercial reactors  
operating, there is not enough business for the nuclear  
industry's vendors.

"We are continuing if not accelerating in a decline,  
impacting not only domestic nuclear energy but also  
the infrastructure to support naval propulsion and the  
infrastructure supporting our weapons complex,"  
Wallace said.

A solid 30-year shipbuilding plan and stable budget  
environment would signal to the nuclear industry they









# 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 20-OCTOBER-2018**

**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 Base Member, Byrd Saville.
- The USSVI Creed was read by the Base Junior 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 & Treasurer, Craig Werner while the bell was rung by Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles.
- A round robin of introductions was 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:

- Currently, no one is known to be on the binnacle list.
- If you or someone you know should be on this list please send the information to both the Base Chaplain, Brian Krammes (USSVIHRBChaplain@GMail.com), and the Base Secretary, Craig Werner (GrumpyOldSquid@GMail.com).

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

- The minutes of the 22-SEPTEMBER-2018 Base Picnic were emailed out to all members on 23-SEPTEMBER.
- 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.
- I need everyone's help to keep everything up-to-date, please let me know if you know about others.
- I especially 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 today or by email (TPattison@Cox.net), so that he can generate one for you.
- The new USSVI.org website is still not up and at this point, I don't expect it to be up and fully functional before the end of the dues collection cycle that we've just started, which will be 01-FEBRUARY-2019, however, the latest iteration of the new website was sent to me for Beta testing this week.

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

- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts opening balance as of 01-SEPTEMBER-2018 was \$ 38,410.56.
- The Base Operating Accounts had an income for the month of SEPTEMBER-2018 of \$ 725.31.
- The Base Operating Accounts had expenditures for the month of SEPTEMBER-2018 of \$ 587.34.



- The Schwab One Investment account started on 01-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 21,876.01 and ended on 30-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 21,849.32 for a net increase/decrease of \$ 26.69 for the month of September-2018.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1043.33, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 43.00, ended on 31-AUGUST-2018 at \$ 1086.33.
- The HRB Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 1086.33, after donations, and expenditures totalling \$ 21.50, ended on 30-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 1107.83.
- The HRB Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 3602.79, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 0.09, the program ended on 30-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 3602.88.
- The HRB Emergency Relief Fund opened on 01-SEPTEMBER-2018 at \$ 1468.60, after donations, expenditures, and interest totalling \$ 6.04, ended on 30-SEPTEMBER-2018 a \$ 1474.64.
- The Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of 30-SEPTEMBER-2018 was \$ 141.90.
- This has resulted in a net increase/decrease of \$ 137.97 in the combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts for SEPTEMBER-2018.
- The combined Base Operating and Investment Accounts ending balance as of 30-SEPTEMBER-2018
- was \$ 38,584.66.

**Store Keeper's Report:** Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner for Base Storekeeper, Ryan Straughan:

- Ryan is unable to be here today (the inventory below will not be updated for this month).
- If you have something specifically you need from him, send him an email ([Ryan.A.Straughan@gmail.com](mailto:Ryan.A.Straughan@gmail.com)).

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee** – Base Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The annual membership renewal drive for 2019 continues.
    - THIRD Notices have been sent out today to all members that owe dues for 2019.
    - There are a total of - 85 - members that have to renew their membership for 2019.
    - If you've received a dues notice, please, don't delay; get your dues money in ASAP.
    - So far, - 21 - members have renewed their membership by paying their dues for 2019.
  - The Quarterly Wellness Check program.
    - We reached out to all the members on the Quarterly Wellness Check program list this month that we have not seen or heard from since the first of July.
    - We have reached all but **CS1(SS) Roy Palmer**.
      - He will turn 90 this December.
      - If you know him and can make contact with him please do so and have him get in touch with me.
      - If you know of ANY way to make contact with him, please pass that information to me.

- The roster of all HRB members sent out on 08-OCTOBER-2018.
- With gains and losses we are at – 284 – members; this is a gain of – 17 – members over where we were this time last year and that's great! We need to keep up the good work of bringing in new members.
- I've looked over the membership numbers nationally again and we're closing in on Charleston Base but we still need to grow the Base by – 6 – members in order to tie with Charleston Base and – 7 – to take over 2<sup>nd</sup> place in membership.
- 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 Senior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - The documents for the 2019-2020 scholastic year are undergoing a final review.
  - They should be ready for release and distribution on 01-NOVEMBER.
- **Program & Events Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Gary Galles:
  - Recently Completed Events:
    - The Neptune Festival Grand Parade was Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018.
    - There was a Field Day here at FRA #60 Saturday, 29-SEPTEMBER-2018.
    - There was a FRA #60 meeting here 10-OCTOBER-2018.
    - The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dolphin Scholarship Virginia Beach Golf Tournament was this past Wednesday, 17-OCTOBER-2018
    - There was a NSL meeting, this past Wednesday, 17-OCTOBER-2018.
  - Pending Events:
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 23-OCTOBER-2018.
    - The USSVI 2018 National Convention is a cruise starts tomorrow.
    - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018.
    - The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon will be on Monday 12-NOVEMBER-2018 and we will have a contingent of active duty sub sailors joining us provided we can coordinate the meet up.
    - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 14-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 17-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 20-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here Wednesday evening, 21-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 24-NOVEMBER-2018.
    - The Base Winter Holiday Party will be 7 & 8 DECEMBER-2018 at the Sandcastle Hotel.
      - Rooms at the hotel for Friday and/or Saturday night are \$ 89.78 per night (taxes and fees included).
    - There will be a FRA #60 meeting here 19:00 hours, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 12-DECEMBER-2018.
    - We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 15-DECEMBER-2018.
    - There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 18-DECEMBER-2018.

- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 29-DECEMBER-2018.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 19-JANUARY-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 22-JANUARY-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 26-JANUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 16-FEBRUARY-2019.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 20-FEBRUARY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 09-MARCH-2019.
- There will be a K4K visit at NMC-P on 19-MARCH-2019.
- There will be a Field Day to clean-up the grounds and such here at FRA #60 starting at 08:30 hours, Saturday, 30-MARCH-2019.
- The 119<sup>th</sup> Submarine Birthday Ball will be on Friday, 05-APRIL-2019 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center starting at 18:00 hours.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 17-APRIL-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 20-APRIL-2019.
- The Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Boat ceremonies will be 16-MAY-2019.
- We will have a Base meeting at 11:15 hours, Saturday, 18-MAY-2019.
- The 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the loss of USS SCORPION will be 22-MAY-2019.
- The 135<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade in Portsmouth is on Monday, 27-MAY-2019.
- The Holland Club Induction Ceremonies FOR YEAR GROUP 1969 will be during our 15-JUNE-2019 meeting.
- There will be a NSL meeting, 18:30-20:00 hours, at the Norfolk Room, Sewells Point Golf Course, Wednesday, 19-JUNE-2019.
- The Base Picnic Meeting and Scholarship Award Announcement will be on 20-JULY-2019.
- **Ways and Means Committee** – Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley:
  - Raffle chances for tickets to this year's Base Winter Holiday Party being sold at the raffles table.
    - **LAST CALL!**
    - Buy your raffle tickets for \$1 each (there are no multi-ticket discounts).
    - We'll be drawing for a pair of tickets during the Good of the Order at the end of this meeting..
  - Submarine Pens are available for sale; see the Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner, after the meeting to purchase your pens.
  - 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.
  - I have HRB generic business cards for everyone to carry see me if you need any.
- **Newsletter Committee** – Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle:
  - If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it in by the twenty-fifth of this month.
  - Any new members need to see the Newsletter Editor, Marlin Boyle to have their picture and simple biography included in the newsletter.

- **Website and Social Media** – Base Webmaster, Sam Stevens
  - Over all.
    - Use of the website is low and often ebbs and flows.
    - It is my hope to find and provide engaging content for publication on the site.
    - If you have topics of interest that you'd like to see on the site, talk to me..
  - Website
    - Total 75 site members.
    - 3 New members since last month.
  - Facebook
    - 51 Visitors (5 new since last month)
    - Active members: 78.
- **Submarine Memorial and Hall of Fame Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ken Swan:
  - We'll be taking nominations later, during the program section of our meeting.
  - Presentations for consideration of nominated boats are made at our November meeting.
  - Selection of the HoF boat is done by vote of all members present at our December meeting.
- **Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Committee** – John Sidlovsky for Committee Chairman Rich Corey:
  - We will visit the kids again this Tuesday, 23-OCTOBER after meeting at 09:30 hours, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Food Court of Building 3.
  - Everyone who has been on one of these visits was asked to stand for recognition and thanks.
  - 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 formal requests for assistance since our last meeting.
  - If you are in need of financial help, as per our Bylaws, contact any member of the committee.
  - Also bear in mind, that besides our ERF the USSV-CF maintains a Brotherhood Fund that is setup for the same purpose and is available if needed.
  - 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.
- **USS SCORPION Memorial Committee** – Nothing to report this month.
  - Remember that starting in 2019 HRB is responsible for setting up and coordinating the memorial ceremonies.
- **Norfolk Sail Committee** – Base Member, Gary Merryman for Committee Chairman, Brian Daugherty:
  - We are now at A-12 months from 714 beginning the recycling program.
  - I plan to send the sponsorship letters to City of Norfolk and Newport News Shipbuilding, and plan to send the letter to NAVSEA by the end of the month.
  - I still need members to step up and help, several subcommittees are going to be necessary.
  - This is a major project and help is needed in a lot of different areas.
  - If we don't have the support in place by our April meeting we will need to consider dropping this project and that would be a shame.



### Old Business:

- **The Neptune Festival was 29-SEPTEMBER:** Base Junior Vice Commander, Adam Kingsley.
  - We had 18 members at the parade and had a good time.
  - Congressman Scott Taylor stopped by to talk with some of us before step-off.
- **The Base has been invited to the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for LCDR Al Keck being hosted by his daughter:** Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - It will be at the Avalon Church of Christ, 844 Woodstock Road, Virginia Beach, 23464.
  - It will start at 14:00 hours, next Saturday, 27-OCTOBER-2018.
  - If you are going to go please RSVP to Debbie at 757-618-6453 **ASAP** (it was supposed to be done by 15-OCTOBER).

### New Business:

- There will be a free screening of the new movie "Hunter Killer" in the NAS Oceana Aero Theater at 17:00 hours, today, sponsored by COMSUBLANT, a flyer was sent out to everyone on the 10<sup>th</sup>: Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner.
- German Volkstrauertag (German Memorial Day), 18-NOVEMBER-2018, at the Phoebus section of the Hampton National Cemetery: Dick Helm.
- Winter Holiday Party tickets are now available for \$20 each and must be had from Fran Vorce.
  - The party will be 07 & 08-DECEMBER, at the Sandcastle Hotel in Virginia Beach.
  - Rooms are available at the hotel for \$89.78 (taxes and fees included) each night.

### Program:

- **Presentation of gift to outgoing Base Commander, Jim Reynolds:** Base Commander, Ted Vorce
- **Nominations for the Hall of Fame Boat:** Committee Chairman, Ken Swan.
  - Nominations for the Hall of Fame Boat were opened and nominations were made for:
    - USS ATLANTA (SSN-712)
    - USS BATON ROUGE (SSN-689)
    - USS GUARDFISH (SSN-612)
    - USS LOUISVILLE (SSN-724)
    - USS PROVIDENCE (SSN-719)
  - Descriptions of accomplishments for each nominated boat will be posted on our website and in the November Base Newsletter.
  - Presentations for consideration of nominated boats will be made at our November meeting.
  - Selection of the HoF boat is done by vote of all members present at our December meeting

### Good of the Order:

- **Review of boats lost in the month** - Base Secretary & Treasurer, Craig Werner:
  - USS O-5 (SS-66) in 1923
  - USS S-44 (SS-155) in 1943
  - USS WAHOO (SS-238) in 1943
  - USS DORADO (SS-248) in 1943
  - USS SEAWOLF (SS-197) in 1944
  - USS ESCOLAR (SS-294) in 1944
  - USS SHARK II (SS-314) in 1944
  - USS DARTER (SS-227) in 1944
  - USS TANG (SS-306) in 1944
- **Review of members' birthdays for the month** – Base Commander, Ted Vorce:
  - Bob Vincent on 01-OCTOBER
  - Harold Weston on 02-OCTOBER
  - Brad Sargent on 03-OCTOBER
  - Bud Atkins on 05-OCTOBER

- Walt Kreger on 06-OCTOBER
  - Ed Wegiel on 08-OCTOBER
  - Dave Snyder on 10-OCTOBER
  - Joe Pepperman on 13-OCTOBER
  - Gene Roberts on 13-OCTOBER
  - Mike McGinn on 14-OCTOBER
  - Rich Moore on 14-OCTOBER
  - Jeff Briggs on 16-OCTOBER
  - Greg McRae on 16-OCTOBER
  - Mike Noftsger on 17-OCTOBER
  - Clif Williams on 17-OCTOBER
  - Tony Ficca on 20-OCTOBER
  - Bill Ralston on 20-OCTOBER
  - Dave Cosgrove on 22-OCTOBER
  - Mike York on 26-OCTOBER
  - Charl Davidson on 27-OCTOBER
  - Al Keck on 27-OCTOBER
  - Bobby Holt on 29-OCTOBER
  - Harry Hampson on 30-OCTOBER
- The 50/50 raffle of **\$ 127** was won by: **Clyde Russe!** (the base received **\$ 127**).
  - The booze raffle was won by: **Gene Destafano** (the base received **\$ 130**).
  - Winter Holiday Party tickets raffle brought in: **\$ 24**.
    - The ticket give away raffle was won by Rock Pedroni and Dick Helm (a pair of tickets for each).
  - There was **\$ 4.50** donated through the Donations Bucket for the Scholarship Program and General Operations Fund.
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  - Pen Sales brought in: **\$ 26**.
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  - There was a total of **\$ -0-** was donated for the Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program.
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  - There was a total of **\$ 7** was donated for the Emergency Relief Fund.

There were **- 66 -** members and **- 14 -** guests present at this meeting.

Our next Regular Base meeting will be: **17-NOVEMBER-2018** here at FRA Hall #60.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately **12:20** hours by Base Commander, Ted Vorce.

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



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