

MINUTES OF May 9, 2026, MEETING

Commander Steve Paganelli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our Creed. Then Base COB, AL Cole read the lost boats for the month of May and rang the bell, then added one bell for William Louis Campbell who recently left on to eternal patrol and an additional bell for all the rest of our departed shipmates on eternal patrol.

Opening prayer was then given by Base Chaplin/ViceCmdr Gary Peterson.

Thank you to the Ladies for lunch.

Introduction of new member David Haily! Welcome Aboard!

Roll-call of all attending members with boat/year qualified.

Last month's meeting minutes were accepted as written by the base group.

Treasurer, Bill Dornik read the treasury report for May. It was accepted by base group.

Sick Call:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Committee Reports:

- There was a recent District Commanders zoom meeting discussing several topics such as; (1) Raising funds by having base garage sales (2) Using social media to find new members in the area (3) Base recreation idea's such as attending local attractions (4) Extend thank-you to National Store keeper vendors (Barry & Carol) and everyone else who attended Regional Roundup.
- New Regional Roundup Committee is now in place for 2027's event in Denver next year, headed by Jim Demont from Bremerton Base. Their meetings will start soon.
- Notes from our recent roundup including (1) 50/50 raffle legal matters have never been a problem (2) Future use of Base QR codes on websites & business cards (3) Posting flyers and dropping off sub magazines with base business card attached at various locations (4) Base VSO idea (5) Base fund raising idea's such as flyers to hand out to local businesses asking for financial support (6) Member booster financial support (7) Base donation fund raising tables, at local businesses (8) Presented Base business card idea (9) Base membership retention (10) Supporting your base by attending base meetings & functions (11) Idea of posting new Holland Club members in local newspaper (12) Download & use Vettix: <https://www.vettix.org/> for free discounted tickets to events such as sporting, concerts, shows etc. (13) Bases should have annual budgets (14) Subvets National is looking for location to hold 2029 convention & Western Region looking for 2028/2029 locations for Roundups.
- Brian Woodson (VVMB Counsel Building Rep) gave update on latest Vallejo Vets Building accomplishments, issues, needs & overall status.

Old Business:

- Nothing mentioned

New Business:

- A position is opening in November for Base Treasurer to relieve Bill Dornik. Walt Young spoke up & sounded like he would like the job. Bill will train
- A framed Base Commanders Commendation & gift certificate was awarded to Ron Triplett.

Announcements:

- Reminder of upcoming events; Memorial Day (May 25th) Ceremony onboard the USS Pampanito from 10:00AM to 12:00PM or DAV Vallejo Waterfront Ceremony at 11:00AM.
- Future National Conventions are slated for 2027 in Reno & 2028 in Norfolk
- Vice Commander Gary Peterson mentions that on June 13th at 10:30AM in Benicia there will be a plaque dedication ceremony at the Harold Bray statue on 1st street. Harold Bray is the last survivor from the USS Indianapolis (WW2) & is turning 99 years old this year. Harold Bray is Gary's father-in-law.
- Ted Kolda mentions that on May 17th at 3:00PM Solano Symphony Orchestra is putting on a concert in celebration of the country's 250th year anniversary. It will be held at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre and discounted tickets can be attained from Vettix. He will be playing the Cello.

- Charles Butcher mentioned that Mare Island lost drydock contract & Paramount Pictures has purchased all of the Mare Island north of the causeway up to highway 37.
- Dolphin Base has reported that the Moffett Field Museum & Commissary will be closing in the next 18 months. Not sure where they will be holding meetings once closed.
- Birthdays for May were announced.

Good of the Order:

- Whoever is thinking about going to the Corpus Christi National Subvet Convention, get registered soon as hotel rooms are going fast

The 1st 50/25 cash raffle was won by Hank Hobbs! He donated all his winnings to the Base!

The 2nd 50/25 cash raffle was won by Walt Young!

Bottle of Wine raffle was won by William Parnell (Doc)!

250 Year USA Commemorative Coin won by Mike Bregandi!

Next official Base meeting will June 20 at 11:00.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Closing prayer was given by Gary Peterson and the meeting was adjourned.



Ron Triplett receiving his Base Commander's Commendation Award
from Steve Paganelli