

MINUTES OF July 18 2026 MEETING

Vice Commander Gary Peterson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our Creed.

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

Thank you to the Ladies for lunch.

Base COB, Al Cole read the lost boats for the month of July and rang the bell, then added one bell for Joe Johnston plus one bell added for Tom Hanby, both recently left on eternal patrol and one last bell was rang for all the rest of our past departed shipmates on eternal patrol.

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

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

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

July Birthdays; David Bracket & John Douglas Jr.

Sick Call:

- Paul Larry in on-going hospice care
- Bill Putman still in hospice care at home
- Patricia Harris improving & should be back next month

Correspondence:

- None

Committee Reports:

- Brian Woodson (VVMB Counsel Building Subvet Rep) gave an update on the latest Vallejo Vets Building accomplishments, issues, needs & over-all status and also the wrongful death lawsuit filed against VVMB & the county. Brian also apologized for the Bar being closed for our July meeting (today) due to VFW closing it off for their emergency meeting needs & has voiced his displeasure to the VFW and building manager, as this affects the building's revenue stream and our groups meeting enjoyment .
- Tim Carlisle (National Senior Vice-Commander) gave a USSVI update including; **1.** New USSVI.org website bug fix status (mostly all addressed) & dues collection issues resolved. **2.** National Convention in Corpus Christi Texas Sept 6 thru 11 is coming up, if going please register for hotel before their 30-day cutoff. **3.** National Officer & Bylaw Changes voting is going great; please vote by end of August. Link is on USSVI.org website & ballots were also sent out via email. Vote even though positions are mostly uncontested to show participation & potential bylaw change. **4.** Base Activity Reports for MI Base have been submitted. These reports are important for National USSVI to make important decisions based on the information provided by all Bases.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Base Pasta Feed is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th 12:00PM at Hayward Veterans Hall and several **volunteers are still needed** for kitchen help & to cook. We also need volunteers to help with the setting up the day before the event. This will take place as our regular meeting for September. **Please get involved.** Bill Dornik (Treasurer) has the tickets that you can obtain at \$25 each.

New Business:

- We plan to look into conducting our monthly meetings to include a ZOOM conference option as well as in person participation, to accommodate members who are unable to travel to our base meetings . More to come on that.
- Official Base Officer Nominations are open for new Base Commander, Base Vice-Commander & Base Treasurer. Base Commander nomination given is (Gary Peterson), Base Vice-Commander nomination given is (Hank Hobbs) & Base Treasurer nomination given is (Walt Young). No other nominations were stated. Ballots will be included in this month's Pump Room edition. Please have your vote in by Saturday October 17th. Vote even if there is only one candidate to show Base participation & activity. Note: Appointed positions; Secretary (Ron Troutner), COB (Al Cole), POC (John North) will remain in place for 2027-2029 & we have a new position of Pump Room Newsletter Editor in which (Greg Luce) has volunteered. Hank Hobbs has also volunteered to take over as Chaplin.

Announcements:

- Suggestion from one of the Bases in the recent Base/District-Commander meeting was to focus attention of USSVI organization to Junior ROTC, Sea-Scouts or Sea-Cadets, rather than the Caps-4-Kids program. Hospital access after covid is difficult for Caps-4-Kids.
- USSVI College Scholarships are available for both college & trade schools and can be acquired by both children & grandchildren of USSVI Submarine Veteran member's families. Go to <https://ussvi.org> for information & link to apply. Tim Carlisle (National Senior Vice Commander) chimed in and stated that over \$200,000 in awards at \$2500 apiece have been given out so far this year.
- Brian Woodson (VVMB Counsel Building Subvet Rep) announced that our USSVI August meeting will be moved into the Annex due to a large Veterans Eye Clinic schedule sponsored by VFW taking place in the main rooms of the building.

Good of the Order:

- Nothing mentioned

The 1st 50/25 cash raffle was won by Jerry Longmire!

The 2nd 50/25 cash raffle was won by Trisha Peters!

Quilt donated by Vallejo Piece Makers Quilters Club was raffled & won by Dominik Boncare!

Bottle of Wine raffle was won by Hank Hobbs!

Next official Base meeting will be August 15th at 11:00 in the building Annex.

Closing prayer was given by Gary Peterson.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.