

MINUTES OF August 15 2026 MEETING

Called to order at 12:40

Base Commander/WR5 Vice-District CMD Steve Paganelli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our Creed

Opening prayer was given by Base Chaplin/Base Vice-Cmdr Gary Peterson.

Thank you to the Ladies for lunch.

Base COB, AL Cole read the lost boats for the month of August and rang the bell and added one additional bell for all our departed shipmates on eternal patrol

Introduction of returning old member, Jay Hansen

Announced special visitors from Gold Country Base - Barry Wyatt (Western District-5 Commander) and Chad Clay

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

Last month's meeting minutes were accepted as written, however Frank Pastana suggested we add meeting time going forward

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

August Birthdays; Al Cole, Gary Peterson, Terry Silva, Bob Whiteaker, Hank Hobbs & Greg Luce

Sick Call:

- Bill Pannell was hospitalized and is now recovering at a care facility from a recent fall
- USSVI Member Doug Seifter from New Jersey introduced himself & announced the sad news that Tom Ritch has suffered a stroke and is fighting for his life on a ventilator at the Kaiser ICU in Vacaville. He is conscious and wanted us to know and would love to have visitors although he can't talk much. Visitors are allowed 24/7. Just check in at Kaiser front desk

Correspondence:

- None

Committee Reports:

Brian Woodson (VVMB Counsel Building Subvet Rep) gave update on latest Vallejo Vets Building & situation with our Subvets meeting room arrangements with building management. He reminded council & building staff that our Veterans come 1st before community in regard to building room use. Brian also informed us that after some ongoing contention at the latest building council meeting that he has decided to resign as Subvet representative for the building council, effective immediately. Subvets will need to provide a new representative for the building counsel as a replacement ASAP. Ron Troutner (other VVMB council Rep) also brought up that he will be departing as Subvet building council representative as well but not until the end of the year. We will need a replacement representative at that time as well.

- Robert Mattson (Building Vice-Chairman & Rules Committee) stated he will rewrite the rules to where it actually states our meeting time & room use in the standing rules, as to avoid future building use issues.
- Tim Carlisle (National Senior Vice-Commander) gave a very in-depth & detailed visual overview (screen projection) of the completed USSVI website that he has been involved with updating for the past 5 years. Upon first logon please click "forgot Password" to get new temporary password emailed to you & get established on new ussvi.org website. He showed us how we can easily drill down & list members by Name or Base or Boat. Also, other setting that can be made as well as Feedback, Resource links, Documents, Past American Submariner issues & much more. Please login & check it out!

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Base Pasta Feed is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th 12:00PM at Hayward Veterans Hall. Several volunteers are still needed for kitchen help & to cook (please show up by 8:00AM on Saturday if you can help). We also need volunteers to help setup the day before the event. **Please get involved.** Bill

Dornik (Treasurer) has the tickets that you can obtain at \$25 each. FYI vegetarian pasta option is also available. Reminder: Pasta Feed will replace our September monthly meeting.

- We will be purchasing a camera for use to present our base meetings via ZOOM MEETING option, for those who are unable to attend our meetings in person. Information will be forth coming.
- Appointed base positions for 2027-2029 are ; Secretary (Ron Troutner), COB (Al Cole), POC (John North) Pumproom Editor (Greg Luce), Chaplin (Hank Hobbs), Storekeeper (Richard Schram) and Webmaster (TBD)
- Reminder of up-coming National USSVI Convention taking place in Corpus Christi Texas on Sept 6th thru 12th. So far Steve, Pete, Gary & Barry have signed up to attend

New Business:

- Resulting nominations for base officers are complete. Running for office are Base Commander (Gary Peterson), Vice Commander (Hank Hobbs), Treasurer (Walt Young). All ballots are due in by our October 17th meeting. Please turn in ballots even if there is only one person running. This shows our organization is active if IRS were to inquire.
- Reminder: Our November meeting will be our Toys for Tots Drive, so toy donations will be needed at that time.
- We are looking into having our annual Base Picnic next year locally in Vallejo & having it catered. More details to come on that next year.
- Our Christmas luncheon event is being planned again to take place at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco on December 12th. Chicken lunch will be \$37.50 & Prime Rib will be \$47.50. There will be a vegetarian option of Egg Plant Parmesan. We will try to keep the prices the same as last year. We'll keep you posted on any updates

Announcements:

- Base membership dues are coming up soon. Due by December 31st.
- Reminder that PACT ACT allows veterans who served in combat zones & exposed to toxic's are eligible for direct enrollment into VA Health Care without applying for disability benefits first. Information regarding this & how to sign up is available on the web or contact your county veterans service organization (VSO) for assistance.
- District Commander Elections are coming up next year. If anyone is interested in running for the post then turn your name into Tim Carlisle
- Our base store has rubber pin backs for your vest pins. Get as many as you need for free. Steve provided these
- Any new future members will now get a base hat & base patch in addition to a Subvet vest . This is after paying dues and attending (3) monthly Base meetings.
- Moffett Field Chief Petty Officers Association is sponsoring a Navy Ball at Marines Memorial Hall in San Francisco on Saturday, October 10th
- Barry Wyatt (WD5 Commander) enjoyed joining us today, expressed appreciation to our Base & invites all Mare Island Base members to attend Gold Country Base's Dec 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony at Discovery Park. Barry will send a flyer out to our group in near future with all the details

Good of the Order:

- A recent District Commanders zoom meeting detailed the need to have base backup record keepers to cover for Base Commanders, Secretary or Treasurer records in case the need arises to avoid delay's when base information is needed by the organization

The 1st 50/25 cash raffle was won by Trisha Peters!

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

First Bottle of Wine raffle was won by Tim Carlisle!

Second Bottle of Wine was won by Trisha Peters!

Next official Base meeting will be October 17th at 11:00

Closing prayer was given by Gary Peterson , then a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.