



USSVI THRESHER BASE

Base Meeting Notes

November 18, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Base Commander (BC) Suitter called the meeting to order at 1207
- II. OPENING PRAYER:** Dan Nicholson read the opening prayer
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was lead by BC Suitter
- IV. TOLLING OF THE BELL**

The tolling of the ship's bell reminds us of the reverence and gratitude we owe to our departed shipmates and to those who are currently on active duty serving aboard our nation's submarines who guard and honor our country.

Boats lost in the months of November and December:

USS Albacore (SS-218) lost on 7 November 1944 with a loss of 85;

USS Growler (SS-215) lost on 8 November 1944 with a loss of 86;

USS Scamp (SS-277) lost on 16 November 1944 with a loss of 83;

USS Corvina (SS-226) lost 16 November 1943 with a loss of 82;

USS Sculpin (SS-191) lost on 19 November 1943 with a loss of 43;

USS Capelin (SS-289) lost on 2 December 1943 with a loss of 76;

USS Sealion (SS-195) lost on 10 December 1941 with a loss of 4;

USS F-1/Carp (SS-20) lost on 17 December 1917 with a loss of 19;

USS S-4 (SS-109) lost on 17 December 1927 with a loss of 40

With a moment of silent prayer, let us remember all of our departed shipmates who are now serving on the staff of the Supreme Commander. They made the supreme

sacrifice so that we may gather here in peace. Let us not forget our obligation to our absent shipmates.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

- A. National Officers -
- B. Regional Officers –
- C. Guests – Introduced during sound off
- D. New Members – Introduced during sound off

Point of Order – If any National or Regional officers attend the meeting, We will break the agenda and take up Good of the Order to allow them some time to discuss topics important to USSVI as National Organization and how they related to Thresher Base.

VI. SOUND OFF: All members present introduce themselves and guests (roll call attached) There were 41 members present with 10 guests – total of 51 attendees.

VII. Discussion of September Meeting minutes (held in October, distributed electronically)

Motion to accept by Tom Young, seconded by Don Stebbins - Passed

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT: provided by Treasurer David Webster: Treasurer reminded base of the National email earlier in the year that notified of increase in annual dues to \$30.

Operating Fund :		Memorial Fund:	
Starting Balance	\$ 9,945.39	Starting Balance	\$ 27,892.85
Deposits	\$ 1,463.93	Deposits	\$ 2.37
Payments	\$ 1,345.94	Payments	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,063.38	Ending Balance	\$ 27,893.22

Motion to accept by Bob Flannery, Second by Dick Wood – Motion Passed
(Details are contained in Attachment B – Treasurer's Report)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. CHAPLAINS’S REPORT: Nothing to report (absent last minute)
- B. HOLLAND CLUB REPORT: Larry Goelz – No inductions this year
- C. RECRUITER’S REPORT: Nothing to report
- D. EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR’S REPORT: (Jerry Schock as sent to Secretary McArdle) notification received of 4 new Eagle Scouts from Troop 164 in Portsmouth; 3 boys and 1 girl. The awards will be presented at two separate Courts of Honor, both will be in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The boy's court will take place on November 21 and the girl's will be on Sunday Dec 3 at 2 pm. Jerry will prepare materials, but isn't sure if he can attend. The church is

located at 2075 Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth. Don Stebbins has offered to assist in presentations if Jerry is unavailable.

- E. STOREKEEPER'S REPORT: Larry Goelz – all calendars that were ordered have been distributed, if you would like a calendar, go to national storekeeper's page. He has hats and other items available. If need a vest, he can assist with that.
- F. WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Kevin Galeaz – will be updating website with Bio of new BC and update officers based on election.
- G. COB's Report: Kevin Galeaz offered to take over COB Duties
- H. THRESHER ANNUAL MEMORIAL REPORT: Kevin Galeaz – Nothing to report. (after meeting John Starbird informed TB they will bring Maine Base's ceremonial bell to either the January or March meeting for use at Memorial).

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Base donation to charitable event. Motions were made but were tabled with the intention of holding an interim meeting, presumable via zoom, to determine potential funding stream and then decide what to do. Mike Kearny provided info on the holiday baskets for lower rank enlisted from shipyard/commands at shipyard which were prepared and delivered by Rollinsford American Legion Post 47 (with cooperation of additional AL posts). Their first year (2013) they delivered 10 meals, in 2022 they delivered 52. Over the last 2 days (Nov 16/17) they took 4 truckloads to PNSY Chaplain and delivered 70 meals to 70 families. They will be doing another meal drive for the December holidays. Dennis Lauze made a motion to donate \$500 to the Rollinsford American Legion Post 47 for Holiday Basket Program, second by Bob Way. Motion was passed.
- B. Base Thank You plaques for Elks and Masons – Elks Plaque was presented on Tuesday Nov 14 at their Board of Directors meeting by Secretary (Past Base Commander) John McArdle and Steve Walsh. Mason's plaque will be presented later this year or early next year. Associate Member Tom Beaudoin will notify us accordingly.
- C. Chaplain – Roger Retzke will hold the interim position until a permanent replacement is found.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dues – please send in your national and base dues. One of the biggest reasons the organization loses members is because their dues lapses. Don't wait until the last minute. Earlier this year National raised the annual dues to \$30, base dues remain at \$15/year. If you have not remitted your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Life memberships are based on age and are currently: 76+ Years: \$120.00 66 through 75 Years \$240.00 56 through 65 Years \$360.00 46 through 55 Years \$500.00 Up to 45 years \$600.00 .

XII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. Next Meeting will tentatively be January 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday).
- B. Kevin Galeaz has offered to take over the COB function.
- C. Shipyard museum tour took place on Thursday Nov 9. Initially we had 8 members interested, but due to weather, illness and conflicting schedules 3 actually made it to the museum. Thanks to Bill Tebo, Bob McAlpine and Gary Hildreth for their assistance. Museum staff (Joe) reminded us that large groups should make plans well in advance so Security can be notified and appropriate clearances are obtained. A thank you note from the Base was sent to the museum.
- D. March Meeting – Joint meeting with Maine Base March 16, 2024. Planning on inviting the Northeast Regional Director to attend (Jeff Walsh).
- E. If Albacore Park will be holding the annual Wreaths Across America on Dec 16, 2023, BC Switter sent an introductory email to Albacore Park Executive Director, Patti Violette offered our assistance and requested update on this event.
- F. Portsmouth Elks Club Meat and Lobster Raffle. Last two years we attended this event as they had designated funds to support the Base. (Steve Walsh looking into this, on Tuesday he was told it may be done in February or April).
- G. Secretary McArdle contacted the National Secretary to determine what documents need to be submitted to National on the recent Change of Base Command.
- H. Those who stated interest in creating a fund raising committee please remain after the main meeting to discuss options going forward.
- I. There was no 50/50 (Charlie Manes not present).

XIII. CLOSING PRAYER – presented by Dan Nicholson

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – BC Switter wished all members and their families a happy and safe Thanksgiving and Holidays.

Motion to adjourn by Dick Wood and seconded by Ed Storer. Meeting was adjourned at 1241.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by:

John Henry McArdle
Secretary, Thresher Base USSVI

**Attachment 1
Rollcall/Attendees**

Last Name	First	Qual Boat	Hull #	Year	Guests
Aquizap	Bruce F.	Chopper	SS342	1954	
Arena	John	Jack	SSN605	1975	
Bateman	Steve	Wahoo	SS565	1972	
Bautzmann	Hermann	Henry Clay	SSBN625	1972	
Beattie	David J.	Robert E Lee	SSBN601	1970	
Brown	Wayne M.	Andrew Jackson	SSBN619	1975	
Clayton	Thomas	Henry L Stimson	SSBN655	1971	
Cook	Steven W	Jack	SSN605	1977	
Dean	Mark M.	Jack	SSN605	1978	
Flannery	Robert P.	Cod	SS224	1952	
Galeaz	Kevin M.	Will Rogers	SSBN659	1978	
Galeaz	Robin	Associate Member			
Goelz	Larry S.	Theodore Roosevelt	SSBN600	1964	Ingrid
Johnston	Ian A.	Sennet	SS408	1959	Roseann (Sister)
Kearney	Michael	Jack	SSN605	1974	
Kessler	Michael	Pintado	SSN672	1993	
Klasner Jr	Robert E.	Tirante	SS420	1968	Ida
Lauze	Dennis	Lafayette	SSBN616	1975	
Lavertu	Robert	Greenfish	SS351	1969	
McAlpine, Jr	Robert B	Tigrone	SS419	1970	
McArdle	John Henry	Narwhal	SSN671	1978	
Nicholson	Daniel B.	Sailfish	SSR572	1957	Carol (Carol)
Page	Alfred	Quillback	SS424	1956	
Powell	Thurston	Sea Cat	SS399	1963	
Reichle	Stephen	Sunfish	SSN649	1971	Patti
Scheys Jr.	Charles B.	Clamagore	SS343	1970	Amy (Daughter)
Starbird	John	Picuda	SS382	1972	
Stebbins	Donald E.	Sailfish	SSR572	1966	
Storer	ED	Conger	SS477	1955	Kathy / Spouse
Switter	Richard B	Sam Rayburn	SSBN635	1980	
Tebo	William Carl	Sea Owl	SS405	1945	
Walsh	Stephen T	Associate Member			
Way	Robert J	Sea Poacher	SS406	1959	
Webster	David	Tinosa	SSN606	1981	
Weeks	Thomas C.	Robert E Lee	SSBN601	1967	
White	Paul E	George Bancroft	SSBN643	1969	
Wilcox	Richard	Nathanael Greene	SSBN636	1965	
Wood	Richard B	Diablo	SS479	1961	Kathy
Young	Thomas E	Wahoo	SS565	1955	
Lamb	Jeff	Greenling	SSN614	1978	
Pilaut	Bruce	Parche	SSN683	1981	

**Attachment B
Treasurer's Report**

Operating Fund 10/21/2023-11/18/2023		USS Thresher Memorial Fund 10/21/2023-11/18/2023	
Starting Balance	\$9,945.39	Starting Balance	\$27,892.85
<i>Deposits</i>		<i>Deposits</i>	
Interes	\$0.89	Interes	\$2.37
Dues	\$990.00		
50/50	\$154.00		
Calendar, Hat and vest purchases	\$319.04	Challenge coin proceeds	
Total Deposits	\$1,463.93	Total Deposits	\$2.37
<i>Payments</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
National Dues	\$750.00		
Bank service charge	\$2.00		
Reimburse Base secretary for Plaques	571.03		
Reimburse storekeeper for postage	\$22.91		
Total Payments	\$1,345.94	Total Payments	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$10,063.38	Ending Balance	\$27,895.22