



USSVI APPALACHIAN BASE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

11 JUL 2026 1400 HRS

AMVets Post 5 Bingo Hall, Bristol, VA





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MOMENT OF SILENCE

Stand and uncover

Please join in a moment of silence to remember the sacrifices of:

- Those that lost their lives defending our nation while serving in the US Submarine Force
- Prisoners of War (PoW)
- Missing in Action (MiA)





INVOCATION

Eternal Father:

We humbly approach You with our petition for blessings upon our nation, military, navy, submarine force, and veterans. Guide our leaders into Your wisdom that they may serve Your mission. Enable the United States to be a blessing to all the other nations, promoting peace and the love You have shown toward us. And when we falter, we ask for Your great mercy, redirecting us on Your path. We thank you for the liberties we enjoy and the privilege to have served in protecting them. In Your holy name we pray. **Amen!**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cover and Face the Ensign

Present Arms

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America;

And to the Republic for which it stands;

One nation, under God, indivisible;

With liberty and justice for all.

Order Arms



USSVI CREED

Uncover

The purpose/creed of USSVI is 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; and, to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports 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 sacrifices. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers and sisters performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.



TOLLING OF THE BOATS

Date	Boat	Loss
04 JUL 1944	USS S-28 (SS-133)	49 shipmates lost
26 JUL 1944	USS Robalo (SS-273)	81 shipmates lost
30 JUL 1942	USS Grunion (SS-216)	70 shipmates lost

Shipmates, rest your oars

Cover and be seated



ACTION ITEMS

Item	Assignment	Due	Status
Volunteers – Open Positions	All	11 JUL	In Progress
Base Store Catalog on Website	Web Master	08 AUG	In Progress
Expand Store Catalog	Storekeeper	08 AUG	In Progress
Coordinate Independence Day Parade	Paul (Program)	04 JUL	Completed



ANNOUNCEMENTS

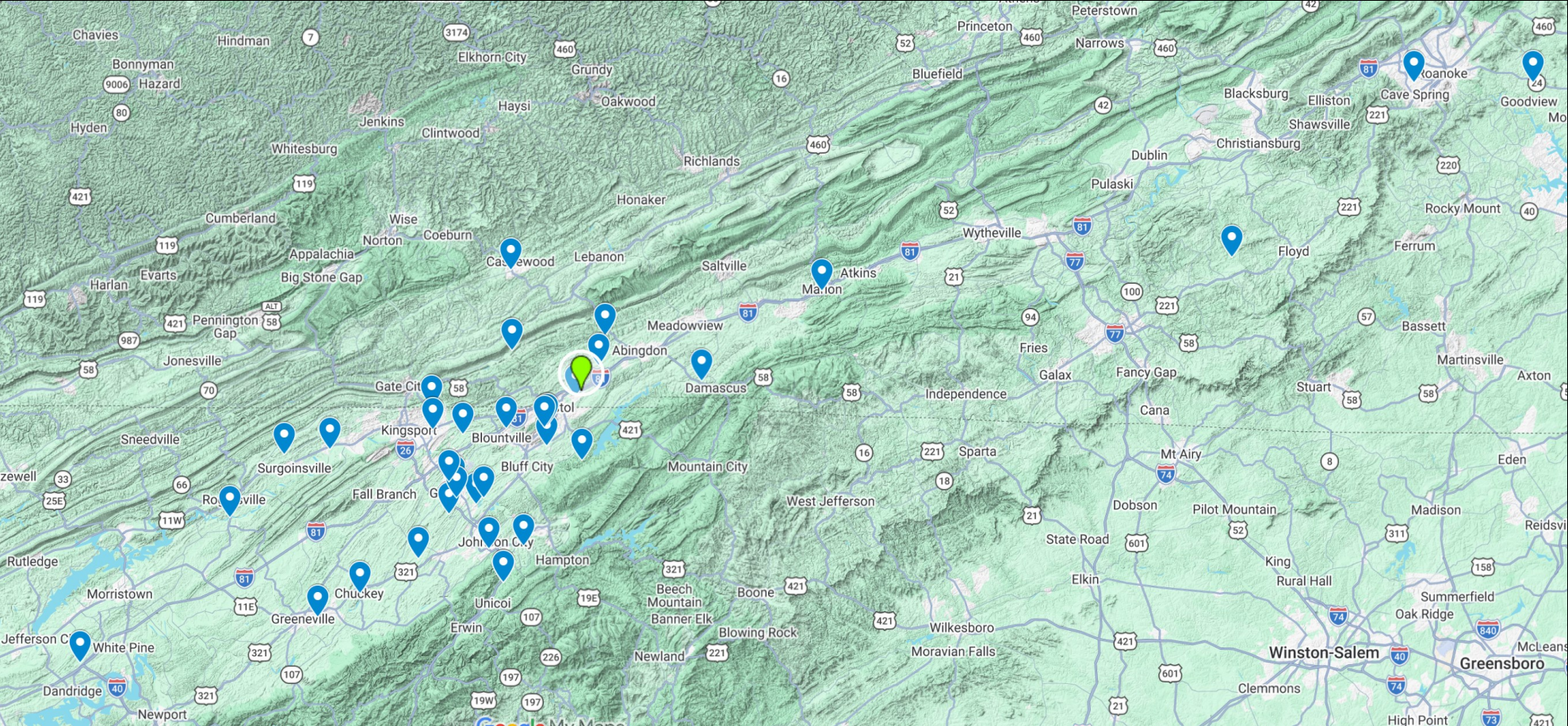
- ❖ Temporary Base Web Site: <https://vfw4933.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=158931>
- ❖ Base Web Site: <https://USSVIAppalachianBase.org/>
- ❖ Base Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USSVIAppalachianBase>
- ❖ E-mails that don't work:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS


Meeting Place


Members





CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ Vietnam Veterans register at <https://harshbarger.house.gov> for recognition
- ❖ Verify profile in the USSVI National Web Site
 - Name, address, phone number, e-mail address
 - USSVI Information: Base (or Dual) = Appalachian – *when dues are paid*
 - Use Feedback Form to report issues
 - Membership Communications (Cc: Regional Director and District Commander)
- ❖ 2026 National Election On-Line Voting: 07 JUL – 05 SEP
 - Election Buddy e-mails (invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com) were sent with Web address (URL) and instructions
 - *American Submariner* has a physical mail-in ballot
- ❖ 2026 USSVI National Convention in Corpus Christi





BINNACLE LIST

- Jes Sutton (Chaplain)
- Chuck Killgore
- Rick Wilson (CoB)



MEMBERSHIP

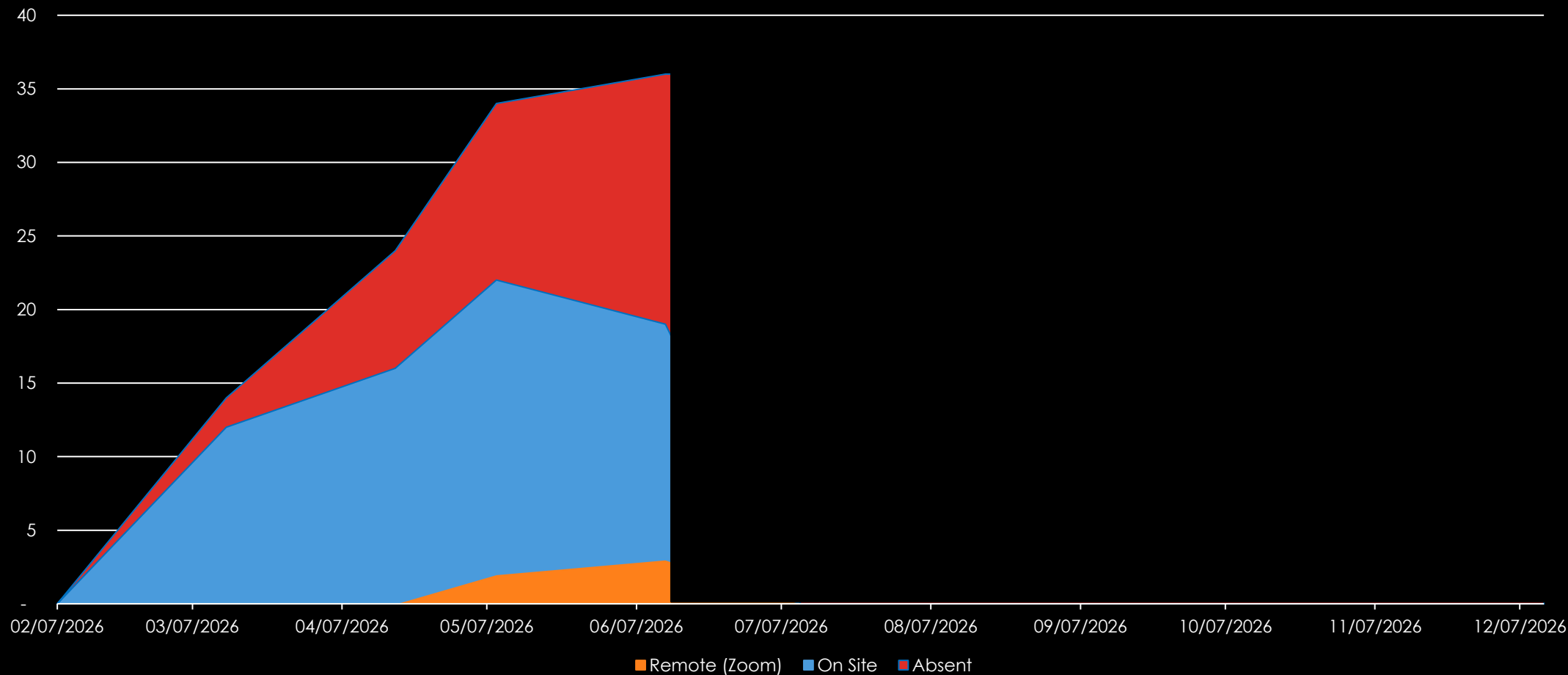
Summary	Population	Good Standing	
	Quantity	National	Base
Person Types	78	36	36
Prospect	42	-	
Member	36	36	36
Prospect Type	42	-	-
Recruit	12	-	-
Interest	15	-	-
Transfer	15	-	-
Member Type	36	36	36
Plank Owner	21	21	21
Charter	12	12	12
Regular	-	-	-
Dual - Regular	1	1	1
Dual - Associate	-	-	-
Associate - Plank Owner	1	1	1
Associate - Charter	1	1	1
Associate	-	-	-

Summary	Population	Good Standing	
	Quantity	National	Base
Geography	77	36	36
TN	58	26	26
VA	17	10	10
WA	1	-	-
FL	1	-	-
Age	49	34	34
<26	1	1	1
26-35	-	-	-
36-45	1	-	-
46-55	5	4	4
56-65	11	10	10
66-75	16	14	14
76-85	12	5	5
>85	3	-	-



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Attendance





OLD BUSINESS

Base Store

- Store Catalog
- Merchandise Arrived – Ready for Purchase & Fulfillment
- Issue with Coins
 - Silver Dolphins instead of Mustang on Base Logo
 - Remedy will be sent by vendor at no additional cost
 - Purchasers may select either coin and early purchaser may swap when new coins are received

Appointments - None

Volunteers Still Needed:

- Newsletter Editor
- Librarian/Historian
- Parliamentarian
- Fundraising Chair
- Committee Members – Membership, Program, and Fundraising



OLD BUSINESS

Content Committee (temporary)

- Determine Content Taxonomy (e.g., Gallery, News, Correspondence, Commander's Corner)
- Assign Content Owners (e.g., Commander owns Commander's Corner)
- Define Content Publishing Platforms (e.g., Newsletter, Website, Facebook)
- Operationalize Content Publishing – Overlap across Platforms vs Platform Specific
- Minimum Committee Membership: Platform Administrators (i.e., Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Facebook Admin)

Needed: Committee Chair & Members



NEW BUSINESS

 None



GOOD OF THE ORDER

- ❖ Independence Day – 250 Years Celebration
 - Kingsport Parade – 04 JUL 1000 HRS
 - Six Participants
 - Sound System Played Sub Sounds & Patriotic Music
- ❖ USS Greeneville Crew Visit
 - Participation – Gary
- ❖ Veteran Voices
 - Brian Aired on 19 JUN
 - Ron Interviewed 01 JUL
- ❖ Web Master Award





BENEDICTION

Stand and uncover

Heavenly Father:

We are grateful for the privilege of this meeting and serving You. We ask Your protection upon our shipmates who defend and protect us on land and at sea. Grant us safe passage home and set our hearts on fire with the motivation to forward Your mission until we meet again.

Amen!

ADJOURNED

Next Meeting

08 AUG 2026 1400 HRS

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Position	Name	E-mail
Commander	Ron Bennett	Commander@USSVIAppalachianBase.org
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Chaplain	Jes Sutton	Chaplain@USSVIAppalachianBase.org



APPENDIX

USSVI Appalachian Base Membership Meeting





ZOOM PROTOCOLS

- Remote Attendees will see just the presentation and are muted during the meeting
- Cannot participate in ice breakers, 50/50, or other in-person activities
- Making a Motion, Point of Order, Question, or Discussion (Members Only)
 - Raise Zoom hand – Secretary will monitor, proxy the request to have the floor, and unmute when the Commander gives them the floor
 - The remote member will state their motion, ask their question, or participate in a discussion
 - Secretary will mute them upon giving up the floor
- Voting (Members Only)
 - When voting in the affirmative, raise Zoom hand when Commander asks for Ayes; similarly, when voting in the negative
 - Secretary will count votes from remote members and report to the Commander



Send new ideas to Storekeeper

BASE STORE

Item	Image	QR	Cost (USD)
Base Decal			5
Base Patch			8
Base Ball Cap			20
Base Challenge Coin (Silver Dolphins)			20
Base Challenge Coin (Mustang Dolphins)			20





BASE DUES

Membership	National (USD)		Base (USD)	Combined (USD)
Annual (1 yr)	40		20	60
Annual (1¼ yr)	47		23	70
Annual (3 yr)	113		57	170
Annual (5 yr)	185		90	275
Lifetime (age <45)	750		375	1,125
Lifetime (age 46-55)	625		315	940
Lifetime (age 56-65)	450		225	675
Lifetime (age 66-75)	300		150	450
Lifetime (age >75)	150		75	225