



**United States
Submarine Veterans, Inc.
Appalachian Base**
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Membership Meeting Minutes

09 MAY 2026

Attendance

- Bennett, Ron
- Casey, Brian
- Christopher, Gary
- Christopher, Elizabeth
- Fisher, Stephen
- Greiner, Kurt (Remote)
- Hajny, Raymond
- Harmo, John
- Hatfield, Derby Dog
- Hatfield, Karen
- Heisner, Harry (Remote)
- Hyskell, Bryson
- Kaelin, Gil
- Leos, Michael
- Long, Jim
- Midget, Roland
- Pearce, John
- Powers, Randy
- Richardson, Carl
- Rieck, Brian
- Sprinkle, Earl
- Stamper, Paul
- Wallner, Mark
- Wilson, Rick
- Wilson, Squeaky
- Helms, Marlin (Remote)

Opening

- Commander called the meeting to order at 1406 HRS having met quorum
- Ceremonies Performed
- Introductions & Blue Nose Ice Breaker

Adoption & Information

- Minutes reviewed and accepted as published
- Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted as published
- Announcements & Correspondence reviewed
 - Criteria for being Charter and Plank Owner Member announced
 - Activities of Submarine Advocacy Group Reviewed

Committee Reports

- Binnacle List – 3 members
- Membership
 - 33 members in good standing
 - National system issues being resolved for some
- Program
 - Memorial Weekend planned
 - Other efforts in progress
- Fundraising – Committee not formed
- Storekeeper – Items with logo presented for the base store/ordered
- Newsletter – Need volunteer for editor
- Web/Media – Website in development; first page published

Old Business

- Logo committee dissolved.
- Base Store – Items on order; new ideas to Storekeeper, Michael Hatfield
- New Appointments: Membership, Program Chair and Members, CoB
- Need for more volunteers: Membership, Program, Fundraising Chair and Members, Newsletter Editor, and Parliamentarian
- Dues are due; grace period ends 31 MAY

New Business

- Business cards on order – members will receive allocation for recruiting
- Base Dues Collection – Online via QRs available
- Base Store Catalog with QR purchases coming soon

Good of the Order

- Brian and Ron on Veterans' Voices last week; posted to Facebook
- Memorial Weekend Event: Tolling of the Boats
 - All that can attend should with vests, hats, and other submarine wear
 - Abingdon Veterans Memorial Park, Sunday 24 MAY 2026, 1400
- VSO/BA Session to be scheduled – more information next month
- USS Greeneville Crew Visit – more information next month

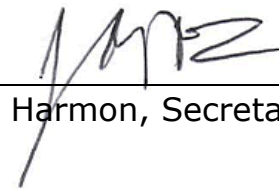
Closing

- Open Floor Discussion – None
- Benediction
- Commander adjourned the meeting at 1544 HRS

Action Items

- Schedule VSO/BA Session – Ron; Due: 13 JUN
- Determine how to interact with USS Greeneville Crew during visit – Brian; Due: 13 JUN

Submission and Approval

Submitted by:  _____
John Harmon, Secretary

Approved by:  _____
Ron Bennett, Commander