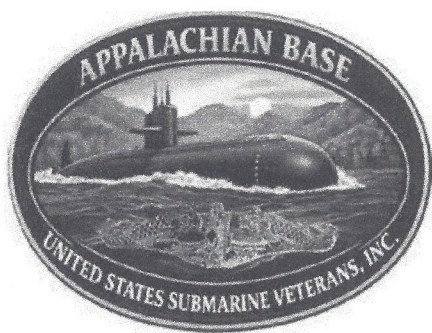




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Membership Meeting Minutes

13 June 2026

Attendance

- Allen, David
- Bennett, Ron
- Casey, Brian
- Christopher, Gary
- D'Amato, Frank
- Fisher, Steve (remote)
- Gedelman, Stan
- Hajny, Ray (remote)
- Harmon, John
- Hatfield, Derby Dog
- Hatfield, Karen
- Kaelin, Gil
- Morgan, Richard
- Long, Jim (remote)
- Price, Alex (webmaster)
- Rieck, Brian
- Stophel, Dan
- Wallner, Mark
- Williams, David
- Wilson, Rick

Opening

- Commander called the meeting to order at 1406 HRS having met quorum
- Ceremonies Performed
- Introductions
 - Cecil Carter, VSO VA Benefit Discussion

Adoption & Information

- Minutes reviewed and accepted as published
- Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted as published
- Announcements & Correspondence reviewed
 - VSO/BA session follows meeting
 - E-mail/Website/Facebook updates
 - Map of prospect and members presented
 - Tennessee Veterans Support Portal
 - 2026 Navy Ball

- Phishing attacks
- SAG call to action

Committee Reports

- Binnacle List – 3 members
- Membership
- Program
- Storekeeper
- Website

Old Business

- Base dues overdue
- Store catalog available
- Business cards available
- Need for more volunteers: Membership, Program, Fundraising Chair and Members, Newsletter Editor, and Parliamentarian

New Business

- Plank owner and charter members updated and finalized
- Program committee was authorized to purchase sound systems and items for parade on July 4th
 - Sound System \$387
 - Parade registration \$35
 - Candy \$50
- Program committee was authorized to purchase custom tablecloth with logos
 - Tablecloth \$300
 - Table Sign \$50

Good of the Order

- Tolling of the boats held Memorial Day weekend
- July 4th parade
- USS Greenville visit
- Veteran voices

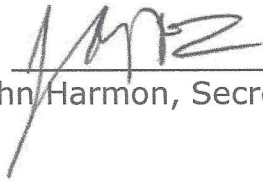
Closing

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

Action Items

- Alex (Webmaster) Continue work on integrating the store functionality into the website and address issues with the payment/shopping cart experience; collect event photos from members for the website
- Michael (Storekeeper) Research and source additional merchandise ideas (e.g., Yeti cups, mugs) and provide pricing/options to base board for approval.
- Paul (Program Committee) Coordinate volunteers and preparations for the Kingsport Independence Day Parade float, including decorating the Jeep/trailer, managing banner and flags, and organizing candy distribution; communicate meeting location and time to volunteers.
- Determine how to interact with USS Greeneville Crew during visit – Brian

Submission and Approval

Submitted by: 
John Harmon, Secretary

Approved by: 
Ron Bennett, Commander