



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

11 JUL 2026

Attendance

- Adler, Mark (remote)
- Allen, David
- Bennett, Ron
- Casey, Brian
- Christopher, Gary
- D'Amato, Frank
- Gedelman, Stan
- Gibbons, Dan
- Harmon, John
- Hatfield, Michael
- Heisner, Harry
- Kaelin, Gil
- Long, Jim
- Rieck, Brian
- Stamper, Paul
- Williams, David

Opening

- Commander called the meeting to order at 1409 HRS having met quorum
- Ceremonies Performed
- Introductions

Adoption & Action Items

- 13 JUN 2026 Membership Meeting Minutes Adopted as Published
- Action Items Reviewed
 - Volunteers needed
 - Base Store Catalog on Website
 - Expanding Store Catalog
 - Coordinate Independence Day Parade
- JUN 2026 Treasurer's Report Adopted as Published
 - Ending Balance: \$2,509.20

Announcements & Correspondence

- Websites: Temporary (VFW), Base, and Facebook
- E-mails that don't work published
- Maps show where members and prospects live relative to meeting place
- Vietnam Veterans should register with [Diana Harshbarger](#)
- Members should verify their profile on [National Website](#)
- National Elections are available Online (see electionbuddy email)
- 2026 National Convention in Corpus Christi – SEP

Committee Reports

- Binnacle List: 3 Members
- Membership
 - 36 members and 42 prospects
 - Meeting attendance above 50%
 - Recruiting event at BMS in SEP; partnered with DAV
- Program
 - Independence Day Parade Accomplished
 - Planning a Social Event – Picnic
 - KAP(SS)4KID(SS) events in Roanoke and Johnson City on Veteran's Day
 - School NJROTC events possible during Veteran's Day week
- Storekeeper
 - Decals, patches, ball caps, and challenge coins available for sale
- Web/Media
 - Website development on hold while Brian/Alex's music store is moved

Old Business

- Base Store
 - Store Catalog published in agenda deck
 - All merchandise ordered has arrived; ready for fulfillment
 - Issue with challenge coins – silver dolphins instead of mustang dolphins on base logo
 - Vendor will send another 100 coins with correction
 - Those that received silver can exchange for mustang dolphins when they arrive
- Appointments - None

- Volunteers Needed
 - Harry Heisner volunteered for Newsletter Editor
 - Gil Kaelin volunteered for Fundraising Committee Chair
 - Frank D'Amato volunteered for Fundraising Committee
 - Raymond Hajny volunteered for Membership Committee
- Content Committee needs volunteers

New Business

- None

Good of the Order

- Independence Day Parade
 - Six Participants
 - Sound System worked well – patriotic music and submarine sounds
- USS Greeneville Crew Visit
 - Gary Christopher participated
- Veteran Voices
 - Brian aired on 19 JUN
 - Ron interviewed 01 JUL
- Web Master Award – hat with Web Master title and logo

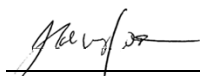
Closing

- Open Floor Discussion - None
- Benediction
- Commander adjourned the meeting at 1535 HRS
- Next Meeting: 08 AUG 2026 at AmVets Bingo Hall

Action Items

Action	Assignment	Due
None		

Submission and Approval



John Harmon
Secretary



Ron Bennett
Commander