



**UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC.**  
**CINCINNATI BASE**  
**OCTOBER 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 27, 2018

**Time:** 1305 Meeting Called to Order

**Location:**

Paul Vail VFW Post 4369  
3318 E. Sharon Rd.  
Sharonville, Ohio 45241

**Call to Order:** David Self, Base Commander  
**Opening Prayer:** Earl Wafford, Base Chaplain  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** All  
**Tolling of Lost Boats:** Read by David Self, bell tolled by new COB, Jerry McKinley

**Sick Call / Last Patrol Reports:** Earl Wafford, Base Chaplain

- Tom Suttman had kidney replacement and his body rejected it. Having a tuff time
- Bob McGee had knee operation. Successful. Attended meeting
- Bill Schaefer's son.

**Introduction by Members Present:** 15 members & 4 guests

**Secretaries Report:** Tom Fisher read minutes from last meeting, Sept 22, 2018

**Treasury Report:** Given by Base Treasurer, Joe Koize

**Membership Report:** Dennis Griffith 74 members, 1 Associate. Still a couple of discrepancies he is working out with national data base.

**WW II Submarine Veterans:** Gus Kraus. 2 more members lost in last 2 months.

Everyone left is 91 + in age. WWII vets are considered to include recruits as late as Dec '46. Editor of magazine Polaris has macular degeneration and magazine is suffering. Editor is handing reins over to another.

Today is the old Navy Day. It was a time where all ships returned to home ports so sailors could be with family. WWII eliminated that. Tried to reestablish it after war, but didn't last and all services were integrated together.

**Newsletter:** Bob McGee –published the Fall newsletter on October 4th. Bob will be moving out of area and will no longer be the editor. The base is asking for a volunteer to continue the newsletter

**Storekeeper's Report:** Daryl Beiter – Calendars ordered. Hopes to have by Christmas lunch.

**Scouting Chair:** Daryl Beiter – nothing new to report

**Sail Report:** Nothing new

**Old Business:**

- Navy vs. UC Football Game Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Game starts at 1530 hrs. Float there by noon. Sub Vets will be tail gating with Cadet Families.
- Christmas lunch has 42 signed up. Gus Kraus added 3 more. If all come it will be the largest group yet, according to Dick Young.

**New Business:**

- New potential member came to meeting – Mark Wade (was XO of G.W.Carver SSBN 656 near end of her life, just before decommissioning)
- Greeted new COB, Jerry McKinley who is replacing Bob McGee
- Biggest item of meeting – what to do with base savings account, which the base has labeled as a Charitable Fund. The fund was established in 2010 from the profits of hosting the USSVI convention in Cincinnati. Part of the reason for calling it a charitable fund was to keep the profits away from the National USSVI, but there was also a sincere desire to do good things with the funds. Since its beginning the savings account has mainly been used for base operating expenses, averaging \$1200 per year. We are afraid that if we were audited we might be in violation with the IRS for misusing funds because of the accounts name. The base wanted to use it for charitable acts, but the only one that has been identified is KAPS FOR KIDS. A movement was put forward by Bob McGee to essentially keep the system the same as it now is and was seconded by John Wade. More discussion occurred. The biggest problem is the name of the savings account. John Wade revoked his second to the motion. Bob McGee modified his motion, saying essentially the same thing but calling the saving account a general operating account. Tom Fisher seconded the motion. More discussion occurred mainly reinforcing the last discussion that it was the name of the savings account that mattered the most. Tom Fisher revoked his seconding motion and the motion died. A new motion was presented by Bill Schaefer, seconded by Dick Young to change the name of the Charitable fund to the Base Savings Account. A secret ballot was taken and I's were unanimous. The name of the account is now the BASE SAVINGS ACCOUNT.
- Christmas Luncheon will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at Jim and Jacks on the River. Starting at Noon.
- USSVI voting had only 3 voters from this base. David Self admonished us for not voting.
- Honor Flight fund raising – Saturday, Nov 17, Stars & Strips occasion at Waypoint Aviation, Lunken Airport. \$50/per person. Buffet, cash bar, radio

legend Jim Scott, silent auction. Internet address is  
<https://www.honorflighttristate.org/event-flyers>

**Split the Pot** – \$65 in pot. \$32 to winner Gus Kraus, \$33 to base.

**Christmas Lunch:** Dec 1, 2018 at 1200 hrs at Jim & Jacks

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 26, 2019 @ 1300 at Paul Vail VFW

**Dick Young:** asked if anyone knows business owners that might supply door prizes for the Christmas lunch.

**Closing Prayer:** Jon Barker, Honorary Base Chaplain

**Adjournment:** 1439 hrs