



2026 3rd Quarter Fund Managers and Key USSVCF Volunteers Meeting minutes

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2026 3rd. Quarter Fund Managers and Key USSVCF Volunteers Zoom Meeting Duration: [90 minutes] Summary

Confirmed attendees: Bob Bachman; Ken Earls; Alan Fickett; Charlie Murray; George Palme; Ileene Davis; Jessie Hult; *Sid Sidovsky*; Mike Ferranti; Randy Stein; Scott Gerber; *Timothy Blevins*; *Keith Post*; and Beverly Galles (Hampton Roads Base) *Absent*

Key Outcomes

The meeting covered convention preparation, fundraising progress, ambassador program expansion, and several fund updates. The foundation reached a **\$600K museum fundraising milestone** with \$1.4M still needed and funded a record **80 scholarship recipients at \$2,500 each (\$200,000 total)**. 1. Key initiatives around submarine memorabilia shadow boxes, oral history interviews, and ambassador recruitment were discussed and advanced.

Decisions Made

Ambassador PowerPoint and training materials to be hosted on the USSVCF website under the Funds section.

Website navigation simplified; ambassador link moved from "More" to a more accessible location.

Shadow box initiative limited to Submariner memorabilia only; donations (not consignment) sought with bio and video preferred.

Holland Club belt buckles will not be ready for convention; design may be available for preview orders.

Antique car donation (~1930s Hudson Terraplane, estimated \$20K value) to be promoted at convention with photos; title to be secured upfront.

Metrics & Wins Shared

Museum fundraising: **\$600K raised**, ~\$1.4M remaining to complete the building.

Scholarship fund: **80 students funded at \$2,500 each** — record high; career education doubled from 1 to 2 recipients.

My Will Legacy: 103 wills on file — noted as low relative to organization size.

Brotherhood Fund: Only \$39 received this month; noted as highly variable and newsletter driven.

CF donation chart shows strong upward trend; last year's spike driven by a **\$50,000 stock donation**.

Ambassador coverage: **45 active ambassadors**, 121 bases still needing one.

Convention Preparation (Corpus Christi, TX)

Booth materials shipped or in progress: magnets, trifolds, banners, shirts, hats, lleene's cookbooks, bumper stickers, Electric Boat nuclear submarine foldouts.

Wednesday at convention allocated entirely to USSVCF meetings; AV support confirmed.

Scott to generate an **AI-rendered poster** of a shadow box concept for display at the booth.

Charlie (Groton) to send photo of Joe Negri's full-size shadow box for potential blow-up display.

Plaques and other items from Groton to be shipped for convention raffle.

Ship-to address: 7005 Glass Cow, Corpus Christi, TX 78413; contact: Dennis Markle.

Action Items

Randy: Host lleene's ambassador PowerPoint and Jessica's oral history PowerPoint on the website.

Randy: Follow up on uncashed \$4,700 check to Modern Carpet (Annapolis, MD) for work on the Taurus.

Randy: Investigate two \$1 donations to Groton Sale Monument.

George: Send convention ship-to address to Charlie; finalize newsletter (includes Scott's monuments piece, sea story, website updates).

George: Secure photos and title for Hudson Terraplane donation car.

Scott: Create AI-generated shadow box poster for convention display; follow up with Charlie on Joe Negri shadow box photo.

lleene: Send chef coat, photos, and related materials to Scott for shadow box initiative.

lleene: Continue verifying and updating ambassador email list and physical addresses.

Jessica: Resolve OneDrive upload issue for interview videos; coordinate with Scott at convention.

Dr. (Alan): Notify ambassadors and base commanders that the **FY27–28 scholarship application period opens October 31**.

Ken/lleene: Share "Vial of Life" emergency preparedness concept with membership via newsletter.

Open Questions

lleene: How to reach **members-at-large** (not affiliated with a base) who may need Brotherhood Fund support.

Mike: Whether Brotherhood Fund recipients are deterred from applying because they fear public recognition.

Tracking website link click-through rates — Randy confirmed no current capability.

Next Meeting

• Next quarterly meeting scheduled for **November, after Thanksgiving** and after the World War II Memorial event in Kings Bay, Georgia.



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