

**USS Virginia Base  
Meeting Minutes for the Month of October 2016  
On 10/15/2016**

- Annual Base Picnic & Monthly Meeting
- Meeting was held at the home of Al & Mary Ann Ptasznik
  - BBQ from Extra Billy's & desserts from the members
- 16 members and 19 guest were present
- District Commander Steve Bell won the 50/50 raffle and received \$56. The Base received \$56.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott called the meeting to order with the traditional sounding two blast from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty "DIVE, DIVE" from all those in attendance. And word of prayer.
- Opening ceremony was lead by Base Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Reading of the USSVI Creed
  - Tolling of the Boats for October
    - 9 Boats lost with the loss of 563 Souls
      - USS Seawolf (SS-197) 10/3/1944 All hands 83 crewmen & 17 US Army troops
      - USS S-44 (SS-155) 10/7/1943 56 crewmen
      - USS Wahoo (SS-238) 10/11/1943 All hands 80 crewmen
      - USS Dorado (SS-248) 10/12/1943 All hands 77 crewmen
      - USS Escolar (SS294) 10/17/1944 All hands 82 crewmen
      - USS Shark (SS-314) 10/24/1944 All hands 87 crewmen
      - USS Darter (SS-227) 10/24/1944 No loss of life
      - USS Tang (SS-306) 10/25/1944 78 crewmen
      - USS O-5 (SS-66) 10/29/1923 3 crewmen
- Birthdays for the Month of October
  - Mickey loses.
- Steve Bell presented Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger to Robert Link Award
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully

Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary