

**USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of March 2017
On 3/11/2017**

- Meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
 - Ziti with meat sauce, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 19 members and 18 guest were present
- Pat Rodgers won the 50/50 raffle and received \$66.00 and the Base received \$66.00.
- Sandi Anderson gave a short praise of Marie Padgett, who passed 2/22 and a moment of silence. All three of Marie's daughters were present along with her son-in-law.
- 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 a word of prayer.
- Opening ceremony was lead by Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Tolling of the Boats for March
 - 8 Boats lost with the loss of 425 Souls
 - USS Perch (SS-176) 3/3/1942 No immediate loss of life
 - USS Grampus (SS-207) 3/5/1943 All hands 71 crewmen
 - USS H-1 (SS-28) 3/12/1920 4 Crewmen
 - USS Triton (SS-201) 3/15/1943 All hands 74 crewmen
 - USS Kete (SS-369) 3/20/1945 All hands 87 crewmen
 - USS F-4 (SS-23) 3/25/1915 All hands 21 crewmen
 - USS Tullibee (SS-284) 3/26/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
 - USS Trigger (SS-237) 3/26/1945 All hands 89 crewmen
 - March Birthdays - Mickey Loses
 - 01 Al Ptasznik - Present
 - 03 John Leonard
 - 10 Paul Massey
 - 30 Bill Lewis - Present
 - 30 John Ortiz
- The following members were inducted in to the Holland Club
 - Tom Jones
 - Dave Jonker
 - Each were given a "Booty Bag" which included
 - USSVI Holland Club Certificate.
 - USSVI Holland Club Patch
 - USSVI Holland Club Membership Card
 - USSVI Holland Club Challenge Coin
 - USSVI Holland Club/USS Virginia Base Welcome Aboard Letter
 - Walnut plaque to hold your USSVI Holland Club Certificate
 - Gold Holland Club Ball Cap – with silver dolphins
 - 3' x 5' Dolphin Flag with silver dolphins
 - Velcro Closure Folder to hold this memo and the other small items

- Silver Gift Bag to hold all the above items
- Treasurer's Report was read and approved
- Secretary's Report was read and approved
- Al Ptasznik presented the finding of his yearly audit. Other than typo there were no error and the books balanced.
- Bill Anderson announced that it is time to make payment of booth and tickets for the Field Day of the Past event, Bill is asking for \$250.00, \$100.00 for the space and \$150.00 for tickets, this is the same as last year. A motion was made, second and approved
- Doug Blaha gave a presentation "The Artic is Heating Up", about the history of Artic operations and the increase of US, Russian and Chinese submarine activity in the Artic Ocean
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully

Bill Anderson
Base Secretary