

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2026
On 04/11/2026

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 5 members and 2 guests 0 members on Zoom
- The 50/50 raffle was \$35 with \$17 to winner and \$18 to base.
- The guests were allowed to stay due to low attendance.
- Base Secretary Al Ptasznik called the meeting to order with the traditional sounding of two blasts from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty "DIVE, DIVE" from all of those in attendance.
 - The opening ceremony was led by Base Secretary Al Ptasznik as best he could with out the formal "Script".
 - Base Secretary Al Ptasznik offered the invocation.
 - Rendered a version of the USSVI Creed as recalled
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Tolling of the Lost Boats for April – using a copy of the full list of boats found in someone's personal notes.
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 366 Souls
 - USS Pickerel (SS-177) 04/03/1943 All hands 74 crewmen
 - USS Snook (SS-279) 04/08/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
 - USS Thresher (SSN-593) 04/10/1963 All hands 112 crewmen & 17 Civilian Technicians
 - USS Gudgeon (SS-211) 04/18/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
 - USS Grenadier (SS-210) 04/22/1943 No immediate loss of life
 - No Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA" was available
 - No Birthdays - Mickey wins
 - No Binnacle List was available.
 - No Treasurer's report was read.
 - The Fieldday of the past dates were shared which are of Sep 18-20.
Base Secretary gave his monthly book report on Rick Chapman book 3 of his Submarine series.
 - Base Secretary rendered a the Submariner Benediction. A traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a joyful "SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
 - The meeting was adjourned

Because three primary Officers, Commander, Vice Commander, Treasurer, and others were unable to attend due to funerals and other commitments, the meeting took time to share 'sea stories'

Respectfully Submitted: Al Ptasznik, Base Secretary