

To all Base Members,

The USS Virginia Base held its' monthly virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday 04/10/2021 at 12:00. The meeting was attended by 13 members.

The meeting was called to order by Base Commander John Williams at 12:05. The Invocation and USSVI Purpose/Creed was given by the Base Commander. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all members. The Base Commander performed the Tolling of the Boats ceremony and showed a Power Point presentation showing all of the boats lost during the month of April. Jim Lencalis had provided the Power Point for the Tolling of The Boats and the Texas Tenors performing "God Bless the USA"; however, the Base commander was unable to get the power point sound working so Vince Elkmeier sang "God Bless the USA". Thanks Vince.

There were two birthdays in April: Thurman Register 4/12 and Marty Martin 4/19; happy birthday to both. NOTE; We did not sing.

We had a new member present Thomas Vincent. Thomas gave a brief summary of his career. John Williams then asked each member to introduce themselves and provide brief summary of their careers.

Bill Anderson provided a summary of the March meeting to the base members.

Chris Knaggs read the Treasures Report. Starting balance was \$3197.69. Addition was \$ 45.00 dues from new member and expenditures were \$50.00 donation to the Holland Club. Ending balance 3322.69. In addition, the Base Board of directors approved an April donation of \$100.00 to the Caroline Piedmont Base for a wheelchair ramp for Jack Jeffries National Historian.

The Base Commander informed the members that the Base has received a "Holland Club Certification of Appreciation" for the donation the base sent to the club.

There was no old business.

Under New Business:

1. The base Commander requested to move the Zoom meeting time from 12:00 to 13:00 on the second Saturday. This change of time will prevent the meeting interfering with the lunch for Doug Blaha who is in assisted living and has lunch at 12:00. The membership approved the time change.
2. Next the Base Commander informed the membership that he would be taking over and maintaining the Base Website. Because of his lack of computer knowledge, he asked for help from anyone who knows how a website works. Herby stated his son may know someone.
3. The Base Commander pointed out to the members that there is no longer a time limit on the Zoom meeting as he has purchased an annual membership. Thurman Register made a motion to have the Base Commander reimbursed and seconded by Sanford Harvey. After some discussion the motion was approved. John stated he will submit the receipt to Chis for reimbursement.
4. Herby Ortiz asked if anything has been done about meeting at Anna's now that most have been vaccinated. John Williams stated that until the governor lifts restrictions he did not anticipate having face to face meetings.
5. Last item was to inform new member Thomas Vincent that he has been inducted into the "Holland Club" and that the information would be mailed to him once all items have been received by the base.

There was no other business and the meeting was concluded at 12:50

Our next meeting will be held on May 8, 2021 at 13:00 and will be held on Zoom. Hope you will be able to attend.