

**USS Virginia Base  
Meeting Minutes for the Month of January 2016  
On 1/9/2016**

- Meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
  - Meat Ravioli, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 18 members and 7 guest were present
- Doug Blaha won the 50/50 raffle and received \$63.00 and a pair of USS Illinois sunglasses (donated from GE), the Base received \$62.00.
- A copy of Trident Deception was auctioned off, Al Ptasznik acted as auctioneer. Mickey Martin won with a bid of \$20.00.
- Richard Moore handed out book marks.
- The ladies were excused. They went to the new store Gabe's.
- 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 November
  - 5 Boats were lost during the month of January with the loss of 311 crewmen
  - Birthdays for the Month of January
    - Mickey Wins
- Kenn McDermott will miss next months meeting due to surgery on his right shoulder.
- Discussion about changing the meeting start time to 1300. A motion was made and seconded and approved.
- Our only Associate member Curtis Anderson was made a honorary Submariner.
- Treasurer's Report was read and approved
- Secretary's Report was read and approved
- Doug Blaha gave a presentation on his time as Naval Attaché to the Norwegian Navy. He also handed out pamphlet on the US Navy Nuclear Submarines form the Navy Submarine League.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully

Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary