USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2017
On 4/8/2017

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Ziti with meat sauce, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 12 members and 3 guests were present
- Doug Blaha won the 50/50 raffle and received $33.00, the Base received $32.00.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott 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.
- Kenn offered the invocation.
- The opening ceremony was led by Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Reading of the USSVI Creed
  - Tolling of the Lost Boats for April
    - 5 Boats lost with 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 Grudgeon (SS-211)   04/18/1944   All hands 79 crewmen
    - USS Grenadier (SS-210)   04/22/1943   No immediate loss of life
  - April Birthdays - Mickey Loses
    - 11th - Bill Besley
    - 12th - Thurman Register
    - 19th - Mickey Martin
    - 22nd - Pat Rodgers
- New member Tom Carty was introduced – a Boomer Sonarman
- Went around the room for brief member bio's
- Presenter-in-Chief Doug Blaha gave us a comprehensive look at all of the nations around the world who now own or are acquiring submarines and their various types and capabilities. He also showed a video he produced about the SMART organization (Special Military Active Recreational Travelers).
- A motion was made to forgo the reading of reports, seconded and approved.
- Kenn read the Submariner Benediction after which a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved. A traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty 'SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully

Bill Anderson
Base Secretary