

**USS Virginia Base  
Meeting Minutes for the Month of October 2017  
On 10/14/2017**

- The meeting was held the home Al & Mary Ann Ptasznik on Lake Anna, for the Base's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Base Picnic, meats and sides are being supplied by Mission Bar-B-Que.
- 15 members and 15 guests were present. Notable guest is National Treasurer Paul Hiser is in attendance.
- Mary Ann Ptasznik won the 50/50 raffle and received \$55.00, the Base received \$55.00.
- 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 McDermott offered the invocation.
  - The opening ceremony was led by Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Katzenberger.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Reading of the USSVI Creed
  - Tolling of the Lost Boats for October
    - 9 Boats lost with the loss of 563 Souls
 

• USS Seawolf (SS-197)	10/03/1944	All hands 83 crewmen & 17 US Army troops
• USS S-44 (SS-155)	10/07/1943	56 crewmen
• USS Wahoo (SS-238)	10/11/1943	All hands 80 crewmen
• USS Dorado (SS-248)	10/12/1943	All hands 77 crewmen
• USS Escolar (SS294)	10/17/1944	All hands 82 crewmen
• USS Shark (SS-314)	10/24/1944	All hands 87 crewmen
• USS Darter (SS-227)	10/24/1944	No loss of life
• USS Tang (SS-306)	10/25/1944	78 crewmen
• USS O-5 (SS-66)	10/29/1923	3 crewmen
  - November Birthdays - Mickey Loses
    - 04<sup>th</sup> - Doc Smith
    - 12<sup>th</sup> - Rec Stanberry
    - 14<sup>th</sup> - Richard Moore
    - 19<sup>th</sup> - John Lamsen
    - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jimmy Bullock
    - 24<sup>th</sup> - Roger Warden
- Member Rec & Gilda Stanberry gave a presentation on Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project. Members were encouraged to fill a shoe box for needed children around the world. .
- Team Anderson thanked the members for the support for the Field Day of the Past project.
- Kenn McDermott read the Submariner Benediction after which a motion was made to adjourn, motion 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