

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of March 2018**  
**On 3/9/2018**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Ziti with meat sauce & sausage, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 19 members and 7 guests were present
- Beth Benton won the 50/50 raffle and received \$53.00, the Base received \$52.00.
- The ladies were excused.
- 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 Katzenberger.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Reading of the USSVI Creed
  - Tolling of the Lost Boats for March
    - 8 Boats lost with the loss of 425 Souls
      - USS Perch (SS-176)      03/03/1942      No immediate loss of life
      - USS Grampus (SS-207)      03/05/1943      All hands 71 crewmen
      - USS H-1 (SS-28)      03/12/1920      4 Crewmen
      - USS Triton (SS-201)      03/15/1943      All hands 74 crewmen
      - USS Kete (SS-369)      03/20/1945      All hands 87 crewmen
      - USS F-4 (SS-23)      03/25/1915      All hands 21 crewmen
      - USS Tullibee (SS-284)      03/26/1944      All hands 79 crewmen
      - USS Trigger (SS-237)      03/26/1945      All hands 89 crewmen
  - March Birthdays - Mickey Loses
    - 1<sup>st</sup> - Al Ptasznik
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> - John Leonard
    - 10<sup>th</sup> - Paul Massey
    - 30<sup>th</sup> - Bill Lewis
    - 30<sup>th</sup> - John Ortiz
  - The video God Bless the USA was shown
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott introduced prospective member Al Stafford and he was given a Vietnam War Commemoration package.
- It was announced that there will be 6 members inducted in to the Holland Club.
- Secretary's Report was read.
- Treasurer's Report was read.
- Jim Lencalis showed photos of a ski trip with Therapeutic Adventures
- Doug Blaha reported the status of women on submarines.
- Doug Blaha and Chris Knaggs told sea stories.
- 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 joyful 'SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE' from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully  
Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary