

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2018
On 4/14/2018

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Spaghetti with meat sauce & sausage, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 15 members and 5 guests were present
- Curtis Anderson won the 50/50 raffle and received \$43.00, the Base received \$43.00.
- 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 April
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 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
- The video God Bless the USA was shown
- Jim Lencalis announced his resignation as Base Treasurer as of the end of the year.
- Doug Blaha gave a presentation on the Tomahawk missiles.
- Al Ptasznik announced that the annual picnic will be held on 2nd Saturday of (13th) October.
- Secretary's Report was read.
- Treasurer's Report was read.
- 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