

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2019**  
**On 04/13/2019**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Ziti with meat sauce & sausage, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 18 members and 5 guests were present
- Ken Strout won the 50/50 raffle and received \$46.00, the Base received \$46.00.
- 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 Base Commander Ken McDermott, Base Vise Commander Chuck Curry and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger.
    - 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
      - The video God Bless the USA was shown
      - April Birthdays - Mickey Loses
  - The video "Star Spangled Banner" was shown.
  - Ken Strout has been appointed the Base Historian.
  - Kenn McDermott thanked John Lamsens for his work as the 50/50 coordinator.
  - Kenn McDermott handed out the most recent Nuclear Submarine line-up.
  - Bob Kutzenberger and Ken McDermott discussed a custom lanyard.
  - Kenn McDermott announced that Pete Fortier will be inducted in to the Holland Club in May.
  - Jim Lencalis updated the Base about Therapeutic Adventures and Kap4Kids.
  - Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were given.
  - Ken Strout presented some Base history
  - Chris Knaggs gave a briefing in the Virginia War Museum.
  - Pete Fortier talked about his and Jan's trip around the Cape Horn.
  - 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