

**USS Virginia Base September 2021**  
**On 09/11/2021**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Ziti with sausage, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 10 members and 4 guests were present.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Todd Steadman (\$33) the Base share was \$32.
- The Ladies were excused.
- Base Commander John Williams 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.
  - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
  - The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams, Base Secretary Bill Anderson and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger.
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for September
      - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 248 Souls
        - USS Bullhead (SS-332) 08/06/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
        - USS Flier (SS-250) 08/13/1944 78 crewmen
        - USS S-39 (SS-144) 08/13/1942 No loss of life
        - USS Harder (SS-257) 08/24/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
        - USS Cochino (SS-345) 08/26/1949 1 Civilian Technician & 6 USS Tusk crewmen
      - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
- Base Secretary Bill Anderson reminded the members that the Field of the past is scheduled for September 16, 17 & 18 and it will be held at it's new location in Amelia Courthouse
- Rec Standbery announced the Christmas Shoe Box drive.
- No reports were read.
- Al Ptasznik reminded the member that the Base picnic is October 2
- John Lamsens is ill and will not be able to run 50/50 raffle. Al Ptasznik has volunteered to run in John Lamsens place
- Base Commander John Williams 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 1340

Respectfully  
Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary