

Minutes for November 13, 2021 USS Virginia Base Meeting

Prior to start of meeting Rec Standbery collected shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse 6 total. Rec had to leave early for another event.

Buffet consisted of Pizza, Salad and Spaghetti with meatballs

13:05 Commenced meeting

12 members were present and two spouses

Bill Lewis logged in on Zoom but was lost prior to start of meeting.

Note: Zoom does not appear to be working very well as it is hard to hear any comments made by members logged on to Zoom. I can hear the member only if I use an ear bud.

Base Commander John Williams gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance, USSVI Purpose and Creed were read.

Tolling of Lost Boats, there were 5 boats last in the month of November

1.0	USS Albacore (SS-218)	11/07/1944	Loss of 85 men
2.0	USS Growler (SS-215)	11/08/1944	Loss of 86 men
3.0	USS Scamp (SS-277)	11/16/1944	Loss of 83 men
4.0	USS Corvina (SS-226)	11/16/1943	Loss of 82 men
5.0	USS Sculpin (SS-191)	11/19/1943	Loss of 43 men

Texas Tenors performed "God Bless the USA".

Five Birthdays in the month of November - Mickey Lost - Members sang Happy Birthday.

Introduce Marlin Boyle to base (Transferred from Hampton Roads). All members present introduced themselves to Marlin and provided a brief summary of the military career and life after service.

Secretary not present skipped report, Treasure gave report. Balance as of 10-30-2021 \$2901.72.

At the request of Joe, I talked to the membership about discontinuing the buffet until the attendance increases to greater than 20 members. That is the breakeven point for Joe to cover the cost of the buffet. Joe recommended that we just order from the menu until the attendance increases to 20 or more individuals. A motion was made and seconded to discontinue the buffet and order from the menu stating at the December meeting. The motion was approved by all members.

The following base members were not present due to health reasons.

Tom Chaffee, Kenn McDermott, and John Lamsens

Base Commander asked the members to think about inviting Phillip Brashear to talk about his father Carl Brashear. The movie "Men of Honor" was the story of Carl Brashear.

14:10 Benediction and Surfaced the Boat