## USS Virginia Base Meeting Minutes for the Month of January 2022 On 01/08/2022

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 8 members and 3 guests were present. Three members was on Zoom.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Vince Eikmeier (\$20) the Base share was \$20. Vince donated \$10 back to the Base.
- 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 January
      - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 314 Souls
        - USS Scorpion (SS-278) 01/05/1944 All hands 77 crewmen
        - USS Argonaut (SS-166) 01/10/1943 All hands 102 crewmen
        - USS Swordfish (SS-193) 01/12/1945 All hands 89 crewmen
        - USS S-36 (SS-141) 01/20/1942 No loss of life
        - USS S-26 (SS-131) 01/24/1942 All hands 46 crewmen
    - Birthdays Mickey Loses
- Binnacle List
  - Kenn McDermott
- It was announced that Chuck Curry had past.
- The Base sent flowers in memory of Al Stafford's daughter
- Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.
  - Thurman Register reminded the members that we need a Vice Commander
- A video was shown about the USS Bergall (SS-320) vs. cruiser IJN Myoko and destroyer IJN Ushio
- 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" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1345

Respectfully Bill Anderson Base Secretary