

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2022
On 04/09/2022

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 10 members and 8 guests were present. Three members were on Zoom..
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Vince Eikmeier (\$28) the Base share was \$27.
- 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.
- The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams and Base Secretary Bill Anderson.
 - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - 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
 - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
 - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
- Holland Club Inductions Presentation
 - The following were inducted
 - Joe Rodrigues
 - Vincent Eikmeier
 - John Williams
 - The following was given to each inductee
 - USSVI Holland Club Certificate.
 - USSVI Holland Club Patch
 - USSVI Holland Club Membership Card
 - USSVI Holland Club Challenge Coin with stand
 - USSVI Holland Club/USS Virginia Base Welcome Aboard Letter
 - Walnut plaque to hold your USSVI Holland Club Certificate
 - Gold Holland Club Ball Cap – with silver/gold dolphins
 - 3' x 5' Dolphin Flag with silver/gold dolphins
 - Velcro Closure Folder to hold this memo and the other small items
 - Gift Bag to hold all the above items

- Binnacle List
 - Tom Caffee
 - John Lamsens
 - Doug Blaha
 - Kenn McDermott
 - Al Ptasznik
- Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Base Treasurer Chris Knaggs gave a short update on the Virginia War Museum. He recommended anyone with the desire can become a volunteer.
- Jim Lencalis gave an update on Kaps4Kids. With VCU relaxing COVID restrictions, the program may come back to life.
- Base Commander John Williams discussed recruitment
 - Recruitment poster to be placed in grocery stores, hardware stores, et. al.
 - Changing locations to attract prospective members from north-western part of the state.
- Due to the change in Base Commander and Base Treasurer, it is required that the outgoing officers be removed from the Atlantic Union Bank account signature card. A motion was made to do this, it was seconded and the motion was passed.
- 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 1420

Respectfully
Bill Anderson
Base Secretary