

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of September 2022**  
**On 09/11/2022**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 12 members and 3 guests were present 5 members were on Zoom..
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe Rodrigues (\$32), which he donated back to the Base. The Base share was \$33.
- 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.
  - The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams and Base Secretary Bill Anderson as the Bell tapper.
    - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for September
      - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 262 Souls
        - USS S-5 (SS-110) 09/01/192 No loss of life
        - USS Grayling (SS-209) 09/09/1943 All hands 76 crewman
        - USS Pompano (SS-181) ~09/25/1943 All hands 77 crewmen
        - USS S-51 (SS-162) 09/25/1925 33 crewmen
        - USS Cisco (SS-290) 09/28/1943 All hands 76 crewmen
  - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
  - Birthdays - Mickey Loses.
  - Binnacle List
    - Tom Caffee
    - John Lamsens
    - Doug Blaha
    - Kenn McDermott
- Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Al Ptasznik, by a showing of hands, the 29<sup>th</sup> of October for the annual Base picnic and meeting. Mission BBQ will supplying the food for about \$800.00
- Prior to the meeting the Field Day of the Past watchbill was filled. Bill Anderson thanked those that volunteered.
- Rec Stanbery announced the 2022 Operation Christmas Child shoe box drive. He informed the members of the different ways the obtained and fill the boxes.
- John Williams opened a discussion of the National and Base Web Sites
- Jim Lencalis informed us that KAPS 4 Kids is still on hold
- Base Commander John Williams read the Submariner Benediction. A traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a joyful "SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE" from all in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: William C Anderson, Base Secretary