

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of July 2023
On 07/08/2023

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 11 members and 2 guests were present 3 members were on Zoom.
- The winner of the 50/50 raffle was _____, who received \$42 and the Base received \$43.
- 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 July -
3 Boats lost with the loss of 200 Souls
 - USS S-28 (SS-133) 07/4/1944 All hands 49 crewmen
 - USS Robalo (SS-273) 07/26/1944 81 crewmen
 - USS Grunion (SS-21) 07/30/1942 All hands 70 crewmen
 - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
 - Birthdays - Mickey Lost
 - Binnacle List
 - Tom Caffee
 - John Lamsens
 - Doug Blaha
 - Kenn McDermott
 - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Members gave a personal Bio for the benefit of new members.
- Bill Anderson reminded the attendees about the Field of the Past this September.
- Jim Lencalis informed us that Kaps for Kids is still a no go.
- Chris Knaggs updated the attendees about submarine and the Virginia War Memorial.
- 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