

USS Virginia Base

Meeting Minutes for the Month of August 2023

On 08/12/2023

1. - 11 members present, 3 members on Zoom total members 14.
2. - 4 spouses present. 50/50 won by Anthony Powell.
3. - Meeting called to order by Base Commander John Williams
 - Base Commander gave the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Reading of the USSVI Creed.
 - Video of Texas Tenors "God Bless the USA".
4. - Tolling of the Lost Boats for August
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 253 Souls
 - USS Bullhead (SS-332) 08/06/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
 - USS Flier (SS-250) 08/13/1944 78 crewmen 13 survivors (5 died of injuries)
 - USS S-39 (SS-144) 08/13/1942 No loss of life
 - USS Harder (SS-257) 08/24/1944 79 crewmen lost
 - USS Cochino (SS-345) 08/26/1949 No crewmen lost, one civilian engineer and 6 crewmen from the USS Tusk lost.
5. - Birthdays present John Williams and Jim Wilson – Mickey Lost
6. - Treasures report given by Chris.
7. - Secretary not present minutes from last meeting deferred.
8. - Committees reports

Jim Lencalis reported no change in status of Kaps for Kids. There was discussion about seeing if another hospital could participate instead of UVA. Currently our base participates with the Northern Virginia Base and the Northern Virginia Base provides all of the memorabilia for Kaps for Kids. If we find another hospital our base would have to provide all memorabilia. No decision was reached.
9. - Base Commander informed all members:
 - Joe Rodrigues will be sending dues notices to members who owe National/Base dues.
 - Bill Anderson is in need of watch standers for Field Day of the Past, if you are able, please let Bill know.
 - Field Day of the Past this year is September 15, 16, and 17th.
 - USSVI sent out a bulletin about boat sponsorship, this is different from the current sponsorship the base does for the American Submariner Magazine. This sponsorship is through the Navy League, Al Ptasnik is going to look into it and give us the information at the next base meeting.
10. - Al Ptasnik is having his hip replaced this month, therefore; the Base Annual picnic will be held at his house on October 7th, Base Commander will send out an e-mail to all members.

11. - No additional business, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

12. - Benediction given by Base Commander.

13. - Meeting adjourned.