

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of October 2023
On 10/07/2023

- The meeting/picnic was held at Al & Maryann Ptasznik's home on Lake Anna. Due to the rain the night before, the festivities were held inside.
- 10 members and 19 guests were present
- The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Caroline, Jim Lencalis' Granddaughter, who received \$42 and the Base received \$43.
- 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) 09/01/1920 No loss of life
 - USS Grayling (SS-209) 09/09/1943 All hands 76 crewmen
 - 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 Lost
 - Binnacle List
 - Tom Caffee
 - John Lamsens
 - Doug Blaha
 - Kenn McDermott
 - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Linda Williams won the auction for the gift basket that Mission BBQ provided
- Bill Anderson reported that this year's Field of the Past was successful, and thanked the Thursday set up crew and the watch standers. He also informed the attendees that after Sandi's back surgery, she had a heart attack and that she will need a new valve.
- 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