

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of January 2024
On 01/13/2024

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- 9 members present, 2 guests and 2 members on Zoom.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Dee Knaggs (\$32) 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.
- Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
- The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Reading of the USSVI Creed
- Tolling of the Lost Boats for January Boats lost with the loss of 314 Souls
 - USS Scorpion (SS-278) 01/05/1944 All hands 77 crewmen
 - USS Argonaut (SS-166) 01/10/1943 All hands 102 crewmen
 - USS Swordfish (SS-193) 01/12/1945 All hands 89 crewmen
 - USS S-36 (SS-141) 01/20/1942 No loss of life
 - USS S-26 (SS-131) 01/24/1942 All hands 46 crewmen
- Birthdays - Mickey Won
- Binnacle List
- Kenn McDermott – John and Jim will try and visit in February
- Doug Blaha
- Tom Chaffee – John will call prior to next meeting.
- Secretary's report was deferred as secretary not present.
- Treasurer's report was given by Chris. Chris informed the member that the USSVI's end of Year Report was completed and submitted to national. Chris also informed the members that the new national treasurer was trying to get the national board of director to approve adding a requirement on the End of Year report to indicate the annual audit has been completed.
- John informed the members about the cost of the website and asked if the base should continue the maintaining the site. The current site is paid until 2026. John also stated that he will email all base members with the current cost to maintain the website. Those costs will include domain name, SSL certificate, website insurance (hacking), and the program annual cost (this in the past was donated to the base by the Base Commander).
- Under Old Business –
 - John informed the members that Thurman resigned as Nominating Chairman and that Pete Fortier was the new Nominating Chairman.
 - The annual finance audit will be conducted by Al Ptaszik.
- Under New Business – From the monthly District Zoom meeting between base commanders and the district Commander the Hampton Roads Base talked about the annual Christmas Party they hold each year. This is a 3 day event held in Virginia Beach and the second weekend in December, more info to follow.
- No additional Business
- Base Commander John Williams read the Submariner Benediction after which a motion was made to

adjourn, motion seconded and approved.

The traditional sounding of three blasts from the Diving Alarm and a joyful “SURFACE, SURFACE, SURFACE” sounded from all in attendance.

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The meeting was adjourned.