

**USS Virginia Base  
Meeting Minutes for the Month of May 2022  
On 05/14/2022**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 10 members and 8 guests were present. Three members were on Zoom..
- The 50/50 raffle was won by John Williams (\$33), John donated his share back to the Base. The Base share was \$34.
- In attendance, prospective member Andy Powell
- 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.
    - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for May
      - 4 Boats lost with the loss of 211 Souls
        - USS Lagarto (SS-371) 05/03/1944 All hands 86 crewmen
        - USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 05/22/1963 All hands 99 crewmen
        - USS Squalus (SS-192) 05/23/1939 26 Crewmen
        - USS Stickleback (SS-415) 05/28/1958 No loss of life
      - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
      - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
- A member Bio was given by all in attendance and on Zoom
- Binnacle List
  - Tom Caffee
  - John Lamsens
  - Doug Blaha
  - Kenn McDermott
  - Al Ptasznik
- Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Herby Ortiz was sworn in as Vice Commander
- Member Marlin P Boyle, he had recently transferred from the Hampton Roads Base. Departed for Eternal Patrol on April 15, 2022. A memorial service will be held on May 19, 2022 at the Bennett Funeral home on Ashlake Parkway, Chesterfield, VA. Internment will follow at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, VA. at 1400.
- Base Commander updated the members on the status of the USSVI and the USS Virginia Base web sites.
- Bill Anderson reminded the member of the Field of the Past, which will be held on September 16, 17 & 18, 2022.
- Base Commander John Williams read the Submariner Benediction after which a motion was made to adjourn, motion seconded and approved. 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  
Bill Anderson  
Base Secretary