

USS Virginia Base

Meeting Minutes for the Month of January 2026

On 01/10/2026

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 9 members and 1 guest were present. 2 members were on Zoom.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Tad Hamilton. Ted donated winnings back to base. Total to base \$50.00.
- The Pete's wife was asked to stay for the meeting.
- 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
 - 5 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 – Three but no one present – Mickey Won.
- Binnacle List
 - Chris- Back surgery
- Secretary and Treasurer were unable to attend meeting. Secretary's report was not presented however the Base Commander read the Treasurer's report.
- Member chairman Joe Rodrigues reported all members have paid their dues for 2026.
- Under Old/New Business
 - Nomination of base officers – Pete Fortier presented list and asked for any nominations from the floor. Non-received, Nominations were closed and seconded.
 - The following individuals were nominated:
 - John Williams – Base Commander
 - Vince Eikmeier – Vice Commander
 - Al Ptaszniak – Base Secretary
 - Chris Knaggs – Base Treasurer
 - A motion was made and seconded to except the nominees. Nominees were unanimously excepted not descending votes.

- Pete swore in the Base Commander – John Williams and Vice Commander – Vince Eikmeier.
 - The Secretary and Treasurer were not present and will be sworn in at the next meeting.
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- 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 at approximately 13:45.