

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of May 2026
On 05/08/2026

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 09 members and 03 guests were present no members was on Zoom..
- No 50/50 raffle as Al was not present.
- 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.
- The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams
 - 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 Texas Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
 - Birthdays - Mickey wins, No members presents though this was USSVI's birthday.
 - No Secretary Report. Al not present, Chris Knaggs taking notes.
 - Treasurer's report: \$3976 in the account, but John Williams is owed some \$1300 for the 5 year website renewal. That will be paid this week.
 - Discussion of the length of time Secretary and Treasurer's notes should be kept. USSVI policy is 7 years for Treasurer. The Commander noted that Secretary's notes are put up on the base's website.
 - John got on-line and demonstrated the new USSVI website. He pointed out a few glitches, but the overwhelming reaction of members was positive.
 - Ted Hamilton reported presenting awards for The Navy League to members of North Carolina NROTC units. This was the first year he presented awards to female members two of which are going to submarine nuke school upon graduation.
 - Discussion and sea stories amongst members about habitability on old and new submarines.
- 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 at 1400.

Respectfully Submitted: XXXX Base Secretary