

**USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2016
On 4/9/2016**

- Meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
 - Ziti, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 13members and 9 guest were present
- Steve Bishop won the 50/50 raffle and received \$40.00 and the Base received \$39.00. Steve donated his winnings back to the Base.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott handed out book marks, GE Nuclear Submarine mini posters and cozies.
- Author Rick Campbell donated a copy of his book Empire Rising, which was auctioned off by Al Ptasznik. Sandi Anderson gave \$30 for the book.
- The ladies were excused.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott called the meeting to order with the traditional sounding two blast from the Diving Alarm and a good hearty "DIVE, DIVE" from all those in attendance. And word of prayer.
- Opening ceremony was lead by Base Commander Kenn McDermott, Vice Commander Pete Fortier and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Reading of the USSVI Creed
 - Tolling of the Boats for April
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 366 Souls
 - USS Pickerel (SS-177) 4/3/1943 All hands 74 crewmen
 - USS Snook (SS-279) 4/8/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
 - USS Thresher (SSN-593) 4/10/1963 All hands 112 crewmen & 17 Civilian Technicians
 - USS Gudgeon (SS-211) 4/18/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
 - USS Grenadier (SS-210) 4/22/1943 No immediate loss of life
 - Birthdays for the Month of April
 - Mickey Loses
- A short US Navy Submarine video was presented.
- John Leonard was out of Rehab.
- Pat Rodger's wife passed on 3/28/2016. Our condolence were given
- John Mosticone has resigned as editor of the newsletter, due to work requirements.
- The July monthly meeting will be held at the Virginia War Memorial which will include the USSVI flag dedication.
- The August monthly meeting will be held at the Tenaska Power Plant
- Treasurer's Report was read and approved
- Secretary's Report was read and approved
- Guest John Herber gave a presentation on the Fleet Reserve Association.
- Guest Steve Bishop gave a presentation on Kaps 4 Kids
- Jim Lencalis gave a presentation on K9's for Warriors and a motion was made, second and passed to donate \$100.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1430

Respectfully

Bill Anderson
Base Secretary