## USS Virginia Base Meeting Minutes for the Month of February 2019 On 02/10/2019

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Ziti with meat sauce & sausage, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 19 members and 8 guests were present
- Chuck Curry won the 50/50 raffle and received \$50.00, the Base received \$50.00.
- Base Commander Kenn McDermott 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.
  - Kenn offered the invocation.
  - The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander Ken McDermott, Base Vise Commander Chuck Curry and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger.
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for February
      - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 373 Souls
        - USS Barbel (SS-316) 02/04/1945 All hands 81 crewmen
           USS Shark (SS-174) 02/11/1942 All hands 59 crewmen
           USS Amberjack (SS-219) 02/16/1943 All hands 72 crewmen
           USS Grayback (SS-208) 02/26/1944 All hands 80 crewmen

02/29/1944

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- The video God Bless the USA was shown
- February Birthdays Mickey Loses

• USS Trout (SS-202)

- Kenn McDermott presented new members Roger Gossman and Vince Eikmeier.
- Kenn McDermott gave presentation on the Navy Submarine League.
- Several members told some very educational sea stories.
- Kenn McDermott 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 1430

Respectfully Bill Anderson Base Secretary		