

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of November 2019**  
**On 11/09/2019**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Spaghetti, pizza and salad were on the buffet menu
- 14 members and 7 guests were present
- Sandi Anderson won the 50/50 raffle and received \$49.00, the Base received \$48.00.
- Chuck & Sharon presented cake & flowers to Kenn McDermott in honor of his retirement as Base Commander.
- The Ladies were excused.
- 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 November
      - 5 Boats lost wit the loss of 379 Souls
        - USS Albacore (SS-218) 11/07/1944 All hands 85 crewmen
        - USS Growler (SS-215) 11/08/1944 All hands 86 crewmen
        - USS Scamp (SS-277) 11/16/1944 All hands 83 crewmen
        - USS Corvina (SS-226) 11/16/1943 All hands 82 crewmen
        - USS Sculpin (SS-191) 11/19/1943 43 Crewman
      - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
  - Thurman Register discussed the problems with no Base Commander.
  - Herby Ortiz nominated himself as Base Commander, Seconds were made, a vote was taken and pasted. He did state that he would miss the December Meeting.
  - 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