USS Virginia Base October 2021
On 10/02/2021

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- We purchased the meal from Mission BBQ
- 15 members and 12 guests were present.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Al Ptasznik ($38) the Base share was $39.
- 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, Base Secretary Bill Anderson and Base Storekeeper Bob Kutzenberger.
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for October
      - 9 Boats lost with the loss of 563 Souls
        - USS Seawolf (SS-197)   10/03/1944   All hands 83 crewmen & 17 US Army troops
        - USS S-44 (SS-155)   10/07/1943   56 crewmen
        - USS Wahoo (SS-238)   10/11/1943   All hands 80 crewmen
        - USS Dorado (SS-248)   10/12/1943   All hands 77 crewmen
        - USS Escolar (SS294)   10/17/1944   All hands 82 crewmen
        - USS Shark (SS-314)   10/24/1944   All hands 87 crewmen
        - USS Darter (SS-227)   10/24/1944   No loss of life
        - USS Tang (SS-306)   10/25/1944   78 crewmen
        - USS O-5 (SS-66)   10/29/1923   3 crewmen
    - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
- Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.
- Base Secretary Bill Anderson reported the activates at the Field Day of the Past. The following member stood watches:
  - Bob Kutzenberger
  - John Williams
  - Al Stafford
  - Pete & Jan Fortier
  - Rec & Gilda Stanbery
- Rec Standbery reminded the member about Christmas Shoe Boxes
- Mission BBQ gave the Base a gift basket which was auctioned off. Sandi Anderson had the wsinning bid of $100.
- 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 1340

Respectfully
Bill Anderson
Base Secretary