

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of July 2022**  
**On 07/08/2022**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 10 members and 3 guests were present 4 members were on Zoom.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Al Ptasznik (\$33).. The Base share was \$34.
- 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 and Base Secretary Bill Anderson as the Bell tapper.
    - Base Commander John Williams offered the invocation.
    - Reading of the USSVI Creed
    - Pledge of Allegiance
    - Tolling of the Lost Boats for July -
      - 3 Boats lost with the loss of 200 Souls
        - USS S-28 (SS-133) 07/4/1944 All hands 49 crewmen
        - USS Robalo (SS-273) 07/26/1944 81 crewmen
        - USS Grunion (SS-21) 07/30/1942 All hands 70 crewmen
    - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
    - Birthdays - Mickey Loses.
    - Binnacle List
      - Tom Caffee
      - John Lamsens
      - Doug Blaha
      - Kenn McDermott
- Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- John Williams informed the membership that the USSVI National Web site address is [ussubvets.org](http://ussubvets.org)
- Bill Anderson asked for volunteers for Field Day of the Past. Which is the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of September, with the 15<sup>th</sup> as a work day to setup the tent and display framework.
- 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

Respectfully Submitted: William C Anderson, Base Secretary