

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of March 2023
On 03/12/2023

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 15 members and 3 guests were present 1 member was on Zoom..
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Al Stafford (\$37), which he donated back to the Base. The Base share was \$38.
- 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 March -
 - 8 Boats lost with the loss of 425 Souls
 - USS Perch (SS-176) 03/03/1942 No immediate loss of life
 - USS Grampus (SS-207) 03/05/1943 All hands 71 crewmen
 - USS H-1 (SS-28) 03/12/1920 4 Crewmen
 - USS Triton (SS-201) 03/15/1943 All hands 74 crewmen
 - USS Kete (SS-369) 03/20/1945 All hands 87 crewmen
 - USS F-4 (SS-23) 03/25/1915 All hands 21 crewmen
 - USS Tullibee (SS-284) 03/26/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
 - USS Trigger (SS-237) 03/26/1945 All hands 89 crewmen
 - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
 - Birthdays - Mickey Loses
 - Binnacle List
 - Tom Caffee
 - John Lamsens
 - Doug Blaha
 - Kenn McDermott
 - New member
 - Tony Powell
- Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Al Stafford was inducted into the Holland
- John Williams spoke about the USSVI Dues changes, the National web site and North Carolina Sub Vets events
- Mrs. Boyle, donated Martin's (who left on eternal patrol on April 15, 2022) library of Submarine books
- 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