

**USS Virginia Base**  
**Meeting Minutes for the Month of April 2023**  
**On 04/08/2023**

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 13 members and 2 guests were present
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Sandi Anderson (\$32), the Base share was \$33.
- The Ladies were excused. But stayed.
- Base Vice Commander Herby Ortiz 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 Vice Commander Herby Ortiz 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 April -
      - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 366 Souls
        - USS Pickrel (SS-177) 04/03/1943 All hands 74 crewmen
        - USS Snook (SS-279) 04/08/1945 All hands 84 crewmen
        - USS Thresher (SSN-593) 04/10/1963 All hands 112 crewmen & 17 Civilian Technicians
        - USS Gudgeon (SS-211) 04/18/1944 All hands 79 crewmen
        - USS Grenadier (SS-210) 04/22/1943 No immediate loss of life
    - 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 report was read.
- Bill Anderson brought up Field Day of the Past, which will be held in Amelia County on US 360. The cost for the 20'x20' space is \$150 plus \$100 for tickets. A motion was made and seconded, the motion passed. Bill also show a display frame with US Submarine rocker patches and is asking the members for donations for this display and two or three others he plans for the future
- Chris Knaggs gave a presentation on foreign nuke submarines
- Base Vice Commander Herby Ortiz 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