

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of September 2023
On 09/08/2023

- 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 3 members were on Zoom.
- The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Al Stafford, who received \$38 and the Base received \$36.
- 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 September
5 Boats lost with the loss of 262 Souls
 - USS S-5 (SS-110) 09/01/1920 No loss of life
 - USS Grayling (SS-209) 09/09/1943 All hands 76 crewmen
 - USS Pompano (SS-181) ~09/25/1943 All hands 77 crewmen
 - USS S-51 (SS-162) 09/25/1925 33 crewmen
 - USS Cisco (SS-290) 09/28/1943 All hands 76 crewmen
 - Music video The Three Tenors singing "God Bless the USA".
 - Birthdays - Mickey Lost
 - Binnacle List
 - Tom Caffee
 - John Lamsens
 - Doug Blaha
 - Kenn McDermott
 - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
- Rec Stanbery gave a presentation on Christmas Mother Shoe Box drive, and asked if the member would fill a box.
- Bill Anderson reminded the attendees about the Field of the Past this September.
- Jim Lencalis informed us that Kaps for Kids is still a no go.
- John Williams reminded the attendees that the picnic will again be held at Al & Maryann Ptasznik's home on Lake Anna on 10/07/2023. The Base has Mission BBQ to supply the meal at about 14.95 per person.
- 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