

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of November 2023
On 11/11/2023

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 12 members and 3 guests were present and 2 on Zoom.
- The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Joe Rodrigues, who received \$42 and the Base received \$43.
- 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 November -
 - 5 Boats lost with the loss of 379 Souls
 - USS Albacore (SS-218) 11/07/1944 All hands 85 crewmen
 - USS Growler (SS-215) 11/08/1944 All hands 86 crewmen
 - USS Scamp (SS-277) 11/16/1944 All hands 83 crewmen
 - USS Corvina (SS-226) 11/16/1943 All hands 82 crewmen
 - USS Sculpin (SS-191) 11/19/1943 43 Crewman
 - 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 report was read.
- John Williams reported that National is having problems with their eMail system.
- Jim Lencalis stated that Kaps for Kids is still DOA.
- Vince Eikmeier attended Ashland's Veterans ceremony at the Library. Vince was in his uniform. Oogaaa!!
- 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