

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of July 2026
On 07/11/2026

- 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 5 guests were present 2 members were on Zoom.
- The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Al Ptaszniak, who received \$32 and the Base received \$33.
- 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 at 1312.
 - The opening ceremony was led by Base Commander John Williams
 - 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: Essley, Vince, Stedman - Mickey Lost
 - Binnacle List
 - No new word on Doug Blaha
 - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read. We now have @ \$2400 in bank – Bank statement not received yet.
 - We need to consider cost of upcoming picnic.
- .No new report on the War Memorial News.
- Membership – next month dues letters will go out.
- USSVI – Site forwarded names to join Virginia Base. Don't forget to vote for national officers. Check out our base site for info on voting.
- Al gave a latest Sub Book Report – Deep Strike with just enough to encourage reading and current Dave Campbell Bin Laudin Plot start. Only one more after that in series.
- Showed a video of TedHamilton USS OMAHA SSBN 6__
- 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 1430

Respectfully Submitted: Al Ptaszniak, Base Secretary