

USS Virginia Base
Meeting Minutes for the Month of March XXXX
On 03/14/2026

- The meeting was held at Anna's Restaurant & Pizzeria
- Due to our low in-person attendance, Anna's has us ordering off the menu.
- 8 members and 3 guests were present 3 members were on Zoom..
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe Rodrigues \$37 for base and \$36 for Joe.
- 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
 - - 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 Looses as Al Ptasznik was present and he brought "birthday brownies" to share.
 - Binnacle List
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 - New member
 - Treasurer's and Secretary's report were read.
 - Almost \$4000 in treasury.
 - Had report on subs in action during Iran war.
 - We voted to pay bill to keep website up and running for 5 years - \$1075.
 - Reported on a new Base activation in VA.
 - USSVI convention in Corpus Christi this year
 - New USSVI web site will be up at end of March.
 - Report on the Caps 4 Kids is currently on hold.
 - Al gave a report on current book he is encouraging all to get and read, a Sub adventure "Trident Deception".
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 - 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

