

**USS BONEFISH BASE
(SS) 223 & (SS) 582
Redlands, California
January 24, 2009**

OUR CREED:

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution."

1200 Hours:

Commander Michael Williamson convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base by leading the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of January:

USS SCORPION (SS 278)	USS SWORDFISH (SS 193)
USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)	USS ARGONAUT (SS 166)
USS S-34 (SS 139)	USS E-2 (SS 27)
USS S-36 (SS 141)	USS S-26 (SS 131)

Introduction:

Commander Williamson requested that all shipmates present introduce themselves and indicate the boats they had served on.

Minutes:

Secretary Izar Martinez was not present at the December meeting and, therefore, no minutes were taken. Commander Williamson briefly reviewed the proceedings of the joint meeting held with the Trieste Base at the Roncador site.

Jacques Abels **moved** approval of the December 21, 2008 minutes as presented. Robert Cox **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report:

Due to illness, Base Treasurer Frank Campbell, was unable to attend the meeting. Commander Williamson informed shipmates present that he had reviewed the financial statement for the current period and found no irregularities.

Committee Reports:

Membership: The membership committee reported that one Associate member, William Anderson, had joined the Base. It was suggested that one way to identify potential members was to place an Ad in the local Newspaper. Robert Cox volunteered to take on this assignment.

Old Business:

Commander Williamson made a brief presentation relative to the joint meeting with the Trieste Base and the tour of the USS Helena (SSN 725). He noted that all who toured the Los Angeles-class submarine were most favorably impressed.

New Business:

Shipmates John Raplee and John Meyer were inducted into the Holland Club. John Raplee was presented his certificate, patch, and certificate. John Meyer's credentials have not arrived but will be presented to him at a later date. All shipmates present congratulated John Raplee and John Meyer on being qualified submariners for 50 years. .

Commander Williamson informed shipmates present that Johnny Meyer's daughter had inquired about the procedures to purchase a life membership for her father. After some conversations and discussions it was agreed that members of the base would contribute the necessary membership fees. The membership has been purchased and Johnny's daughter intends to attend a future meeting of the Base to thank everyone in person.

Program:

Shipmate Jacques Abels who made seven war patrols, six successful, during World War II shared his experiences with the group. The presentation was most interesting and particularly the fact that he remembers dates and events so clearly. Shipmates would like to hear some more of his experiences at a later date.

Nominating Committee:

Commander Williamson reminded the group that it was time to nominate Base officers. A Nominating committee will be appointed at the February meeting to begin the process of identifying Base officers for the next year.

Good of the Order:

Shipmates present were reminded of the dates of the Submarine Veterans Convention to be held in San Diego on September 8-12, 2009. Hotels are filling up quickly and those interested in attending should send in their reservations as soon as possible. The International Submariners Association will also be meeting in conjunction with USSVI. Membership in the International Association is a modest \$10.00.

Scamp and Trieste Bases are in the process of planning and making arrangements to build a float. Anyone from Bonfish Base interested in participating, please inform Commander Williamson.

Johnny Meyer expressed a most sincere expression of thanks and gratitude for their participation in making sure that he obtained his life membership in USSVI.

Sailing List:

Jacques Abel
Gerald Cornelison
John Meyer
Everett Noyes
Bob Shives

Robert Cox
Izar Martinez
Donald Noyes
John Raplee
Michael Williamson

Meeting Dates:

The Bonefish (SS)-223/(SS) 582 meets at 1200 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month. The meetings are held at the American Legion Post 106, 820 West State Street, Redlands, California.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. Commander Williamson adjourned the Bonefish Base meeting at 12:50 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Izar A. Martinez
Secretary