

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**February 27, 2021**

## **OUR CREED:**

Our organization's purpose is "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.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. We support a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

## **0900 Hours:**

At the sound of the klaxon, Commander Gene Adams convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base via ZOOM. Commander Adams read our creed. Michael Williamson led members present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Frank Campbell gave the opening prayer.

## **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of February.

### **USS Barbel (SS-316)**

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.

### **USS Shark I (SS-174))**

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. Shark was the 1<sup>st</sup> US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.

### **USS Amberjack (SS-219)**

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3<sup>rd</sup> war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a sub chaser.

### **USS Grayback (SS-208)**

Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sunk 4 ships totaling 21,514 tons and was tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in the number of ships sunk.

### **USS Trout (SS-202)**

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February.

### **Member Introductions:**

Commander Adams provided the opportunity for all Bonefish Base members present to introduce themselves and note the Submarine and year on which they had qualified.

### **Minutes:**

Commander Adams informed members present that the Bonefish Base meeting minutes of February 22, 2020 had been posted on the website and the Secretary would forward copies to anyone wishing to review them. Frank Campbell **Moved** approval of the February 22, 2020 minutes as posted. Gerald Cornelison **Seconded** the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved...**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes informed members present that there had been no expenditures incurred and no income had been received since the February 22, 2020 meeting. At the end of the 2020 fiscal year, December 31, 2020, the balance in the treasury was \$3,818.03. This is the figure that was reported to the USSVI National in the End of the Year Report.

### **Binnacle List:**

Prior to announcing the Binnacle list Izar Martinez announced that shipmate Dennis Fuqua had embarked on Eternal Patrol during the month of January 2021.

Alice Ables  
Allan Kilpatrick  
Jan Noyes

**Old Business:**

Commander Adams informed shipmates present that the Bonefish float had been stored at the American Legion Post in Corona. Unfortunately, the space available would only accommodate the float. The trailer has been stored at Bill Hawkins’ residence.

**New Business:**

Commander Adams informed shipmates present that there was no new business to conduct.

**Program:**

This being the first meeting conducted via ZOOM, no program was planned. However, Senior Vice Commander Frank Campbell informed shipmates present that he has already begun the process of making arrangements to have a program at the next meeting to be conducted via ZOOM.

**Presentation of Awards:**

Commander Adams announced that the following Bonefish members were eligible to receive the following awards.

**Five Year Bonefish Base Membership Pin:**

Gene Adams  
Chuck Orman  
Jay Sullivan

**Holland Club**

Bill Hawkins  
Bob Schieve

With the exception of Commander Adams, none of the other members were present at the meeting. Their awards will be made at a subsequent meeting.

**Good of the Order:**

Michael Williamson informed shipmates present that the date for the USSVI National Convention was August 30, 2021 and will be held in Orlando Florida. The Western Regional Round-up is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Reno Nevada.

**Sailing List:**

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Gene Adams	Joe Canchola	Everett Noyes
John Beckett	Gerald Cornelison	George Riolo
Daryl Brock	<i>Izar Martinez</i>	Dan Rowland
Frank Campbell;;	Dave Norton	Michael Williamson
<b>Associate Members</b>		

<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Ray Ferbrache	Felix Giles	

***Adjournment:***

Commander Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Izar A. Martinez  
Secretary Pro Tem

**Meeting Dates:**

The Bonfish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) met at 11:30 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month prior to the Pandemic. Currently the plan is to hold meetings via ZOOM and the Commander will announce the date and time of future meetings.