

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

February 22, 2020

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."

1200 Hours:

At the sound of the klaxon, Commander Daryl Brock convened the meeting of the Bonefish Base. Dave Norton, Jay Sullivan, and Karl Waterman read our creed. Fred Tredy led members present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Daryl Brock 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 4th 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 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st 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 3rd 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 10th 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 11th 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 11th 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.

Guest/Member Introductions:

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

Swearing In of Bonefish Officers:

Western District Six Commander Michael Williamson administered the oath of office to the following:

Bonefish Base Commander:	Gene Adams
Senior Vice Commander:	Frank Campbell
Junior Vice Commander:	Dan Rowland
Treasurer:	Everett Noyes
eBoard Member at Large:	Chuck Orman

Secretary Elect Bill Hawkins was unable to attend the meeting because of illness and will be sworn in at a later date.

Minutes:

Commander Adams informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of January 25, 2020 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Hearing no concerns relative to additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Adams declared the January 25, 2020 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes presented the Treasurer's report for the months of January 2020:

Beginning Balance: **\$ 3,925.39**

Expenses:

National dues for B. Hawkins, T. Marts, and J. Sullivan	75.00
Ship Stores (pins, rockers, rockers- B. Schive	74.59
Opportunity Drawing - J. Noyes	15.00
San Diego Base for Calendars	140.00
Holland Club Donation	50.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 354.59**

Income:

National Dues	75.00
Base Dues	30.00
Opportunity Drawing	30.00
Sores: Hats, Pins, Patches	30.00
Calendars	180.00
Donations	10.00

Total Income: **\$ 355.00**

Ending Balance –January 31, 2020 **\$ 3,925.80**

Daryl Brock **moved** and Don Michael Williamson **seconded** the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Binnacle List:

Prior to announcing the Binnacle list Daryl Brock announced that shipmate David Clark had embarked on Eternal Patrol On February 19, 2020. Funeral arrangements are pending.

- Alice Ables
- Dennis Fuqua
- Allan Kilpatrick
- Bill Hawkins

Old Business:

Commander Adams informed shipmates present that the issue of storage space for Bonefish has not been resolved. Flabob denied the request to have a container placed on their property. The search for a place to locate the container continues.

New Business:

Past Commander Daryl Brock presented Longevity Awards to Dave Norton (5-years) and Karl Waterman (10 years).

Commander Adams reminded Bonefish members present of the Martin Luther King Remembers scheduled for March 6, 2020 from 8:00 AM to Noon.

Program:

Daryl Brock made a comprehensive presentation relative to the dates and activities at both the Western Region Round-Up (March 23-27) and the Submarine Veterans National Convention (August 24-30) in Tucson, Arizona. The consensus of members present was in favor of taking Bonefish for display at the National Convention. Bob Schive has volunteered to take Bonefish to Tucson.

Good of the Order:

Izar Martinez proposed the following resolution:

That Bonefish Base extends a most sincere expression of thanks and gratitude to Daryl Brock for his excellent leadership, hard work, and dedication to Bonefish Base during his tenure as Commander.

The resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically approved.

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Dave Norton	Jay Sullivan
Daryl Brock	Everett Noyes	Fred Tredy
Frank Campbell	Chuck Orman	Karl Waterman
Joe Canchola	George Riolo	Michael Williamson
Izar Martinez	Dan Roland	
<i>Associate Members</i>		
Marti Noyes		
<i>Honored Guests</i>		
Josephine Orman	Judi Tredy	

Adjournment:

Commander Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM. Shipmates in attendance subsequently enjoyed lunch together.

Respectfully submitted,

Izar A. Martinez
Secretary

Meeting Dates:

The Bonefish Base (SS-223)/(SS-582) meets at 11:30 hours on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently meetings are being held at The Zacatecas Café, 3767 Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California.