

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

March 23, 2019

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, Dan Rowland, and Michael Williamson read our creed. Gene Adams was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of March.

USS Perch (SS-176)

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life while on her 1st war patrol. She survived 2 sever depth charges in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.

USS Grampus (SS-207)

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men on her 6th war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.

USS H-1 (SS-28)

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after

grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island off the coast of Baja California.

USS Triton (SS201)

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1st boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, one submarine and a destroyer.

USS Kete (SS-369)

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2nd war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

USS F-4 (SS-23)

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised on August 1915.

USS Tullibee (SS-284)

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

USS Trigger (SS-237)

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12th war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7th in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8th in the number of ships sunk.

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 when they had qualified.

Minutes:

Commander Brock informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of February 23, 2019 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 Brock declared the February 23, 2019 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the following report for the Month ending February 28, 2019.

Beginning Balance:

\$ 3,470.18

Expenses:

National dues for D. Norton	\$ 25.00
Opportunity G. Hill	12.00
Guest Lunches	32.00

Total Expenses: \$ **69.00**

Income:

National Dues	\$ 25.00
Base dues	10.00
Opportunity Drawing	35.00

Income Total: **70.00**

Ending Balance –January 31, 2019 **\$ 3,471.18**

Commander Brock opened the floor for comments and/or concerns related to the Treasurer’s Report. Don Noyes **moved** approval of the Treasurers’ report for the month ending February 28, 2019 as presented. Michael Williamson **seconded** the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Binnacle List:

- Alice Abels
- Joe Canchola
- Dennis Fuqua
- Harold Hoyt
- Allan Kilpatrick
- Mike Williamson

Awards/Presentations/Recognitions:

Commander Brock presented Tim Marts with his USSVI five (5) year longevity pin.

Old Business:

Commander Brock informed members present that he had received a call from Dolphin Base informing him that the Northrop Grumman museum located in San Jose was willing to store and display Seawolf. Dolphin Base is now willing to negotiate the purchase of Seawolf. Commander Brock suggested that the sale price be set at \$750 but if need be no lower than \$700. He will also try to negotiate the delivery of the float in Riverside as opposed to San Jose. Dan Rowland **moved** that Commander Brock be authorized to negotiate the sale of Seawolf for \$750 but not less than \$700. Dan Noyes **seconded** the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Commander Brock reiterated his request for a Bonefish member to assume the role of Base Photographer and another member to coordinate the Base activities with the KapSS4KidSS Program.

New Business:

Commander Brock informed the membership of the following scheduled activities.

Rancho Remembers – April 25, 2019

Eagle Scout of Honor – March 30, 2019 in Rialto

Submarine BDay Ball – April 13, 2019

USSVI National Convention 2019 – Austin, Texas August 14-20, 2019

Western Region Roundup – March 26-29, 2019, Laughlin, Nevada

Program:

Commander Brock introduced Tony Ramirez and Beverly Newsom representatives from the Riverside National Cemetery. Mr. Ramirez started his presentation by noting that the Riverside National Cemetery (RNC) has now become the largest of all National cemeteries. Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Newsom delineated the procedures to be followed when making arrangements for burial at RNC. They also spent considerable time informing and explaining to Bonefish members the numerous services provided by the staff of RNCF. The presentation was informative and well received by all members present.

Good of the Order:

Scott Scholl, Larry Leighton, and Wayne Shane were in attendance representing The Veterans Advocacy Unit. Scott Scholl made a brief presentation focusing on the purpose and the services provided by The Veterans Advocacy Unit. The Unit provides veterans with assistance in navigating the VA Health Care System and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Unit also provides veterans with assistance relative to homeless referrals, food and shelter referrals, and transportation assistance.

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Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Dave Norton	Dan Rowland
Daryl Brock	Don Noyes	Jay Sullivan
Frank Campbell	Everett Noyes	Karl Waterman
Izar Martinez	Chuck Orman	Michael Williamson
Tim Martz	George Riolo	
<i>Associate Members</i>		
Jan Noyes		
<i>Honored Guests</i>		
Larry Leighton	Tony Ramirez	Scott Scholl
Beverly Newsom	Wayne Shane	

Adjournment:

Commander Brock adjourned the meeting at 1:00 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.