

**BONEFISH BASE
22APR2023
GENERAL MEETING/POT LUCK
ADAMS FAMILY RESIDENCE
Canyon Lake California**

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**Plan of the Day (In Port)
Minutes**

Sunrise: 0611Hrs

Sunset: 1926Hrs

Sailing List: Gene Adams, Everett Noyes, Dan Rowland, Bill Hawkins, Gerald Comelison, Rocky Rockers, Fred Tredy, Karl Waterman, Michael Bircumshaw, Plus guests: (Five)

1235Hrs: Meeting called to order by Bonefish Base Commander, Gene Adams.

- **“The Pledge of Allegiance” All stood. Those covered “Hand Salute” those uncovered “Right Hand over Heart” *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All”***
- **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 service 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 the 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 lifestyles we enjoy today.

- **Reading of the Prayer: All Stood with heads down as Prayer was cited. Amen**

- United States Submarines Lost in the month of April.
 1. USS PICKEREL (SS177) lost 03APR1943 with 74 souls
 2. USS GRENADIER (SS210) lost 22APR1943 with 4 souls
 3. USS GUDGEON (SS211) lost 18APR1944 with 79 souls
 4. USS SNOOK (SS279) lost 09APRIL1945 with 84 souls
 5. USS THRESHER (SSN593) lost 10APR1963 with 129 souls

Binnacle List:

Howard Hoyt
 Don Noyes
 Jan Noyes
 Brick Noyes
 Marty Noyes
 Chuck Orman
 Bob Shive
 Lyn Shive
 Mike Williamson

OLD BUSINESS

- **March Minutes. Accepted**
- **Treasures Report: Accepted**
- **Martin Luther King High School veterans' event went well with good participation.**
- **The Rancho High School event seemed light on Submarine Veterans and more effort from Bonfish Base next year would be greatly appreciated.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **The 4th of July Huntington Beach Parade this year was discussed briefly. We are still in the planning stages and the Bonfish Base members will be advised when more information is obtained.**

Guest Speaker: Mike Bircumshaw spoke to the members and their families about the Asbestos medical situation a large number of present and previous submariners are and have experienced.

Mike pointed out that we should never try and deal with the Veterans Administration by ourselves. We need a third party with the knowledge on how to deal with them to advocate for us. He urged us to get a test. He advised our group that 343 out of 500 people that tested in one group tested positive for it. He furthered that the disease can only be slowed and that this has no cure. He can and he wishes to be contacted at 951-775-4549. If he does not pick up leave him a message on how he can contact you. He stressed that most people don't know that they have it. VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Adjourn to the POT-LUCK