

BONEFISH BASE
23APR2022
General Bonefish Base Meeting
“All Rise”

Sunrise: 0609hrs

Sunset: 1927hrs

Plan of the Day (Minutes)
In Port
Zacateca’s Café

SAILING LIST: Gene Adams, Daryl Brock, Brick Noyes, Dan Rowland, Jay B. Sullivan, William Hawkins, Frank Campbell, Izar Martinez, Chuck Orman, G.M. Riola,
Plus one guest: Rita Hawkins

1205hrs: Meeting Called to Order.
Our Creed:

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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.”

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood at attention and cited it while facing the American Flag.

Reading of the Prayer

Binnacle List: Warren Branges, Joe Canchola, Howard Hoyt, Jan Noyes

Introduction of Members

Treasures Report: Bonefish Base began March with \$4,240.00 and ended with \$4,060.00. \$180.00 more spent then taken in.

Tolling of the Boats: The United States Submarines Lost in the month of April.

- **USS GUDGEON (SS211) was probably lost on April 18th 1944** with the loss of 79 men southeast of Iwo Jima, but may have been sunk on May 12th 1944 by Japanese air and surface ship action. An attack was heard by several other submarines in the area. Winner of five Presidential Unit Citations. Gudgeon was on her twelfth war patrol. Gudgeon was the first submarine to go on war patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On that first patrol Gudgeon was the first United States submarine to sink a Japanese warship picking of the Japanese submarine I-173.
- **USS GRENADIER (SS210) Lost on April 22nd 1943** near Penang, with no immediate loss of life. She was on her 6th war patrol. While stalking a convoy, she

was spotted by a Japanese warplane forcing her to dive. While passing 130 feet, Grenadier was bombed, causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom at 270 feet and the crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she finally surfaced she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. When enemy ships arrived the captain abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 76 crew captured 72 survived being held prisoner of war.

- **USS PICKEREL (SS177)** Lost on April 3rd 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off of Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP are contained numerous minefields.
- **USS SNOOK (SS279)** Lost on April 8th 1945 with the loss of 84 officers and men. Snook ranks 10th in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9th in the number of ships sunk. She was lost near Hainan Island, possibly sunk by a Japanese submarine.
- **USS THRESHER (SSN593)** Lost on April 20th 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep diving exercises. 15 minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with the USS Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark reported that she had heard noises “**like air rushing into an air tank**” then silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR43) subsequently recovered bits of debris, including gloves and bits of internal insulation. Photographs taken by Trieste proved that the submarine had broken up, taking all hands on board to

their deaths in 1400 fathoms of water some 220 miles east of Boston.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Trieste picnic held on 16APR2022 was attended by two Bonefish Base members and their wives. It was reported to be a fun time for all.
- The Western Regional Round-up will be held next week and all going were urged to make their reservations.
- The National Conference being held in Buffalo, New York. Those members wishing to go should start their planning for it.
- Bonefish Base has a possible problem with dues being paid to National. Gene Adams to check and advise.
- Gene Adams brought up that we need speakers for our meetings and anyone knowing of a person should set them up for one of the Bonefish Base general meetings.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Huntington Beach Parade for the 4th of July 2022 is still on schedule and Bonefish will be part of it. Our

float will be in the parade. It is still in the planning stages. Bill Dillon, is a WWII veteran that was on the USS SEAHORS (SS304). He was serving on Seahorse when it brought down the first Japanese aircraft carrier. This notoriety will likely bring a lot of attention to him and he will be on the Bonefish float.

- The submarine ball being held 07MAY2022 will cost each participant \$75.00 to attend. If you attend the Khaki cocktail party before that will be another \$15.00 each.
- Lunch costs at Zacateca's have gone up from \$16.00 to \$18.00 per meal. This cost includes one meal and one drink and **the tip is included**. The main reason Bonefish Base has had to pay shortages on at least two of our meeting lunches is Zacateca's café adds an automatic tip to the bill.
- The submarine store will be open on 29APR2022 between the hours of 1300hrs and 1900hrs. The address is 12 Panorama, Redlands, Ca. 92374
- Gene Adams introduced Daryl Brock to speak to the Base about an idea he has been working on. He thinks it would be fitting to have a submarine memorial set up at the Riverside Veterans Cemetery. The memorial would be to recognize **all** submariners that have lost their lives while serving their country. Submariners are killed during peace times and should be recognized.

This is in the planning stages and the cemetery will have to be approached to see if it is feasible. If they have issues with it those will have to be addressed as they come up.

The initial plan is to start with a 16'x 4'x 20' granite 'submarine sail' to be set up on land in the cemetery. On that 'sail' would be placed all the names of all the submariners killed in the service of their country.

It was decided that prior to the next Bonefish General Meeting a rough drawing would be introduced. At that point a Bass decision would be made as to going forward or not with this plan.

- It was brought up that Frank McCoy, aka 'Nasty' off the USS CROAKER (SS246) didn't want to be known as "Nasty" any longer. The following meeting he came with "Nasty" embroidered on his new vest.
- The 'Bonefish' base was represented at Rancho Cucamonga High School.

1322 Gene Adams adjourned the meeting.