

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

April 27. 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. Chuck Orman, Fred Tredy, and Karl Waterman read our creed. Mike Williamson 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 April.

USS Pickerel (SS-177)

Lost on April 3, 1943 with the loss of 74 officers and men, while on her 7th war patrol. She was lost off Honshu. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined, but her OP area contained numerous minefields.

USS Snook (SS-279)

Lost on April 8, 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 (SSN-593)

Lost on April 10, 1963 with the loss of 112 crew members and 17 civilian technicians during deep-diving exercises. Fifteen minutes after reaching test depth, she communicated with USS

Skylark that she was having problems. Skylark heard noises “like air rushing into an air tank” – then, silence. Rescue ship Recovery (ASR-43) 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 1,400 fathoms of water, some 220 miles east of Boston.

USS Gudgeon (SS-211)

USS Gudgeon (SS211) was lost on April 18th, 1944 with the loss of 79 men off Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12th war patrol and most likely due to a combined air and surface antisubmarine attack. Gudgeon was the first US submarine to go on patrol from Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. On her first patrol, she became the first US submarine to sink an enemy warship, picking off the submarine I-173.

USS Grenadier (SS-210)

Lost on April 22, 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 plane and dove. While passing 130 feet, the plane dropped a bomb causing severe damage. She was lodged on the bottom at a depth of 270 feet. The crew spent hours fighting fires and flooding. When she surfaced, she had no propulsion and was attacked by another plane. While she shot down the plane, when enemy ships arrived the CO abandoned ship and scuttled the boat. Of the 61 crew members taken prisoners, 57 survived the war.

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 March 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 March 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 March 31, 2019.

Beginning Balance: **\$ 3,471.18**

Expenses:

National dues for T. Martz	\$ 25.00
Guest Lunch	16.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 41.00**

Income:

National Dues	\$ 25.00
Base dues	10.00
Trailer Repair Donation	10.00
Donations	13.00

Income Total: **58.00**

Ending Balance –March 31, 2019 **\$ 3,488.18**

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
Dennis Fuqua
Harold Hoyt
Allan Kilpatrick
Mike Williamson

Old Business:

Commander Brock informed members present that the sale of Seawolf has now been finalized and two members from Dolphin Base will pickup Seawolf on May 9, 2019. The sale price was \$750.

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 that there was no new business to conduct.

Program:

Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell introduced Ray Ferbrache, Commander, United States Navy Retired. Commander Ferbrache is a member of the San Diego USSVI Base and the Naval Submarine League. Utilizing a power point presentation, Commander Ferbrache’s presentation focused not only on the historical development of the Chinese submarine force but also on its current status. A submarine force that is not only growing quite rapidly but one that in the future may create issues for our own submarine force in the Pacific. Commander Ferbrache’s presentation was most informative and well received by all members present.

Good of the Order:

Commander Brock reminded the members present of the USSVI National Convention dates: August 26-29, 2019 in Austin Texas.

Members present were also reminded that at the May meeting tribute will be rendered to our Bonefish shipmates on Eternal Patrol.

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Don Noyes	Fred Tredy
Daryl Brock	Everett Noyes	Karl Waterman
Frank Campbell	Chuck Orman	Michael Williamson
Izar Martinez		
<i>Associate Members</i>		
Jan Noyes	Marti Noyes	
<i>Honored Guests</i>		
Adria Adams	Ray Ferbrache	
Marcia Campbell		

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.