

## **(SS-223) and (SS-582)**

**USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

Redlands California

April 28, 2018

### **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. George Riolo, Bill Hawkins, and Jay Sullivan read Our Creed. Tim Martz 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 7thth 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 10<sup>th</sup> in total Japanese tonnage sunk and is tied for 9<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 1944 with the loss of 79 men off Saipan. Winner of 5 Presidential Unit Citations, Gudgeon was on her 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**On Eternal Patrol:**

Commander Brock informed members present that it was his sad duty to note that shipmate Charles Robert Dunn MR1 (SS) had departed on Eternal Patrol on April 15, 2018. Shipmate Dunn was born on November 16, 1926 and received his Dolphins in 1956 while serving on board USS Queenfish (SS-393). Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell read Charles Robert Dunn’s obituary. Taps were subsequently rendered followed by a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of our departed Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice.

**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.

**Minutes:**

Commander Brock informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of March 24, 2018 had been posted on the website and he had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Hearing no requests for additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the Minutes of March 24, 2018 approved as printed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2018.

**Beginning Balance:** **\$3,485.01**

**Expenses:**

Dave Norton dues ck. #1207 25.00.  
Boat sponsorship:Missouri, Jimmy Carter and Alaska ck. 1208 90.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$ 115.00**

**Income:**

National dues \$ 25.00

Base dues	10.00
Trailer repair donations	39.00
Stores: Hats, Pins, Patches	20.00
Donations	15.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 109.00</b>

**Ending Balance –February 28, 2018** **\$ 3,479.01**

Hearing no requests for additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the Treasurer’s report for the month of March 2018 approved as presented by the Treasurer.

**Binnacle List:**

Dennis Fuqua  
Howard Hoyt  
Allan Kilpatrick

**Old Business:**

Commander Brock reminded shipmates present of the Thresher letter relative to the memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

**New Business:**

Commander Brock reminded Bonefish members present of the following events:

**USSVI Convention Cruise:** 21-28 October 2018

**Huntington Beach July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Huntington Beach

**Submarine Ball and Picnic:** WD6 Commander Michael Williamson reminded members present of the 2018 Annual SubVets Family Picnic. The event will take place at Smuggler’s Cove on Point Loma Naval Base on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1630. Submarine tours are planned for 1000 and 1300. Individuals planning to attend and also go on the boat tours should submit their requests by no later than Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> by email to [sdsubvets@gmail.com](mailto:sdsubvets@gmail.com)

**Program:**

Commander Brock gave a brief synopsis of the 10 year history of the Bonefish Base activities. He subsequently invited members present to offer their insights on the activities and/or events that transpired during the past ten years.

**Good of the Order:**

Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell **moved** and Don Noyes **seconded** the motion to have the Bonefish Base pay the USSVI life membership for member Dan Roland in the amount of \$300. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Sailing List:**

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Dan Noyes	George Riolo
Daryl Brock	Everett Noyes	Jay Sullivan

Frank Campbell	Columba O’Gorman	Michael Williamson
Tim Martz	Chuck Orman	
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Jan Noyes	Shiirley Williamson	
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Marcia Campbell		

***Adjournment:***

Commander Brock 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.**