

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**May 25, 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. Rocky Rockers, Dan Rowland, and Fred Tredy, read Our Creed. Ed Bailey, Trieste Base Commander, was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

## **MIA Service:**

Bonefish Base chaplain Don Noyes conducted the service in remembrance of the Missing in Action United States Military service men.

## **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of May:

### **USS Lagarto (SS-371)**

Lagarto Lost on May 3, 1945 with the loss of 86 men near the Gulf of Siam. On her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol, she is believed to have been lost to a radar equipped minelayer. This minelayer was sunk by the USS Hawkbill (SS-366) two weeks later.

### **USS Scorpion (SSN-589)**

USS Scorpion (SS-589) was returning to Norfolk, VA from a Mediterranean deployment. On May 22, 1968 she reported her position to be about 50 miles south of the Azores. Scorpion was never heard from again. The exact cause of her loss has never been determined. Ninety nine officers and men were lost.

### **USS Squalus (SS-192)**

On May 23, 1939 USS Squalus suffered a catastrophic valve failure during a test dive off the Isle of Shoals. Partially flooded, the submarine sank to the bottom and came to rest keel down in 240 feet of water. Commander Charles Momsen and Navy divers on the USS Falcon (ASR-2) rescued 33 survivors using the diving bell he invented. Twenty six men drowned in the after compartments. Later Squalus was raised and recommissioned as the USS Sailfish. In an ironic turn of fate, Sailfish sank the Japanese aircraft carrier carrying surviving crew members from Sculpin, which had located Squalus in 1939. Only one crew members survived after spending the rest of the war as a slave laborer in Japan.

### **USS Stickleback (SS-415)**

Lost on May 28, 1958 when it sank off Hawaii while under tow after collision with USS Silverstein (DE-534) the entire crew was taken off prior to sinking.

### **On Eternal Patrol:**

Commander Brock reminded shipmates that it was the Bonefish Base tradition to dedicate the May meeting to shipmates who had departed on Eternal Patrol. The following departed shipmates were subsequently remembered.

**Ronald L. Durling Sr.**, FTG2 (SS), fire control technician missile guidance systems, born 24 September 1941, served 1958-1962, on USS Hugh Purvis DD-709, USS John Willis DE-1027, and USS Gudgeon SS/AGSS-567, qualifying in Submarines in 1961 on the Gudgeon. He retired after 25 years as a San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was a plank owner of the USS Bonefish Base. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 22 February 2009, age 67.

**Gary Lee Stewart**, ICC (SS), interior communications electrician, born 17 June 1947, served 1965-1985, retiring in 1985, on USS Mullany DD-528, USS Oxford AG-159/AGTR-1, USS Bon Homme Richard CVA-31, USS Wahoo SS-565, qualifying in Submarines in 1973 on the Wahoo, USS Bonefish SS-582, USS Blueback SS-581, and USS Portsmouth SSN-707. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 31 January 2010, age 62.

**Paul Everett Perris**, RM1 (SS), radioman, born 9 May 1950, served 1968-1976, on USS Bonefish SS-582, qualifying in Submarines in 1970 on the Bonefish, and USS Wahoo SS-565. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 7 February 2010, age 59.

**Jacques Abels**, YN1 (SS), yeoman; LT (SS), born 23 October 1917, served 1939-1945, on USS Pelias AS-14, USS Thresher SS-200, qualifying in Submarines in 1942 on the Thresher, and USS Shad SS-235. He made a total of nine successful war patrols on submarines. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 10 May 2011, age 93.

**William Lee Newman**, MOMM1 (SS), motor machinists mate, born 15 February 1926, served 1943-1951, on USS R-13 SS-90, qualifying in Submarines in 1944 on the R-13, and served on USS Bergall SS-320, USS Sperry AS-12, USS Sterlet SS-392, and USS Segundo SS-398. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 11 June 2011, age 85.

**Howard A. Carle**, EN2 (SS), engineman, born 14 February 1938, served between 1957 and 1997 in the US Navy and US Air Force for a combined total of 24 years, retiring as a SMSGT in 1997. Served on USS Pomfret SS-391, qualifying in Submarines in 1958 on the Pomfret. He retired after 17 years as a fire fighter. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 5 July 2013, age 75.

**John Meyer**, ET3 (SS), electronics technician, born 3 June 1929, served 1950-1954, on USS Pomfret SS-391, USS Catfish SS-339, and USS Remora SS-487 where he qualified in Submarines in 1953. He was a plank owner of the USS Bonefish Base. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 16 November 2013, age 84.

**La Dean Leroy Van Leeuwen**, FT2 (SS), fire control technician, born 25 June 1937, served 1955-1959, on USS Barracuda SSK-1/SST-3/SS-550/K-1, qualifying in Submarines in 1957 on the Barracuda, and serving on USS Sargo SSN-583 and USS Patrick Henry SSBN/SSN-599. He was a parole agent for the State of California for 41 years. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 24 November 2013, age 76.

**George Otto O'Zanich**, SM2 (SS), signalman, born 13 August 1924, served 1942-1946, on USS Golden City AP-169, and USS Saury SS-189, qualifying in Submarines in 1945 on the Saury. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 6 December 2013, age 89.

**John Jay Raplee**, EM3 (SS), electricians mate, born 22 September 1939, served 1956-1961, on USS Catfish SS-339, qualifying in Submarines in 1958 on the Catfish. He retired from Cal Trans. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 5 June 2014, age 74.

**James Michael Hayes**, ETR2 (SS) (DV), electronics technician radar, born 19 June 1948, served 1967-1974, on USS Carbonero SS-337, qualifying in Submarines in 1968 on the Carbonero, and serving on USS Rock SS/SSR/AGSS-274, USS Pomfret SS-391, USS Salmon SSR/SS-573, and USS Trieste II DSV-1. He was a retired Police Sergeant. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 1 September 2015, age 67.

**Henry John Anderson**, FTGC (SS), fire control technician missile guidance systems, born 10 February 1939, served 1958-1985, retiring in 1985, qualifying in Submarines in 1962 on the USS Growler SSG-577, and serving on USS James Madison SSBN-627, USS George Washington Carver SSBN-656, USS Narwhal SSN-671, USS Seahorse SSN-669, and USS Guardfish SSN-612. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 30 March 2017, age 78.

**Francis P. McCoy**, STSCS (SS), senior chief sonar technician submarine, born 17 December 1938, served 1956-1975, retiring in 1975, qualifying in Submarines in 1960 on the USS Carp SS-338, and serving on USS Orion AS-18, USS Croaker SS-246, USS Daniel Webster SSBN-626, USS Grouper SS-214, USS Sabalo SS-302, USS Narwhal SSN-671, and USS Plunger SSN-595. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 14 October 2017, age 78.

**Charles R. Dunn**, MR1 (SS), machinery repairman, born 16 November 1926, served 1943-1958, on USS Calvert AP65/APA32, and USS Queenfish SS-393 where he qualified in Submarines in 1956. He was a qualified diver and a UDT Frogman. He departed on Eternal Patrol on 15 April 2018, age 91.

"No submarine sailor is ever lost. The Commanding Officer who governs all our movements has only issued him a new set of orders and a transfer to new duties. Sooner or later his family, loved ones and shipmates will receive the same orders and all will serve together again."

Commander Brock ordered the rendering of taps in honor of our departed shipmates.

### **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 April 27, 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 April 27, 2019 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2018.

**Beginning Balance:** **\$3,488.18**

#### **Expenses:**

Opportunity Draw	22.00
Lunch for guest speaker	16.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 38.00</b>

#### **Income:**

Opportunity Drawing	\$ 62.00
Sale of Seawolf to Dolphin Base	750.00
Trailer repair donations	10.00
Donations	10.00

**Total Income:** **\$832.00**

**Ending Balance –April 30, 2019** **\$ 4,282.18**

Dan Rowland **moved** and Frank Campbell **seconded** the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Binnacle List:**

Alice Ables  
Joe Canchola  
Dennis Fuqua  
Allan Kilpatrick  
Jan Noyes  
Mike Williamson

**Old Business:**

Commander Brock informed Bonefish shipmates present that the sale of Seawolf had been finalized. The total sale price was \$750 and Seawolf’s new home port is the Dolphin Base in San Jose, California.

**New Business:**

There was no new business conducted at this meeting.

**Program:**

Commander Brock read **“RQUIEM FOR A LADY”** authored by Fred Tredy STS2 (SS), USSVI Bonefish Base.

“There were no flags flying no bands on the pier, no wives waiting and crying as their kids looked on. No one stood straining their eyes to get sight of Dad standing at attention topside in his clean starched whites. There was no wreath of flowered lei’s hanging off her sail, no dolphin flag sailing from her scope....

There’s nothing that be said that can express our deepest sorrow for the death of our friend, companion and shipmate the USS Barbel, SS 580 May she rest in peace, below the waves, until the sea gives up her dead.”

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that the remaining portion of the meeting was dedicated to our shipmates on Eternal Patrol and titled **Memories**. A number of shipmates present spoke of personal relationships, interactions, and the many contributions that shipmates on Eternal Patrol had made to the Bonefish Base.

**Good of the Order:**

No items of interest and or schedule of activities were presented during this portion of the meeting.

**Sailing List:**

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Gene Adams	Bill Hawkins	Rocky Rockers
Daryl Brock	Don Noyes	Dan Rowland
Frank Campbell	Everett Noyes	Fred Tredy
Gerald Cornelio	Chuck Orman	Karl Waterman
<b>Associate Members</b>		
<b>Honored Guests</b>		

Adria Manery Adams	Rita Hawkins	Joelte Orman
Ed. Bailey	Todd Miller	Sharon Tyler
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.