

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

July 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. David Buehn, Joe Canchola, and Bill Hawkins read our creed. Chuck Orman was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Chaplain Don Noyes Commander Daryl Brock gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of July.

USS S-28 (SS-133)

Lost on July 4, 1944 with the loss of 49 crew members. She was conducting training exercises off Hawaii with the US Coast Guard Cutter Reliance. After S-28 dove for a practice torpedo approach, Reliance lost contact. No distress signal or explosion was heard. Two days later, an oil slick was found near where S-28 dove. The exact cause of her loss remains a mystery.

USS Robalo (SS-273)

Lost on July 26, 1944 with the loss of 81 crew members while on her 3rd was patrol. She struck a mine about two miles off the coast of Palawan. Four men survived and swam ashore, then were imprisoned by the Japanese. Unfortunately, they were put on a Japanese destroyer and lost when the destroyer was sunk.

USS Grunion (SS-216)

Lost on July 30, 1942 with the loss of 70 crew members while on her first war patrol near Kiska Harbor. She radioed that she sank two sub-chasers and damaged a third, but was never heard from again. Grunion’s mangled remains were found in the Bering Sea in 2006 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

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 June 22, 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 June 22, 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 May 2019.

Beginning Balance: **\$**
4,333.30

Expenses:

Opportunity Draw won by Izar 15.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 15.00**

Income:

Opportunity Drawing \$ 32.00
Donations 15.00

Total Income: **\$ 47.00**

Ending Balance –June 30, 2018 **\$ 4,365.30**

Gene Adams **moved** and Karl Waterman **seconded** the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Binnacle List:

- Alice Ables
- Dennis Fuqua
- Allan Kilpatrick

Jan Noyes
Michael Williamson

Old Business:

Commander Brock reminded shipmates present that there is a need to identify and secure storage space for Bonefish. Currently Bonefish is being housed and refurbished at Dan Rowland’s place. Dan has done considerable work on Bonefish but there is still additional work to be done. Bonefish Base members willing and able to help should contact Dan.

New Business:

Commander Brock informed members present that an Eagle Scout Court of Honor is scheduled for August 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 14085 Peyton Drive, in Chino Hills. Bonefish members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Program:

Commander Brock turned the meeting over to George Riolo who was responsible for the program. Shipmate Riolo made a presentation relative to a trip that President Truman had made to Key West, Florida in December of 1947. During his visit to the submarine base at Key West, the President was awarded his dolphins on the basis of having made a 400 foot dive on board the USS EX-U2513 in October of 1946. The President was declared qualified in submarines by Commander Subron 4, and the skipper of the former German U-boat. George Riolo’s interest in this historical event stems from the fact that his father was the chief steward that accompanied President Truman on the trip to the submarine base in Key West, Florida.

Good of the Order:

Fred Tredy shared some items of interest from the submarine Engine room.

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Bill Hawkins	George Riolo
Daryl Brock	Izar Martinez	Fred Tredy
David Buehn	Everett Noyes	Karl Waterman
Frank Campbell	Chuck Orman	Michael Williamson
Joe Canchola		
Associate Members		
Marti Noyes		
Honored Guests		
Tammy Anderson	Judi Tredy	
Rita Hawkins		

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.