

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

August 24, 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 read our creed. Daryl Brock lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats:

The following boats were lost during the month of August..

USS Bullhead (SS-332)

Lost on August 6, 1945 with the loss of 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol. Bullhead was sunk by a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army plane. Bullhead was the last submarine lost during WWII.

USS Flier (SS-250)

Lost on August 13, 1944, with the loss of 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. Flier was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. Thirteen survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. Eight survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the USS Redfin (SS-272)

USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Russel Island while she was on her 3rd war patrol. The entire crew was able to get off and rescued by HMAS Katoomba.

USS Harder (SS-257)

Lost on August 24, 1944 with the loss of 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a mine sweeper near Bataan while she was on her 6th war patrol. Harder had won the Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Harder is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk.

USS Cochino (SS-345)

Lost on August 26, 1949 after being jolted by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of Cochino and Tusk (SS-426) fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon Ship was ordered and Cochino sank. Tusk’s crew rescued all of Cochino’s men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from Tusk were lost during the rescue.

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 July 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 July 27, 2019 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes was unable to be in attendance at the meeting and in his absence Commander Brock presented the Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2019.

Beginning Balance: **\$ 4,365.30**

Expenses:

Opportunity Draw won by by Frank and donated back 23 .00

Total Expenses: **\$ 23.00**

Income:

Opportunity Drawing \$ 70.00
 Base Dues new life member 40.00
 Donations 25.00

Total Income: **\$ 135.00**

Ending Balance –July 31, 2019 **\$ 4,477.30**

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

Binnacle List:

Alice Ables
Dennis Fuqua
Howard Hoyt
Allan Kilpatrick
Everett Noyes
Fred Tredy
Michael Williamson

Old Business:

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that Bob Schive has had conversations with an individual who may be able to find storage space for Bonefish. Gene Adams is also contacting an individual who may be able to help locate storage space. In the meantime Bonefish is residing in Dan Rowland's garage. However, this arrangement is not permanent.

Commander Brock reported on the Boy Scout Court of Honor held on August 17, 2019 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino. Seven scouts were recognized for their achievements and received the rank of Eagle Scout.

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that he had finalized and submitted the request to the Riverside National Cemetery for the Bonefish Base to conduct the December 7th Memorial ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery.

New Business:

Bourns STEM Program is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd from 900 AM to 4:30 PM. Commandeer Brock will send out a reminder and provide the opportunity for Bonefish Base members to indicate whether or not they will be participating. Unless a significant number of members indicate their willingness to participate, participation at the event will be cancelled.

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that Bob Schive had acquired a sound speaker system that can be mounted on the Bonefish towing vehicle during parades. The sound system is quite expensive but Bob would be willing to have Bonefish Base acquire it for \$300. After considerable discussion Frank Campbell **moved** and Dan Rowland **seconded** the motion to purchase the sound system for a total of \$300. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Program:

Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Carla Thornton. Dr. Thornton related her experience as a 20 year veteran of the United States Air Force and how those experiences have helped her in her personal life and in the fulfillment of her professional goals. She has served as Chairwoman of the California Department of Veterans Affairs and is currently an elected member of the Moreno Valley City Council. Dr. Thornton also holds a professorship appointment at Cal Baptist College. The presentation was very well received by all shipmates present. Thank you Dr. Thornton.

Good of the Order:

Commander Brock inform shipmates present that he and his lovely wife, Julia, were celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary and would be providing lunch for al present. **Congratulations Commandeer Brock and Julia.**

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Daryl Brock	Tim Martz	George Riolo
Frank Campbell	Don Noyes	Dan Rowland
Izar Martinez	Chuck Orman	Jay Sullivan
Associate Members		
Jan Noyes		
Honored Guests		
Julia Brock	Carla Thompson	
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.