

**BONEFISH BASE
23OCT2021
Bonefish Base General Meeting
"Zacatecas Café"
"All Rise"**

Sunrise: 0701hrs 103*East

Sunset: 1805hrs 256*West

**Plan of the Day
(MINUTES)
(In Port)
Zacatecas Cafe**

Sailing List: Gene Adams Daryl E. Brock, Frank Campbell, Chuck Orman, Fred Tredy, Karl Waterman, Michael Williamson, Grant Gautsche, and William Hawkins. Guests: Marcia Campbell and Rita Hawkins

1211hrs: Meeting called to order by Bonefish Base Commander Gene Adams

Pledge of Allegiance: " I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE to the Flag of the United States of America * And to the Republic for which it stands * One nation, under God, Indivisible, with LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

**Opening Prayer: The prayer is dedicated to all of our shipmates on 'Eternal Patrol'
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."

Lost Boats the month of (October)

USS SEAWOLF (SS197)

S-44 (SS155)

USS WAHOO (SS238)

USS DORADO (SS248)

USS ESCOLAR (SS294)

USS SHARK (SS237)

USS DARTER (SS227)

USS TANG (SS306)

O-5 (SS66)

For each 'Boat' a breakdown of her accomplishments and sacrifices were given. A Moment of Silence was observed.

A roundtable self introduction of Bonefish Base members and their wives was given.

Reading the Minutes of the September meeting was introduced and seconded. For further review please visit bonefishbase.org

Reading of Treasurers Report Introduced and seconded.

Binnacle List: Jan Noyes. Dan Roland has come down with Bronchitis. Keeping both in our thoughts.

Old Business

Gene Adams and Daryl Brock presented the ‘Holland Club’ Certificate to Felix Giles at his home because Felix has had a problem attending meetings. Daryl said that it was a great presentation.

2022 Submarine Calendars are available for \$10.00

New Business

Bonefish Base will have no scheduled meeting in the month of November.

Bonefish Base will participate in the Veteran’s Day parade in Redlands on 11/11/2021. When exact times are received our members will be advised. William Hawkins will pick up the ‘Bonefish’ float before hand and tow it in the parade. Times will be determined.

Bonefish Base will have the Christmas celebration this year on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 at Zacatecas Café. As customary we will have a ‘Silent Auction’. It is asked that members bring a gift to help celebrate Christmas. All profits from the auction will go into the Bonefish Base general fund.

Bonefish Base Officers positions are coming up for elections in December. The elections will be at the December General meeting and on line. There will be updated instructions shortly.

Presently the Bonefish Base E-board officers are:

Base Commander: Gene Adams.

Senior Vice Commander: Frank Campbell

Junior Vice Commander: Dan Rowland

Secretary: William Hawkins

Treasure: Brick Noyes

eBoard@large: Chuck Orman

The positions are open to nominations. As of now the Base Commander, Gene Adams, the Secretary, William Hawkins, the Treasurer, Brick Noyes have volunteered to stay in their present positions for one more term. Anyone that wants to run for these positions is welcome to be nominated. Our present Senior Vice Commander, Frank Campbell has decided to not seek another term. Dan Rowland has been nominated to run for Senior Vice Commander to take over for Frank Campbell. Chuck Orman has been nominated to fill the vacancy Dan Rowland’s the leaving Junior Vice Commander’s position. ALL Bonefish Base Officer Positions are open to additional nominations.
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Guest Speaker: Grant Gautsche (New Bonefish Base Member): Grant is the Benefits Director of Veterans Affairs, Riverside, California

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Grant introduced himself and advises us that we are encouraged to contact the Veterans Administration to be evaluated. We need to find out where we stand TODAY. Even if we have had Veterans Administration evaluations in the past we need to update them.

We are encouraged to call the VA for an appointment. They might even be able to solve situations or problems on the phone.

Grant pointed out that it is important to have all our records available to build information and proof needed to go through with requests. Important documents include but are not limited to DD214, birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses, insurance policies and records of military services.

Remember each time you reenlisted you received a DD214 for the completed enlistment. That could have information that might not make it onto later ones. If you have one or more of them find them. It is a lot better to have to much documentation then to little.

He spoke of things that we didn’t think about before but might want to consider now. Hearing problems is a major issue with military people. It needs to be tracked and followed.

Breathing problems due to chemicals has become an issue of concern not only for the government but the soldiers and sailors that were subjected to them.

The Veterans Services work with many cases and are aware of situations that the average veteran doesn’t. USE THEM.

Grant closed with letting us know that their not out to get the government but they want to make sure the veterans of the armed forces of the government are treated fairly.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and honor all veterans, and enhance their quality of life and that of their dependents and survivors through counseling, claims assistance, education, advocacy, and special projects.

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Good of the Order: Gene brought up that new membership is a problem. He furthered that everyone needs to be aware of submarine people out in the community need to be approached and introduced to Bonfish Base. There is a new ‘New Member’ packet that is more attractive and simple to use to bring new people on board. Gene asks for any ideas that would help maintain and increase our membership. Please contact him if you have any ideas to share.

Adjourn