

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

October 26, 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. Joe Canchola, George Riolo and Dan Rowland 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 October...

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on October 3, 1944 with the ;loss of 83 officers and men and 17 US Army troops when she was sunk just north of Moritai by USS Rowell, a Destroyer Escort (DE). In this tragic error, Rowell mistook Seawolf for a Japanese submarine that had just sunk another Destroyer. Seawolf ranks 7th for enemy ships sunk.

USS S-44 (SS-155)

Lost on October 7, 1943 with the loss of 56 men when it was sunk off Paramushiru, Kuriles. S-44 was on her 5th war patrol after attacking a target thought to be a merchant on the surface, S-44 found herself in a losing gun battle with a heavily armed Japanese destroyer. Two men were taken prisoners and survived the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-248)

Lost on Oct. 11, 1943 with the loss of 80 men near La Perouse Strait. Under command of one of the great sub skippers of World War II, LCDR "Mush" Morton, Wahoo was on her 7th war patrol. Wahoo had won a Presidential Unit Citation and ranks 5th in the number of enemy ships sank. She was lost to depth charges dropped by a Japanese patrol aircraft.

USS Dorado (SS-248)

Lost on Oct. 12, 1943 with the loss of 77 men when she was sunk in the western Atlantic near Cuba. Newly commissioned, she had departed New London and was enroute to Panama. She may have been sunk by a U. S. patrol plane that received faulty instructions regarding bombing restriction areas on a German U-boat that was in the vicinity.

USS Escolar (SS-294)

Lost on Oct. 17, 1944 with the loss of 82 men. She was on her 1st war patrol and was most likely lost to a mine somewhere in the Yellow Sea.

USS Shark II (SS-314)

Lost on Oct. 24, 1944 with the loss of 87 men when she was sunk near Hainan. The second boat to carry this name during World War II, she was on her 3rd war patrol. Shark was sunk by escorts after attacking and sinking a lone freighter. Compounding the tragedy, it turned out that the freighter had 1,800 U.S. POW's on board.

USS Darter (SS-227)

Lost on Oct. 24, 1944 when she became grounded on Bombay Shoal off Palawan and was destroyed to prevent her falling into enemy hands intact. The entire crew was rescued by USS Dace. Winner of one Navy Unit Commendation, Darter had sunk a heavy cruiser and damaged another and went aground while attempting an "end around" on an enemy formation in hopes of getting in an attack on a battleship.

USS Tang (SS-306)

Lost on Oct. 25, 1944 with the loss of 78 men in the Formosa Strait. Tang was on her 5th war patrol. Tang ranks 2nd in the number of ships sunk and 4th in tonnage, and had won two Presidential Unit Citations. During a daring night surface attack, Tang was lost to a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. Nine of the crew were taken prisoner, including CDR. O'Kane and five who had gained the surface from her final resting place 180 feet below. All survived the war, and CDR O'Kane was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

USS O-5 (SS-66)

Lost on October 29, 1923 with the loss of 3 men when rammed and sunk by SS Abagarez off the Panama Canal.

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 September 28, 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 September 28, 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 Secretary Izar Martinez presented the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2019.

Beginning Balance: **\$ 4,477.30**

Expenses:

Bob Schive – Speaker \$300 – Patches \$33ck 1258	333.15
Redlands Parade	20.00

Total Expenses: **\$ 353.15**

Income:

Reimbursement for shipping	7.00
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Total Income: **\$ 7.00**

Ending Balance –September 30, 2019

\$ 4,131.15

Bob Schive **moved** and Dan Rowland **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
- Chuck Orman
- Fred Tredy
- Michael Williamson

Old Business:

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that the need to find storage space for Bonefish still exists. A Bonefish Base member has recommended that the Base acquire a shipping container. The member is willing to contribute \$100 towards the purchase price. After some discussion, Commander Brock suggested that this recommendation be discussed by the Executive Board and a recommendation be brought to the Bonefish Base membership for action at a subsequent meeting.

Commander Brock distributed copies of the proposed program for the Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance and Memorial Service. He noted that, with minor exceptions, all arrangements for the program have been finalized

New Business:

Commander Brock informed shipmates present of the following pending events.

Colony High School veteran’s event: Thursday, November 7, 2019 (8:00-12:00).

Riverside

Salute to Veterans Parade: Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Redlands Veterans Day Parade: Monday, November 11, 2019.

Holiday Party: December 14, 2019 (Regular meeting time).

Program:

The program for this particular meeting was a presentation by Don Noyes and Bob Schive relative to their participation in the Honor Flight program OctOber 11-13, 2019. It was an excellent presentation with video and slides of the many activities they participated in during the trip to Washington DC.

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Izar Martinez	Dan Rowland
Daryl Brockl	Tim Martz	Bob Schive
Frank Campbell	Don Noyes	Karl Waterman
Joe Canchola	George Riolo	Michael Williamson
Associate Members		
Jan Noyes		

Honored Guests		
Marcia Campbell	Lyn Schive	

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.