

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

**Redlands California**

**December 8, 2018**

## **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. Bill Hawkins, George Riolo, and Karl Waterman read our creed. Brick Noyes was asked to lead members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Don Noyes gave the opening prayer.

## **Tolling of the Boats:**

The following boats were lost during the month of November and December.

### **USS Albacore (SS -218)**

Lost on November 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her.

### **USS Growler (SS-215)**

Lost on November 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12<sup>th</sup> war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.

### **USS Scamp (SS-277)**

Lost on November 9, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels to locate her and destroy her with depth charges.

**USS Corvina (SS-226)**

Lost on November 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine

**USS Sculpin (SS-191)**

Lost on November 19, 1943 with the loss of 63 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. Forty one men were taken prisoner; only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was Capt. Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, Capt. Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

**USS Capelin (SS-289)**

Lost on December 2, 1943 with the loss of 76 men. She was on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol, but her exact location, date and cause of loss remain a mystery. She may have been lost to mines or an operational casualty.

**USS Sealion (SS -195)**

Lost on December 10, 1941 with the loss of 4 men. To prevent her from falling into enemy hands, she was scuttled in Manila Bay after incurring severe bomb damage during the initial Japanese attack. One other Sealion man was later captured and died in POW camp.

**USS F-1 / Carp (SS-20)**

Lost on December 17, 1917 with the loss of 19 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with the USS F-3 (Pickrel (SS-22) off San Clemente, California.

**USS S-4 (SS-109)**

Lost on December 17, 1927 with the loss of 40 officers and men when it was sunk after being rammed by the USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.

**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 22, 2018 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 August 25, 2018 Bonefish Base Meeting minutes approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes presented the following report for the Months of November and December 2018.

**Beginning Balance:** **\$ 3,156.89**

**Expenses:**

National dues for J. Canchola	25.00
Bob Schive – tarp for float	58.70
Bob Schive – awards	30.00
National USSVI Liability Insurance – 2 years	50.00
National dues: J. Noyes, G. Riolo, B. Hawkins, K. Waterman J. Cornelison, and M. Noyes	150.00
Christmas gift – Vicky	20.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$ 333.71**

**Income:**

Opportunity Drawing	\$ 175.00
National Dues	50.00
Silent Auction	323.00
Stores (Hats, Pins, Patches,)	10.00
Calendars	30.00
Donations	17.00

**Total Income:** **605.00**

**Ending Balance –December 31, 2018** **\$ 3,428.18**

Commander Brock opened the floor for comments and/or concerns related to the Treasurer's Report. Hearing no comments relative to additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the Treasurer's Report for the month of November and December 2018 approved as presented

**Binnacle List:**

Alice Abels  
Joe Canchola  
Dennis Fuqua  
Allan Kilpatrick  
Chuck Orman

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to be addressed at this meeting.

**New Business:**

This meeting was designated as the Annual Christmas meeting and therefore any new business to be addressed will be presented at the January meeting.

**Awards and Presentations:**

William Hawkins recently joined the USS Bonefish Base and was awarded a certificate of membership by Commander Brock. Bonefish members present enthusiastically welcomed shipmate Hawkins.

**Program:**

The program for this meeting consisted “Silent Auction” bidding and socializing by members present.

**Good of the Order:**

Announcements relative to the USSVI Boat Sponsorship and the Annual convention to be held August 14-20, 2019 in Austin, Texas were made. Also, Commander Brock noted that Seawolf has not been purchased and there is still need for a storage space.

**Sailing List:**

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Daryl Brock	Izar Martinez	George Riolo
Frank Campbell	Don Noyes	Dan Roland
Gerald Cornelison	Everett Noyes	Karl Waterman
Bill Hawkins		
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Jan Noyes	Marti Noyes	
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Marcia Campbell	Sharon Taylor	
Rita Hawkins	Julia Watterman	

**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.**