

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

December 14, 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. Howard Hoyt, George Riolo and Karl Waterman read our creed. Frank Campbell led 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 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 12th 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 8th 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 1st 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 1st 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 (Pickerel (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 October 26, 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 October 26, 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 October 2019.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 4,131.15
<u>Expenses:</u>	
National dues for Jerry C.	20.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 20.00
<u>Income:</u>	
National Dues	25.00
Base Dues	10.00
Total Income:	\$ 35.00

Ending Balance –October 31, 2019

\$ 4,141.15

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

Binnacle List:

- Alice Ables
- Dennis Fuqua
- Allan Kilpatrick
- Everett Noyes
- Fred Tredy

Old Business:

Commander Brock requested a brief review of the December 7th event. Members present were most positive and the unanimous suggestion was that the event should be conducted again, providing the Riverside National Cemetery grants permission, on December 7, 2020.

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that the need to find storage space for Bonefish still exists. Don Noyes proposed that a potable cover similar to those utilize to cover campers may be the solution. However, a place/location to store Bonefish will have to be identified. Commander Brock informed the membership present that this suggestion would be considered at the next e-board meeting.

Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell informed the membership that the following Base Officers would be presented for consideration and appointment at the February 2020 meeting.

- Commander:** Gene Adams
- Senior Vice Commander:** Frank Campbell
- Junior Vice Commander:** Dan Rowland
- Treasurer:** Everett Noyes
- Secretary:** **Bill Hawkins**

New Business:

Commander Brock informed shipmates present that Len Heiselt had departed On Eternal Patrol and his funeral service would be conducted at 11:20 AM on December 16, 2019 at the Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery in Boulder, Nevada. Shipmate Heiselt was born on June 12, 1938 and departed on eternal patrol on November 25, 2019. Shipmate Heiselt qualified on USS Toro SS422 in 1958. His rank was RM1(SS).

Program:

The program for this particular meeting was the Annual Silent Auction and visiting.

Sailing List:

<i>Members</i>		
Gene Adams	Howard Hoyt	Everett Noyes
Daryl Brock	Izar Martinez	Dan Rowland
Frank Campbell	Don Noyes	Karl Waterman
Gerald Cornelison		
Associate Members		
Jan Noyes	Marti Noyes	

Honored Guests		
Marcia Campbell	Julia Thrones	Sharon Tyler
Anna Hoyt		

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.