

BONEFISH BASE
17DEC2022
General Bonefish Meeting/Christmas Party
“All Rise”

Sunrise: 0648hrs

Sunset: 1643hrs

“Plan of the Day” (Minutes)
In-Port
“Zacatecas Café”

Sailing List: (Per sign in signatures) Gene Adams, Daryl E. Brock, Frank Campbell, Gerald I. Cornelison, William Hawkins, Izar Martinez, Everett Noyes, Marti Noyes, Dan Rowland, Bob Schive, Fred Tredy, Karl Waterman, Michael Williamson, Guests: TEN-USSVI TRIEST BASE WERE BONEFISH GUESTS

1214hrs: Meeting called to Order by Bonefish Base Commander Gene Adams

- **“The Pledge of Allegiance” All stood. Those covered “Hand Salute” those uncovered “Right Hand over Heart” *“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”***

- **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 service 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 the 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 lifestyles we enjoy today.

- **Reading of the Prayer: All Stood with heads down as Prayer was cited. Amen**

- **Tolling of the Boats: (United States Submarines lost in the months of October, November, and December)** *“Let us at this time, with a moment of silent prayer, remember our Shipmates who made the supreme sacrifice that we may gather here in Peace.”*

Tolling of the Boats October

USS Seawolf (SS-197)

Lost on Oct 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 Oct 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 prisoner and survived the war.

USS Wahoo (SS-238)

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 sunk. 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 or 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 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 then 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 Ababgarez off the Panama Canal.

Tolling of the Boats November

USS Albacore (SS-218)

Lost on Nov 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 Nov 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 Nov 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 locate her and destroy her with depth charges.

USS Corvina (SS-226)

Lost on Nov 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 Nov 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. 41 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.

Tolling of the Boats December

USS Capelin (SS-289)

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

USS Sealion (SS-195)

Lost on Dec 10, 1941 with the loss of 5 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.

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 (Pickerell) (SS-22) off San Clemente, CA.

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 USCG Paulding. Salvaged in 1928 and recommissioned.

Introductions:

Bonefish Base Members present individually stand and introduce themselves, the year they first qualified and the boat they qualified on. They then introduced their guests.

Binnacle List:

Jan Noyes, Brick Noyes, Grant Gouchie, Dan Roland, Josephine Orman, Mike Williamson, Howard Hoyt, Lyn Schive

Minutes and Treasurers Report: Tabled until next months general meeting

Old Business: Tabled until next months meeting

New Business: Tabled until next months meeting

Guest Speaker: Bob Schive on **'HONOR FLIGHT'**

Bob Schive was recently honored by being taken on a **'Honor Flight'** from Los Angeles International Airport to Washington D.C. Bob was one of many veterans to be taken to most all the veteran memorials and sites in our nations capital.

This was Bob's second **Honor Flight**. The first one he was an escort or sponsor to another veteran. This flight was the flight honoring him and the things he has done for the peace and freedom of the United States of America.

He and his escort or sponsor were flown out of LAX and taken to D.C around dark thirty. He and the other veterans being honored were met at the airports by total strangers that paid tribute to the things they did for America as veterans.

They stayed at beautiful facilities and ate like kings. They paid nothing as they had all ready paid in the years they had served.

They were taken to see the many tributes in D.C. and got to tour with people that understood where they had been and the things they had seen. The veterans got a very close tour to Arlington National Cemetery to see and feel the mood of the hollowed ground of over 400,000 American Veterans that rest there.

The **HONOR FLIGHT** then brought their guests back to LAX to be home. They were treated like special Americans because they are special Americans.

Though Bob didn't say it exactly he kind of said, paraphrasing, 'The **HONOR FLIGHT** hasn't always been and won't always be. Sign up for it and take it!'

FIRST CALL TO THE NOON MEAL

SILENT AUCTION

1343hrs. Adjourn