

USSVI BONEFISH BASE

(SS-223) and (SS-582)

Redlands California

February 24, 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. Joe Canchola, Dan Rowland, and Fred Tredy read Our Creed. Dan Rowland 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 February:

USS Barbel (SS-316)

Lost on February 4, 1945 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 4th war patrol. Based on Japanese records, she was bombed near the southern entrance to the Palawan Passage. The day before, she reported she survived 3 depth charge attacks.

USS Shark I (SS-174))

Lost on February 11, 1942 with the loss of 59 officers and men on her 1st war patrol. Shark was the 1st US submarine sunk by enemy surface craft in the Pacific. She was most likely sunk by depth charges.

USS Amberjack (SS-219)

Lost on February 16, 1943 with the loss of 72 officers and men on her 3rd war patrol. Off Rabaul, she was attacked by a Japanese patrol plane, attacked by a torpedo boat and then depth charged by a sub chaser.

USS Grayback (SS-208)

Lost on February 27, 1944 with the loss of 80 officers and men on her 10th war patrol. She appears to have been caught on the surface in the East China Sea by a Japanese carrier plane whose bombs made a direct hit. During this patrol she sunk 4 ships totaling 21,514 tons and was tied for 11th in the number of ships sunk.

USS Trout (SS-202)

Lost on February 29, 1944 with the loss of 81 officers and men on her 11th war patrol. She was sunk by escorts in the middle of the Philippines Basin after sinking a passenger-cargoman and damaging another in a convoy. She carried out several notable special missions, including carrying over two tons of gold bullion out of Corregidor in February.

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 on which they had qualified.

Minutes:

Commander Brock informed members present that the Bonefish Base Meeting minutes of January 27, 2018 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Hearing no requests for additions, deletions, and/or corrections, Commander Brock declared the Minutes of January 27, 2018 approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes inadvertently left the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2018 in his office. He subsequently submitted the following report for the month ending January 31, 2018.

Beginning Balance: **\$3,773.38**

Expenses:

Holland Club Donations	30.00
National Dues (Tyrell)	70.00
National Dues (Rowland)	70.00
Bob Schive – Stores	(44.84)
National Dues- Noyes	25.00
Bob Schieve – Stores	68.77
Daryl Brock - Blue Host web site	287.76
Total Expenses:	\$ 596.37

Income:

Opportunity Drawing	\$ 60.00
National Dues	95.00
Trailer Repair Donation	22.00
Stores	45.00

Calendars	30.00
Donations	10.00
Total Income:	\$ 262.00
Ending Balance –January 31, 2018	\$3,430.01

Binnacle List:

Dennis Fuqua
Allan Kilpatrick

Old Business:

Elections:

Chief of the Boat Frank Campbell informed members present that he had not received any inquiries and/or additional nominations for Base officers during the past month. He subsequently **moved** that the following individuals be voted by **acclamation** to serve as Base officers during the 2018 year. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Base Commander: Daryl Brock
Senior Vice Commander: Gene Adams
Junior Vice Commander: Dan Rowland
Secretary: Izar Martinez
Treasurer: Brick Noyes

Float Storage:

Commander Brock informed the members present that a storage space for the newest Bonefish Float was still needed. If anyone knows of a space that is available please let him know.

Awards:

Michael Williamson was unable to attend the January meeting and did not receive his 10 year membership award. Commander Brock presented shipmate Williamson with his award.

New Business:

Commander Brock informed the membership of the following pending events:

Martin Luther King High School Remembers – **March 16, 2018**

Western Region Roundup: Sams Town – **April 23-27, 2018**

USSVI Convention Cruise –**October 21-28, 2018**

Program:

Commander Brock made a slide presentation of the VWF – Veterans Without Families – that takes place weekly at the Riverside National Cemetery. It was a most informative presentation and received a most favorable response from all members present.

Sailing List:

Members		
Gene Adams	Donald Noyes	Dan Rowland
Daryl Brock	Everett Noyes	Dave Sullivan
Frank Campbell	Columba O’Gorman	Fred Tredy
Joe Canchola	Izar Martinez	Mike Williamson
Associate Members		
Jan Noyes		
Honored Guests		
Lucille Sullivan		

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.