

# **USSVI BONEFISH BASE**

## **(SS-223) and (SS-582)**

Redlands California

March 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. Tim Martz, Dave Norton, and Dan Rowland read Our Creed. Chuck Orman 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 March:

#### **USS Perch (SS-176)**

Lost on March 3, 1942 near Java with no immediate loss of life while on her 1<sup>st</sup> war patrol. She survived 2 sever depth charges in less than 200 feet of water by 3 Japanese destroyers. The crew abandoned ship and scuttled her. Of the 59 officers and men taken prisoner, 53 survived the war and six died as POWs.

#### **USS Grampus (SS-207)**

Lost on March 5, 1943 with the loss of 71 officers and men on her 6<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost in Vella Gulf, sunk after engaging 2 Japanese Destroyers.

#### **USS H-1 (SS-28)**

Lost on March 12, 1920 with the loss of 4 men as they tried to swim to shore after grounding on a shoal off Santa Margarita Island off the coast of Baja California.

**USS Triton (SS201)**

Lost on March 15, 1943 with the loss of 74 men. She was sunk north of the Admiralty Islands during a fight with 3 Japanese Destroyers. Triton was the 1<sup>st</sup> boat to engage the enemy in December 1941 off Wake Island, sinking 9 ships, one submarine and a destroyer.

**USS Kete (SS-369)**

Lost on March 20, 1945 with the loss of 87 officers and men at the end of her 2<sup>nd</sup> war patrol. Probably sunk near Okinawa, by a Japanese submarine that itself was subsequently lost.

**USS F-4 (SS-23)**

Lost on March 25, 1915 with the loss of 21 men. She foundered 1.5 miles off Honolulu when acid corrosion of the lead lining of the battery tank let seawater into the battery compartment, causing loss of control. She was raised on August 1915.

**USS Tullibee (SS-284)**

Lost on March 26, 1944 with the loss of 79 officers and men on her 4<sup>th</sup> war patrol. It's believed she was a victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes. The lookout was the only survivor and he survived the war as a Japanese prisoner.

**USS Trigger (SS-237)**

Lost on March 26, 1945 with the loss of 89 officers and men, on her 12<sup>th</sup> war patrol. She was lost during a combined attack by Japanese antisubmarine vessels and aircraft. Trigger ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in total tonnage sunk and tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in the number of ships sunk.

**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 February 24, 2018 had been posted on the website and the Secretary had copies for anyone wishing to review them. Frank Campbell **moved** approval of the minutes as printed. Dan Rowland **seconded** the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bonefish Base Treasurer, Everett Noyes, presented the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2018.

**Beginning Balance:**

**\$3,439.01**

**Expenses:**

There were no expenses incurred during the month of February 2018.

**Income:**

Opportunity Drawing	\$ 30.00
Trailer Repair Donation	16.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance –February 28, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 3,485.01</b>

Michael Williamson **moved** and Tim Martz **seconded** the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

**Binnacle List:**

- Bob Dunn
- Dennis Fuqua
- Howard Hoyt
- Allan Kilpatrick
- Jay Sullivan

**Old Business:**

**Installation of Bonefish Base Officers:**

Western District 6 Commander Michael Williamson conducted the installations ceremony for the Bonefish Base 2018-2019 officers. **Base Commander**, Daryl Brock; **Senior Vice Commander**, Gene Adams; **Junior Vice Commander**, Dan Rowland; **Secretary**, Izar Martinez; **Treasurer**, Everett Noyes; **Chief of the Boat**, Frank Campbell; **Chaplain**, Don Noyes.

**New Business:**

Commander Brock reminded Bonefish members present of the following events:

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

**USSVI Convention Cruise:** 21-28 October 2018

**Rancho Remembers:** 26 April 2018, Rancho Cucamonga High School

**Huntington Beach July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Huntington Beach

**Thresher Letter:** A letter petitioning Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director of the Army National Cemeteries, petitioning the establishment of a USS Thresher commemorative monument at the Arlington National Cemetery was made available to all members present.

**Awards/Presentations/Recognitions:**

In recognition of their service to the Bonefish Base during the past two years, Commander Brock presented certificates of appreciation to the following: **Senior Vice Commander**, Michael Williamson; **Junior Vice Commander**, Dan Rowland; **Chief of the Boat**, Frank Campbell; **Secretary**, Izar Martinez; **Treasurer**, Everett Noyes; **Chaplain**, Don Noyes; **Store Keeper**, Bob Schive; **Librarian**, Karl Waterman.

Members present recognized Commander Daryl Brock’s leadership and many contributions to the Bonefish Base with an enthusiastic round of applause.

**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**

**Good of the Order:**

WD6 Commander Michael Williamson reminded members present of the 2018 Annual SubVets Family Picnic. The event will take place at Smuggler’s Cove on Point Loma Naval Base on Saturday, July 14th from 0900-1630. Submarine tours are planned for 1000 and 1300. Individuals planning to attend and also go on the boat tours should submit their requests by no later than Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> by email to [sdsubvets@gmail.com](mailto:sdsubvets@gmail.com).

Michael briefly reviewed the USSVI Board of Directors Midterm meeting recently held in Orlando Florida. He also noted that election for National officers will soon be taking place.

Tim Marts informed members that he had been given a series of Naval History magazines and encouraged members to review them and take them home if they were so inclined.

Bob Schive, Store Keeper, informed members present that he only had two 2018 calendars left and anyone wishing to purchase one should see him after the meeting.

Bonefish Base members attending the Martin Luther King High School Remembers activities on March 16, 2018 were given the opportunity to share their experience and interactions with the students. All who attended were most positive and encouraged other members to attend next year.

**Sailing List:**

<b><i>Members</i></b>		
Gene Adams	Dave Norton	George Riolo
Daryl Brock	Don Noyes	Dan Rowland
Frank Campbell	Everett Noyes	Fred Tredy
Izar Martinez	Columba O’Gorman	Bob Schive
Tim Martz	Chuck Orman	Karl Waterman
		Michael Williamson
<b>Associate Members</b>		
Shirley Williamson		
<b>Honored Guests</b>		
Adria Manary		
Paula Martz		

***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.**