

**BONEFISH BASE  
25JUN2022  
General Meeting  
Zacatecas Café**

**Plan of the Day  
Minutes  
In-Port**

**SUNRISE: 0540HRS**

**SUNSET: 2005HRS**

**Sailing List: Gene Adams, Daryl Brock, Everett Noyes, George Riolo, Dan Rowland, Michael Williamson (“Willie”) William Hawkins Guest Rita Hawkins, Special Guest Speaker: Commandant, Marine Corps League, Hedio Foss**

**1209HRS: Meeting called to order by Bonefish Base Commander Gene Adams**

**“ALL RISE” PRAYER: ALL UNCOVERED. CITED BY MICHAEL (WILLIE) WILLIAMSON.**

**Pledge of Allegiance: ATTENTION ON DECK. HAD SALUTE: “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”**

**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.”**

**Minutes to previous meeting accepted.**

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**Treasurers Report accepted.**

**Binnacle List: Jan Noyes. Don Noyes indicates he is planning on bringing his bride to one of the Bonefish Base meetings**

**Old/and new Business:** It is still imperative that we bring in guests to speak to our group. Any new perspective members are needed.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 Parade** We are to meet at McDonald's between 0800hrs and 0830hrs at 19350 Goldenwest St. Huntington Beach, CA. The towed should arrive closer to 0730hrs. As previously done the Bonefish Base will be joining up with the Los Angeles/Pasadena Base.

Bonefish Base will be participating in the Pearl Harbor Memorial on 07DEC22 at Riverside National Cemetery. This is a Wednesday and the Memorial may be moved back to the previous Saturday 03DEC22. To be advised.

We will be picking the 'Boat' up on 03JUL22 at 1100hrs at the American Legion in Norco, Daryl Brock will be putting a detail together to load it onto the trailer. The returning it to the American Legion has not been established as of yet. This parade has a pre-Covid history extremely crowded and extensive television coverage. A lot of streets in the area are closed so allow time to rendezvous.

USSVI National Elections are going on right now. Members are urged to go on line and vote.

The National Convention for USSVI is being held in Buffalo, New York between 23AUG22 AND 25AUG22. Make your reservations now.

Gene Adams, Bonefish Base Commander advised the General Meeting that Departed Bonefish Member Joe Canchola's family gifted Bonefish Base \$100.00 as a thanks for serving at his final services. It has been added to the Base Treasury.

Daryl Brock has nothing new to report on efforts to deal with the Riverside National Cemetery in regard to the 'Lost United States Submarines' memorial.

Next month on 16JUL22 the San Diego USSVI BASE will be holding their annual picnic. We are invited. Specifics to follow.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SUBMARINES LOST IN THE MONTH OF JUNE:**

**USS S-27 (SS132)** Lost on 19JUN42 when it grounded off Amchitka Island. She was on the surface in poor visibility, charging batteries and drifted into the shoals. When she could not be freed and started listing, the captain got the entire crew to shore some 400 yards away. They used a 3-man rubber raft in relays. The entire crew was subsequently rescued. No souls lost

**USS RUNNER (SS275)** Lost between 26JUN43 and 04JUL43 with the loss of 78 men. Runner was on her 3<sup>rd</sup> War Patrol probably due to a mine. Prior to her loss, she reported sinking a freighter and a passenger-cargoman off the Kuriles. This boat's last known ship sunk was on 26JUN43 so she probably hit that mine on or after that date but before 04JUL43 when she was scheduled back at Midway.

78 Souls lost.

**USS HERRING (SS233)** Lost on 01JUN44 with the loss of 83 men near Matsuwa Island. Herring was on her 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol and was conducting a surface attack when a shore battery spotted her and mad 2 direct hits on her conning tower and

causing her loss. Before being sunk, she had sank a freighter and a passenger-cargoman. Herring was the only United States submarine sunk by a land battery.  
83 Souls lost.

USS R-12 (SS89) Lost on 12JUN43 with the loss of 42 men near Key West, Florida during a practice torpedo approach. The cause was probably due to flooding through a torpedo tube. The commanding officer and two other men on the bridge survived as did eighteen other crew members back on shore on liberty.  
43 Souls lost.

USS GOLET (SS361) Lost on 14JUN44 with the loss of 82 men. On her 2<sup>nd</sup> War Patrol was apparently lost in battle with antisubmarine forces north of Honshu.  
82 Souls lost

USS BONEFISH (SS223) Lost on 18JUN45 with the loss of 85 men when sunk near Misaki. Winner of 3 Navy Unit Citations, Bonefish was on her eighth war patrol. After sinking a Japanese passenger-cargoman Bonefish was attacked by surface units of the Japanese navy and destroyed by depth charges.  
85 Souls lost.

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Guest Speaker: Rick Foss, Marine. Commandant Marine Corps League  
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#### Motivational Presentation

Rick Foss thanked the Bonefish Base for the invitation to join us and tell his story. Rick Foss served in the Marine Corps during the Viet Nam conflict. He was there at the beginning of hostilities between Viet Nam and the United States.

He advised us that right before Covid broke out in America he got a sore throat and went in to see his civilian doctor. He was advised not to worry about it. It was just a bad cold.

Several weeks later he went in to see the VA. They told him it was just pneumonia. They advised him to give it some time.

He finally had to have his wife get him in to have it checked again. He complained, in writing, that if he couldn't wake up his wife he couldn't call 911.

They finally said they would look deeper in his throat. They a matter of factly advised him that he had cancer. Throat Cancer!

To make a long story shorter Rick Foss had to undergo chemical and radiation therapy. Finally he had to have a apharyngectomy. This was a radical procedure that removed his larynx (voice box).

Rick speaks with the help of mechanical devices where his larynx used to be through a stoma.

He likes to talk to groups about the procedures he has undergone and that it's not the end of the world.

Rick compared the Marine Corps with the Submarine Service. He spoke of the pride that is obvious in both services.

He worked hard enough in the Marine Corps League to become COMMANDANT. This was one of the most Motivational presentations any of us ever witnessed.

**1319hrs: Meeting adjourned. First Call to the Noon Meal.**