

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 13 January 2018

VFW, Post #2057 (Auxiliary)

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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0830 BREAKFAST Sharpsburg Dinner, Hwy 97 Rocky Mount – 9 Members, 1 guest

1200 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1000 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.

Cell phones off or on vibrate

DIVE BOAT – Two blast of the diving alarm. “ All rise”

INVOCATION – Chaplain Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vince Sievert led the base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

USSVI CREED

“TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF OUR SHIPMATES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DUTIES WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. 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. 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.”

Tolling of Lost Boats:

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the month of January was conducted by Vince Sievert and Frans Van Baars. Vince read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in January, Frans tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES – 11 SubVets introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Nothing to report

BINNACLE LIST – Ed Marshall still having cardio issues and mother - in - law has had a setback and was going back to the hospital; Franz Van Baars has been dealing with a toe injury and upper respiratory problems. Please keep Ed, Nana and Franz in your prayers.

SPEAKER: Dave Campbell

- Swore in Frans Van Baars as Vice Commander.
- Discussed the Submarine League meeting, including state of the submarine fleet including readiness, training issues and future submarine assets including new Virginia class SSN's and the new Columbia SSBN's
- Submarine repair workforce under staffed and loss of experience.
- National USSI issues including the submarine USS Clamogore at Patriots Point Charleston SC wanting it be removed from site due to poor condition. USSI is looking at three possible options to preserve her as either a land based memorial in either SC, or Tennessee or as an artificial reef memorial off the coast of Florida.
- New USSI Data Base goes into effect in January 31st. Logon ID is your email address PW is same as before.
- Presented coin to Vince.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Recognized Jerry Emerson for his hard work and drive to get the “**Old North State Base**” started. BZ!

Welcomed Jim Cash and Woody Carmichael to the meeting as possible new members.

Discussed the Pearl Harbor dinner and possibly having a Submarine Birthday Ball dinner dance.

Provided information on providing Old North State Base patch to Dick Kanning.

Passed out New Base Officer patches.

Talked about possibility having a booth at the Wilson County Fair.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Minutes from 11 November meeting read for review. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER - November Treasurers Report

- Starting balance:	\$1,712.29
- Months Receipts:	\$ 207.00
- Months Disbursements:	\$ 147.72
- Ending balance:	\$1,771.51

▪ **December Treasurers Report**

- Starting balance:	\$1,771.57
- Months receipts:	\$51.00
- Months disbursements:	\$117.98

- Ending balance: \$1,704.59

- Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion passed.

January Membership Report: One new member: Richard Graves. Welcome aboard!

OLD BUSINESS:

BASE PATCHES AND ROCKERS – ordered 12 each on 18 Oct, received.

Nash Central JROTC, 21 Nov, Jerry, Frans and Vince spoke to three classes. Looking to do other classes and possibility other schools.

Audit of Financials- required annually and upon turnover of treasurer request for 2 volunteers;

Will Iwaniuk and Jack Murray volunteered, and will coordinate with Jerry and Vince to complete the audit before the end of the month.

2 year plan- Draft was reviewed members and several additional items were added and Vince will update.

NEW BUSINESS:

CSL SOY Award Contribution – Dave Campbell and Vince provide reason and what the money was used for.

Members voted to provide \$50.00

JVC Donation – Vince provided information on what the Joint Veterans County Honor Guard provided to the community and why they were looking for donations (new trailer to store and transport their equipment to functions).

Members voted to provide \$50.00

Annual Budget – Vince provided annual budget to members.

Fund Raiser – The fund raiser scheduled for March was discussed and several ideals for items to be raffled were discussed. Members were asked to provide ideals at the February meeting.

Venue and date for March Social dinner/event: Members were asked to provide locations at the February meeting.

Old North Base Uniform for Community Events: Vince brought up that we as an organization should have common attire for community events and ceremonies to provide a more professional appearance. Several different options were discussed and the members agreed that the ceremony uniform would be as follows;

- White Shirt L/S Winter, S/S summer
- Black Pants
- Black tie
- Black belt
- Black shoes

- Sub Vet Vest
- Blue Sub ball caps

VFW Donation- Vince discussed and recommended that we make an annual donation to the VFW Post #2057 for allowing us to use their building for meetings. Members discussed amount and voted to give the amount of \$200.00.

EVENTS:

10 Feb	Kick off Fund Raiser (determine raffle items)
?? Mar	Quarterly Social Dinner/Event
20-21 April	Regional Convention—Norfolk VA
18-20 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
17 -25 Aug	Wilson County Fair
21-28 Oct 2018	USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER USS JIMMY CARTER – Vince sent CDR Keith Floyd CO of USS Jimmy Carter, 1990 graduate Northern Nash HS, letter Vince and base patch in late December.

NATIONAL AND BASE DUES – NLT 31 Dec 2017, 12 members paid up one member in arrears

2018 SUBMARINE CALENDARS – All calendars handed out, Vince stated he had one extra if someone wanted it to contact him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **January** Joe Goarck Happy 81 yrs. and going strong!

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 10 February 2018 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 **Auxiliary** in Rocky Mount NC. Reservations are being made for breakfast at Sharpsburg Restaurant at 0830.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1243.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner?? Donated winnings to base. Thanks.