

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 10 February 2018

VFW, Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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0900 BREAKFAST Golden Corral, Hwy 301 Rocky Mount – 9 Members attended, one guest

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

1015 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.

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 February was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and Frans Van Baars. Vince read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in February, 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 – 10 SubVets members, 1 SubVet (MAL) Dennis Cloutier and 2 Guests SubVet (Tar Heel Base Dick Kanning and his wife) 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 but both doing better; Joe Goarck just got out of the hospital and doing better (things are flowing better). Nelson Gainey’s wife recovering from cancer surgery and Joe Goarck’s son diagnosed with cancer, keep them in your prayers.

SPEAKER: Dick Kanning

Told sea stories of the USS Parche on how she became a projects boat, including subpar welding, fairwater planes leaks, and crooked sail.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Recognized Dennis Cloutier member at large from the Cincinnati base looking to transfer to the Old North State Base. Welcome aboard Dennis.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY – Minutes from 13 January meeting read for review. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 13

Regular Members 12

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 - 31 January 2018

1. Starting balance: \$1,704.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 130.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 400.00

2. Ending balance: \$1,434.59

- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$270.00

3. Storekeeper’s Petty Cash as of this report’s ending date: N/A

4. Receipts from the Storekeeper for this period: N/A

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

January Membership Report: One new member: Horace “Woody” Carmichael. Welcome aboard!

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit of Financials- was completed January 28th by Will Iwaniuk and Jack Murray, one issue of an \$8.00 service charge charged in error by the bank in June 2018. Treasurer discovered issue and notified the bank which corrected the charge and refunded the money to the base account which was confirmed with the January statement.

Proposed Base annual plan & budget for 2018 were discussed.

Motion made and seconded to accept the 2018 annual plan and budget. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Base Commander discussed the base fund raiser: ideals for raffle, several items were discussed to try and ensure to have items that both male and female, non-military customers would be willing to buy a ticket for including:

Mossberg shockwave shotgun

SPA One Wellness Center \$100.00 gift certificate

\$100.00 gift certificate for Night at a Bed & Breakfast

Dennis Loch donated a \$100.00 Lowe's Gift Card (BZ Dennis)

Ed & Wayne Marshall donated a new .45 long Colt Cimarron revolver (est value \$450-\$500 dollars BZ Ed & Wayne)

Merry Maids \$200.00 gift certificate

Various local restaurant gift certificates

Tickets for Hurricane Ice Hockey game

Members were asked to continue to think of ideals for raffle and bring them to the March meeting.

It was discussed when to start selling tickets and when to have the drawing, it was agreed that April or May would be good to start selling tickets and have the drawing at the Wilson Co. fair in September. Raffle items and time to start selling tickets will be determined in the March - April meetings.

Venue and date for March Social dinner/event: Members agreed to have a dinner with wife's Friday night either March 2nd or 9th. Several restaurants for possible location were discussed; members were asked to contact them and confirm that they could accommodate 25-30 attendees and if a private room would be available and let Vince know by February 24th. Location date would be picked by base officers and members would be contacted by email of the location, date and time.

EVENTS:

10 March	Fund Raiser (determine raffle items and dates to sell tickets and drawing)
2 or 9 Mar	Quarterly Social Dinner/Event
20-21 April	Regional Convention—Norfolk VA - Canceled
18-20 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
19 -23 Sept??	Wilson County Fair
21-28 Oct 2018	USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY –February Richard Graves, Dick Kanning

Eagle Scout Recognition of Eagle Scouts -Dennis Cloutier brought up that his last base would recognize local scouts who had earned their Eagle Scout qualification. Wayne Marshall (Eagle Scout) is a member on the district board for Eagle Scout review. Members discussed and all agreed that it would be excellent way to reach young scouts and the public recognizing the similarities between Eagle Scout and submarine qualifications. Base agreed to investigate a means to find out when Scouts are recognized and to provide certificate and award to new Eagle Scouts.

Scorpion 50 Year on Eternal Patches - Wayne Marshall provided 10 patches for member's commemorating the loss of the USS Scorpion 50 yrs. ago this year. BZ Wayne.

Base Float - Vince/Jerry brought up about the base building its own float for parades, etc. Members discussed and it was agreed that it would be something members thought was a good ideal. Several ideals were discussed and Vince asked that members to bring ideals to future meetings for discussion.

USSVI Life Member – Wayne Marshall became life member. BZ Wayne!

Chief of the Boat – Vince brought up the base had enough members now to fill the position of COB for the base. Members agreed and Vince said he would provide duties of the COB position at future meeting and members could vote on member to fill the position.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 10 March 2018 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount NC. Reservations will be made for breakfast at Golden Corral Hwy 301 Rocky Mount at 0900.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 12:27.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Joe Goarck, winnings were donated to base. Thanks Joe.