

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 10 March 2018

VFW, Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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0900 BREAKFAST Golden Corral, Hwy 301 Rocky Mount – 7 Members attended.

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

1008 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 March was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 8 submarines lost in March; Dennis 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 – 8 SubVets members 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 has re-injured his back and his mother-in-law has taken a turn for the worst after suffering a stroke and falling. The family has gathered and believes that she will be going on her

eternal home soon. Please pray for her and her family and also please keep Nelson Gainey's wife Ondra who is still recovering from cancer surgery and Joe Goarck's son who has been diagnosed with cancer in your prayers also.

SPEAKER: Wayne Marshall

Provided review of the book "Never Surrender" by LT General Jerry Boykin who was born in Wilson Co. NC and went on to become the first officer of the Army's Delta Force unit and eventual leader, and of his strong Christian faith and willingness to declare his God as his savior and protector throughout his career and his determination to be both a Christian and military leader. His book is available on Amazon new hard cover for \$15.42.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Recognized Dennis Cloutier as new member and Dave and Karen Corbett as associate members of the Old North State Base. Welcome aboard Dennis, Dave and Karen.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Minutes from 10 February meeting read for review. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as submitted. Motion passed. Jerry also provided members with background and information on new members Dave and Karen Corbett.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 16

Regular Members 13

Associate Members 3

- Financial Report: 1 - 28 February 2018

1. Starting balance: \$1,434.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 91.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 0

2. Ending balance: \$1,525.59

- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$91.00

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.

March Membership Report: One new member Dennis Cloutier and two associate members Dave and Karen Corbett. Welcome aboard!

OLD BUSINESS:

Vince discussed the social dinner on March 2nd at the Rib Eye in Nashville. All agreed it was a good time once the service got on track which was a little slow at first.

Vince discussed the St Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh that the Tarheel base was going to be using the torpedo float, anyone interested can contact them or Vince if they have a desired to assist or be part of the Tarheel Base float in the parade.

Jerry ask members to let him know in as far in advance if we (Old North State) base wanted to use the torpedo float because several bases use it and if you wait too long another base might reserve it first.

Vince brought up the items for the base raffle and it was agreed that we should have no more than 4-5 items to include the;

1. Cimarron Revolver or \$400.00 cash
2. Lowe's \$100.00
3. Logan's Roadhouse Gift certificate, mug, T-shirt, and ball cap package
4. Mossberg Shockwave 20ga shotgun or \$300.00 cash
5. Merry Maids gift certificate

Base members agreed to approve the final list at the April meeting and voted approval for Vince to purchase the shotgun. Also agreed to start selling the tickets in May.

Base Float: Will and Jerry brought up the base building its own float for future events. Members agreed that it was something that they would like to do, several ideals were discussed. Will provided pictures of the float that the Maine Base had (SSN Submarine). Vince asked that members think about location to be able to build it and then store it. Members agreed to bring additional ideals and information to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Will provided list of members that he was going to purchase Vietnam Service pins for that qualified including; Dennis Loch, Jimmy Cash, Woody Carmichael, Dennis Cloutier and Will Iwaniuk.

If any others who's service qualifies them for the pin let Will know.

Chief of the Boat: Vince discussed the COB position and that there really isn't any official list of duties, which it is more of whatever the Base decides they want. Most bases use the position as the person who handles the organization of the base military ceremonies, base equipment, and master at arms duties. Vince asked for anyone interested or any nominations for COB position be presented at the April meeting.

Vince brought up the JVC will be holding the Vietnam Veteran's Day ceremony at Jack Laughery Park in Rocky Mount on Sunday March 25th at 1500. Anyone interested in participating contact Vince.

Vince brought up the base desire for recognition of local Eagle scouts. Wayne and Dennis provided information on what other sites have done. The members agreed to continue to research so that the base could start doing something in the near future. All members agreed it was something the base should do.

Wayne brought up the USS Scorpion SSN 589 50th Memorial ceremonies on May 26th at 1000 at the Norfolk Va. Naval Station D&S piers. Anyone interested in attending contact Wayne for details.

Vince brought up member Woody Carmichael's health issues that keep him from attending some of the meetings and say that he would really appreciate if some members would come by his home on occasion to discuss meetings and swap sea stories and fellowship. Anyone interested let Vince know so that he can call Woody's wife to confirm he is feeling well enough for visitors.

EVENTS:

10 May	Kick off Fund Raiser
18-20 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
?? Jun	Quarterly social/event
19 -23 Sept	Wilson County Fair
21-28 Oct 2018	USSVI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Will Iwaniuk & Dennis Loch

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 14 April 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 11:56.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Dennis Cloutier, Congrats!