

# **Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting**

**1000 Saturday 14 April 2018**

**VFW, Post #2057**

**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803**

**Phone 252-446-7532**

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

**0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**1006 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** – Joe Goarck 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 April was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Joe Goarck. Vince read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in April; Joe tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Vince read detailed account of the loss of the USS Thresher SSN 593, several members recounted stories of where they were and details of what they remembered when the loss of the Thresher was announced in the fleet.

**WWII SUBVETS** – none in attendance

**ALL MEETING ATTENDIES** – 9 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** – Nelson Gainey’s wife Ondra who is still recovering from cancer surgery Nelson stated she is still getting adjusted to the medicine but was still improving. Joe Goarck’s gave some details of his son’s cancer diagnosis and the possible treatments. Richard Graves wife’s sister lost her husband in a traffic accident in Oregon. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**SPEAKER: None**

**REPORTS:**

**BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert**

Vince discussed how the loss of the Thresher which gave birth to the Subsafe program and how it has worked well for the last 50 years keeping our nations submarines operating safely.

Several members shared memories they had of the Thresher and Scorpion and friends and shipmates who were lost.

Several members shared sea stories with each trying to better the one before. Several sanitary blow mishaps being in the top five.

**VICE COMMANDER** – nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Minutes from 10 March 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 Corbert.

**TREASURER**

**- Membership report:**

Base Membership: 16

Regular Members 13

Associate Members 3

**- Financial Report: 1 - 28 February 2018**

**1. Starting balance: \$1,525.59**

- Months Receipts: \$ 99.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 50.00

**2. Ending balance: \$1,574.59**

**- Resulted net gain of (difference between 1 & 2): \$49.00**

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:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussed the fund raising raffle, all items to be raffled were agreed on including the Merry Maids certificate was voted on and approved by members. Flyers and tickets would be available at the meeting in May.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chief of the Boat:** Vince discussed the COB position and the need to formalize the duties for the COB position for our base. Several duties were discussed and members were asked to bring their ideals on what they would like the duties to be to the next meeting.

Vince discussed the social dinner for second quarter and discussed a pig picking at his place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members agreed to discuss and vote on it at the May meeting. (I am voting for the pig picking at Vince's place).

Update on the bases desire for recognition of local Eagle scouts. Dennis provided information on BSA Eagle Scout description and application forms and information on his reaching out to local BSA troops and would report at the next meeting.

Will brought up the base giving back to local charities; several possible organizations were discussed by the members including:

- VA home in Rocky Mount
- Christian outreach in Rocky Mount
- Go into schools to talk to students about joining the military services and the benefits.
- Veterans Residential Services in Wilson

Vince asked for members to bring ideals to the next meeting to discuss.

Dennis and Will updated the base members on details and estimated cost for building the base float, Dennis provide details on the floats built by the Cincinnati, Phoenix and Perch bases. Different ideals concerning the trailer, class of ship, materials were discussed including cost. Members were asked to continue to research and provide details at upcoming meetings.

Vince discussed the Phoenix AZ silent service memorial and about having all of the N.C. Bases sponsor the SS 28/SS-133 which is the NC WW2 lost ship. Vince will follow up with other NC bases and report at next meeting.

Jerry brought up about finding a base function that could be our signature event for the base. Several possible ideals were discussed including;

- NC Sub Veterans dinner
- Submarine birthday ball

Members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Vince discussed visiting member Woody Carmichael's after the last meeting and how much Woody enjoyed it. Anyone interested let Vince know so that he can call Woody's wife to confirm he is feeling well enough for visitors.

**EVENTS:**

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – None**

Dennis Cloutier was inducted into the Holland club and presented certificate, pin and hat by Jerry. Congrats Dennis, BZ!

That makes six members out of sixteen base members that are Holland club members!

**BENEDICTION:** Joe Goarck rendered the closing prayer

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 12 May 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 1247.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** – Three blasts of diving alarm

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Vince Sievert, Congrats!