

**Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 12 May 2018
VFW, Post #2057 (Auxiliary)
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

1014 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 May was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 4 submarines lost in May; 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 – Joe Goarck’s gave update of his son’s cancer diagnosis and the treatments. Please keep Joe’s son and his family in your prayers.

SPEAKER: Sea Stories

Several stories were told by different members. Dennis Loch provided books on the loss of the USS Thresher and the USS Scorpion for members to share, thank you Dennis.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince stressed to members to continue to be active on recruiting new members to continue to grow the base membership. Jerry and Vince both gave reasons why it was necessary for the base membership to grow for the base to succeed and to be able to accomplish its mission.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 14 April meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 16

Regular Members 13

Associate Members 3

- Financial Report: 1 – 30 April 2018

1. Starting balance: \$1,575.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 40.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 0.00

2. Ending balance: \$1,614.59

- Resulted net gain of (difference between 1 & 2): \$40.00

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:

Fund raising flyers and raffle tickets issued to all members present and details on collection of donations were provided. Jerry requested that all money collected and ticket stubs be handed in at each monthly meeting by members.

Vince provided update on the AZ Silent Service Memorial and stated he was waiting on response from the other NC bases and donations from the Moonshine Mountain before knowing what the total amount that each base would be required to provide for sponsorship of the USS-S-28/SS-133 for the memorial.

Vince opened discussion on ideals for charities and community services that the base could support. Several were mentioned and discussed, including attendance at Veteran funerals and veterans homes etc. Jerry also revisited the base signature event that the base could sponsor including NC state meeting/convention as possibility. Members discussed and agreed that they liked the idea and discussed and were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

The upcoming Moonshine Mtn. Memorial the weekend of May 18-20 was discussed and details provided by Jerry.

Dennis and Wayne provided some details on the base recognition of local Eagle Scouts.

Dennis Cloutier provided updates on base float plans and would continue to research and provide updates.

The base COB position was discussed and members agreed to formalize the duties once a volunteer could be found for the position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis provided hat and polo shirt from his last base (Cincinnati) and all members agreed they would like the same for our base. Jack said that he had a contact for hats and shirts and would get some details and prices for the next meeting.

Vince discussed the social dinner for second quarter and discussed a pig picking at his place on June 23rd. members discussed and voted for approval. Vince will provide additional details at the June 9th meeting.

Vince brought up about having a banner made for the planned booth that the base was going to have at the Wilson Co. fair in September. Details will be agreed on a future meeting.

EVENTS:

12 May	Kick off Fund Raiser
18-20 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
23 Jun	Quarterly social/event - Pig Pickin at Vince's
19 -23 Sept	Wilson County Fair
21-28 Oct	USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Wayne Marshall

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 9 June 2018 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 (Auxiliary) 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 1207.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Jerry Emerson, Congrats!