

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 9 June 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 – 5 Members attended.

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 June was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 7 submarines lost in June; Dennis tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Vince discussed the difference of the reason for ringing the bell once for lost ships with no loss of life and twice for loss of ships with loss of lives.

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 his current treatments. Please keep Joe’s son and his family in your prayers.

SPEAKER: Jerry discussed the NC SubVets organization and history and his desire to organize all seven NC bases to start to do more functions together and coordinate activities between the different bases. Also discussed the need to update the NC SubVet's website. Dennis offered some recommendations and offered to provide help where he could.

Jerry also expressed the desire to have all bases meet for a social event or meeting quarterly but also stressed that the NC SubVet's and USSVI are completely separate organizations.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince possible new member Robert Bulluck that Joe Goarck met and provided base information to will continue to reach out to him to bring him on board. As stated before we need to continue to recruit new members to be able to accomplish our mission. "If you aren't growing you're dying"!

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 12 May 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: \$1,614.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 790.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 358.00

2. Ending balance: \$2,046.59

- Resulted net gain of (difference between 1 & 2): \$432.00

3. Raffle Ticket Sales: (60) \$300.00

4. Raffle expenses: \$358.00

Notes Cash collected at Moonshine Mountain for Phoenix \$450.00

5. Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of this report's ending date: N/A

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

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

March Membership Report: Possible new member Robert Bulluck

OLD BUSINESS:

Jerry reminded all members to turn in money and sold tickets stubs each month at the monthly meetings.

Vince provided update on the AZ Silent Service Memorial and stated that \$450.00 was collected at the Moonshine Mountain ceremony and that our base would donate \$50.00 for sponsorship of the USS-S-28/SS-133 for the memorial.

Vince discussed base banner and provided sample for the members and estimated cost of between \$85.00 - \$100.00. Members agree that they liked the sample and would discuss at the next meeting.

Vince discussed local kids with cancer and placing flags on veteran graves for Memorial and Veterans Day for possible community services that the base could support

Dennis Cloutier provided updates on base float plans and estimated cost and will continue to research and provide updates.

Jack provided samples of hats and shirts that the members could purchase with the base logo. Vince said he would provide a better sample of the base patch to see if it would look better and also he had a different vendor that might be able to provide shirts and hats.

Vince provided plans for the quarterly social event pick picking at his place Saturday June 23rd starting around 4:00 pm. He asked members bring chairs and if they wanted a side dish or desert. He will send out email with directions to his place before the 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revised USSVI constitution and by-laws will be sent out prior to 1 August voting.

Donation to Thresher monument at Arlington Cemetery was discussed, members agreed to table until future meeting.

Vince recognized Jerry receiving reward for leadership by District Commander at Moonshine Mountain.

Wayne provided details on the 50th anniversary ceremony of the loss of the USS Scorpion in Norfolk. Said it was a very moving experience, and would most likely be the last organized one held.

Vince discussed the military appreciation night at Mudcats baseball game on 31 August.

EVENTS:

23 Jun	Quarterly social/event at Pig Pickin at Vince's
18 -23 Sept	Wilson County Fair/Raffle Drawing
21-28 Oct 2018	USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)
10 Nov	Veterans Day Ceremony Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount
Nov	Kings Bay GA WWII Memorial Ceremony

1 Dec	Christmas Parade – Wilson & Bailey
2 Dec	Christmas Parade - Rocky Mount
8 Dec	Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Ed Marshall

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 14 July 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 1233.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Jerry Emerson, (again) Congrats!