

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 14 July 2018

VFW, Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Phone 252-446-7532

0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 7 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 July was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 3 submarines with 204 men lost in July; 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 – 12 SubVets members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins. New base member Robert Bulluck introduced himself and his qualification in 2000. Welcome aboard Robert!

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Nothing to report

BINNACLE LIST – Joe Goarck’s gave update of his son’s cancer diagnosis condition is guarded, but hasn’t gotten worse. Please keep Joe’s son and his family in your prayers.

Dennis Cloutier discussed the VA has testing for mesothelioma lung cancer and if you served on ships during the 50's through the 80's you should get tested.

SPEAKER: Jerry discussed the reasons why you should get screened for disability by the VA if you have any physical issues that can be traced back to your service on the boats.

Vince recommended that you talk to the DAV VA officer at the VFW on Wednesdays at 0900-12000 each week if you have questions.

Several shipmates told sea stories about their time while serving.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince officially welcomed Robert Bulluck on board and stressed the importance of continuing to recruit new members to grow the base to be able 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 9 June 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 14

Associate Members 3

- Financial Report: 1 – 30 June 2018

1. Starting balance:	\$2,045.59
- Months Receipts:	\$ 432.00
- Months Disbursements:	\$ 500.00

2. Ending balance:	\$1,978.59
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- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$38.00

3. Raffle Ticket Sales: (204) \$1,020.00

4. Raffle expenses: \$0.00

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: New member Robert Bulluck. Jerry stated that the base would probability lose three members by the end of the year due some moving out of state.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jerry reminded all members to turn in money and sold tickets stubs each month at the monthly meetings and to continue to sell tickets September is coming soon.

Vince discussed baseball caps and polo shirts, members discussed ideals and recommendations for the style and type of hat. Vince will discuss with vendor to get price for next meeting.

Vince discussed base banner and it the members agreed by vote to buy two 10' x 3' banners with a NTE cost of \$250.00.

Vince discussed wreaths across America and possible coordinating with the VA cemetery and Evergreen cemetery both in Goldsboro. He is trying to find out if there are any Sub sailors buried in either cemetery and if so we would like to work with the cemeteries to possibility place wreaths in December.

Dennis Cloutier provided update on the purchase of 24' boat trailer for \$900.00 for the base float. Dennis provided detailed plans and schedule for moving forward on outfitting the trailer and to start building the model. He will continue to provide updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revised USSVI constitution and by-laws have been sent out and are on the USSVI web site and in the latest copy American Submariner of the candidates for national office. The voting opens on August 1st and closes on October 10th. You can vote on line at the USSVI website or by paper ballot in the American Submariner magazine. Remember to vote or you forfeit your right to whine!

Vince discussed the military appreciation night at Mudcats baseball game on Friday 31 August. He has tickets for \$10.00 each.

The Wilson Christmas parade has changed dates to Nov 17th, base members voted to back out of the parade due to the float not available.

Vince brought up that he still hasn't been able to contact anyone concerning the Wilson Co. fair for schedule and details. He will continue to try and report back at the next meeting.

Vince discussed the second quarter social the pig picking at his place; all who attended stated it was a great time, great food and company. He asked for members to come to the next meeting with ideals for the 3rd qtr. Social to be held before September 13th.

Jerry announced his appointment as Commander of North Carolina SubVets group and its purpose to have the seven N.C. bases to work and socialize together to make the bases stronger and to be able to assist each other in the remembrance of our loss shipmates and to keep the N.C. bases active in recruiting and growing.

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

Dennis Loch's son Zack has volunteered to help with getting the NC SubVets web site back up to speed for the group.

BZ Jerry and Dennis!

Vince let the members know that there is a USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook page now and if you're a Facebook user, check it out, like and share it. Hopefully it will help reach out to the younger Sub Vets and let them know we are here.

EVENTS:

18 -23 Sept	Wilson County Fair/Raffle Drawing
21-28 Oct 2018	USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)
2-3 Nov	Kings Bay GA WWII Memorial Ceremony
10 Nov	Veterans Day Ceremony Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount
1 Dec	Christmas Parade – Bailey
2 Dec	Christmas Parade - Rocky Mount
8 Dec	Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Franz Van Baars 82 yrs. young, Dennis Cloutier 72 yrs.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 11 August 2018 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount NC. Reservations will be made for breakfast at Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount at 0900.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1222.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Ed Marshall, \$55.00 Congrats, donated winnings back to the base, thanks!