

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 11 August 2018
VFW, Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-446-7532**

0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 9 Members and 2 wives attended.

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

1005 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 August was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 5 submarines with 251 men lost in August; 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 – 10 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins. Welcomed Bruce Inscoe as possible new base member he introduced himself and his qualification and service in submarines. Welcome aboard Bruce!

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Nothing to report

BINNACLE LIST – Joe Goarck’s gave update of his son’s cancer diagnosis condition is guarded, taking it one day at time. Vince mentioned Ed Marshall called and wouldn’t make the meeting due to another family member falling and being taken to the hospital. Please keep Joe and Ed and their families in your prayers.

SPEAKER: Joe Goarck discussed his recent driving adventure of trying to drive through the front of his house with his pick-up truck and rudely waking up his wife who was enjoying some quiet time in her chair in the front room. Several members asked that anytime Joe decides to drive his truck that he puts out a warning to the base members ahead of time so they and love ones can stay off the roads until the all clear is given! All hands agree that would be a good ideal.

Several shipmates including Bruce shared sea stories about their time while serving.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince officially welcomed Bruce aboard 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 14July 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 14

Associate Members 3

- Financial Report: 1 – 31 July 2018

1. Starting balance: \$1,978.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 695.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 900.00

2. Ending balance: \$1,773.59

- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$205.00

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.

August Membership Report: New members Robert Bulluck and Bruce Inscoe in the process of joining base.

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 251 tickets have been sold so far.

Vince discussed Old North State Dress baseball caps and cost for Old North State members. Members agreed on style and cost. Vince stated he will send out an email requesting the number hats each member wanted and the members also approved by vote to buy the standard 15 Sub Vet hats for resale at base functions i.e. Wilson Co Fair.

Vince Showed the members the two banners that were approved to be purchased last meeting, all members agreed they looked great.

Dennis Cloutier provided update on the status of the base float, he has purchased the main tube for the submarine and has fabricated the bow and stern bulkheads to install in the tube. The trailer is also ready for transport to Dennis Loch's shop for the platform fabrication and installation on the trailer. Vince requested that Dennis let the base members know when he could use a working party to assist him. He informed members that he was posting pictures on face book of the fabrication of the float for base history. He will continue to provide updates. Members discussed locations and events for possible commissioning of the float.

Vince reminded members that voting for the national USSVI elections is open and goes until 10 October. You can access the USSVI website and vote or send your ballot in out of the 2nd quarter 2018 American Submariner magazine. Remember to vote or you forfeit your right to whine!

Vince ask members to send email ideals for the third qtr. social before September 13th.

Jerry provide update on NC Sub Vets website and stated he will be starting a monthly newsletter soon.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Base elections will be this October, Jerry and Franz stated they would be stepping down as Treasurer and Vice Commander. Vince requested names of any members who would like to fill those positions be sent to him before the September meeting.

Vince has contacted the coordinator for the Wilson Co. fair and was waiting confirmation of being provided a booth at the fair. He will report back at the next meeting.

Dick Kanning gave an update on the Southeast Region district which the Old North State Base is part of and stated that the S.E. Region had been a leader in the USSVI in events and awards again this past year. Keep up the great work BZ!

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 – No Birthdays this month.

BENEDICTION: Joe Goarck rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 8 September 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 1207.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Dennis Cloutier, \$60.00 Congrats, he donated \$55.00 of his winnings back to the base, BZ!