

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting  
1000 Saturday 9 September 2018  
VFW, Post #2057  
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803  
Phone 252-446-7532**

**0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 8 Members.**

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

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**1010 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 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 September was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the recounts of the 5 submarines with 260 men lost in September; 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 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.**

**ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Vince informed the members that the official request for placing the memorial in Arlington was presented to committee on previous Friday.**

**BINNACLE LIST** – Nothing new reported. Please keep Joe Goarck’s son and family in prayer for his son’s cancer treatments and Nelson Gainey’s wife health to improve and that the doctors can get her medicine right.

**SPEAKER:** Vince, Jerry and Joe discussed VA disability claims and benefits and the reasons for getting a VA screening for disability. It was discussed by several members on about hearing lost and COPD are very common among Sub sailors.

Several shipmates shared sea stories about their time while serving.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert**

Vince 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 11 August 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

#### **TREASURER**

##### **- Membership report:**

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 14

Associate Members 3

##### **- Financial Report: 1 – 31 August 2018**

**1. Starting balance: \$1,773.59**

- Months Receipts: \$ 3555.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 179.68

**2. Ending balance: \$1,948.91**

**- Resulted net gain of (difference between 1 & 2): \$175.00**

**3. Raffle Ticket Sales: (324) \$1,620.00**

**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:** Several members requested that the list of members be sent out to all members. Secretary stated he would with the minutes this month.

**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 364 tickets have been sold so far.

Vince discussed the membership dues for USSVI were due were due NLT 12/31. Vince proposed that dues be collected by the November meeting to get them to the national office in time. Vince provided the amounts to the members;

1 yr.\$ 25.00

3 yrs. \$75.00

5 yrs. \$115.00

Life memberships based on age;

76 yrs. and older \$100.00

55-75 yrs. \$200.00

35-54 yrs. \$300.00

Youngsters \$400.00

Vince informed the members that Base Ball Caps will be placed and took orders from members for \$27.00 each.

Vince discussed the schedule for the Wilson Co. fair and that requirement to man booth throughout the fair. Also informed members that we wouldn't be able to sell raffle tickets due to American Legion being the only veterans group allowed to at the fair. Members voted to back out of attending the fair this year.

The drawing of the raffle was voted on to be delayed until the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jerry gave an update of the North Carolina Sub Vets website and Dennis Cloutier agreed to be the base web master.

Vince asked for member to put their hat in the ring for the open positions of base vice commander and treasurer in the October meeting.

Dennis Cloutier and Dennis Loch provided update on the status of the base float, and provided pictures. Dennis C. has the main tube and bulkhead complete and has started fabricating the bow and stern sections. The Dennis Loch has made good progress on the bed and frame of the trailer and it should be ready for brakes and lights which Robert Bulluck said he could do at his shop when it was ready. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018 American Submariner magazine. Remember to vote or you forfeit your right to whine!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vince took orders for USSVI 2019 calendars.

Jerry and Vince discussed the moonshine mountain meeting and the entertainment coordinator position was needed and if anyone was interested to let him know.

Jerry informed the members that there might be a \$50.00 fee for the Rocky Mount parade. Members voted if required he could pay the fee.

Vince discuss the Pearl Harbor dinner at the NCS Faculty Club on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vince provided samples of dolphin plaques he had available for if members were interested.

### **EVENTS:**

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

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Jerry 79 and Vince 55 yrs. this month. Jerry is looking pretty good for his age, not so sure about Vince, Happy Birthday guys!**

**BENEDICTION:** Chaplain Wayne rendered the closing prayer

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 13 October 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 1231.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Dennis Cloutier, \$55.00 (this becoming a habit!) Congrats, he donated half his winnings back to the base, BZ!