

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR USSVI OLD NORTH STATE BASE
HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH 2017
AT THE BAILEY CAFÉ
12544 HANOVER ST., BAILEY, NC 27807**

0900 – Meeting room was open for breakfast; 8 Subvets and 1 guest met for breakfast.

1025 Meeting called to order by Jerry Emerson, Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer, Jerry Emerson led the 8 Subvets and one guest in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jerry read the Purpose of USSVI - OUR PURPOSE IS “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.”

INTRODUCTIONS

WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance

NEW SUBVETS – none in attendance

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES – All Subvets present introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins. In addition, one guest was introduced, Wayne Marshall’s brother Ed Marshall, US Army Retired (Vietnam Vet).

TOLLING OF LOST BOATS FOR APRIL

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the month of April was conducted by Jerry Emerson and Frans Van Baar. Jerry read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in April. Frans tolled the bell for each of these 5 lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

REPORTS

As this is the first organizational meeting of this base, there are no reports.

OLD BUSINESS

As this is the first organizational meeting of this base, there is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

DICK KANNING, PAST SOUTHEAST REGION COMMANDER, WILL BE OBSERVING THAT THE MEETING IS IN PROPER FORMAT AND PROCESSING FORMS REQUIRED TO BECOMING A USSVI BASE.

ELECTION OR VOLUNTEERING OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED BASE OFFICERS:

BASE COMMANDER- Jerry Emerson volunteered

VICE COMMANDER- Frans Van Baars volunteered

SECRETARY- Vince Sievert volunteered

TREASURER- Vince Sievert volunteered

OFFICERS MUST BE VOTED ON BY THOSE ATTENDING Motion was made and passed to elect Jerry Emerson as Base Commander, Frans Van Baars as Vice Commander, Vince Sievert as Secretary and Treasurer.

A BASE NAME IS REQUIRED TO PROCEED. Two base names were offered and discussed; Old North State and Remember. Motion was made and passed to make Old North State as base name.

APPROVAL OF A SET OF BY-LAWS IS REQUIRED TO PROCEED. Jerry proposed using USSVI generic by-laws as starting point. Motion was made and passed to accept USSVI generic by-laws as written.

ESTABLISH BASE MEETING TIMES, FREQUENCY, LOCATIONS. Meeting schedule established; to be held monthly on 2nd Saturday of month, meeting time will be 10am. Meetings will initially be held at Bailey Café or Bailey Chamber of Commerce office, desire is to move meeting locations around the Bailey, Wilson, area Rocky Mount to increase exposure.

ESTABLISH BASE DUES: Jerry proposed establishing annual base dues at \$12 (\$1 per month). Motion was made and passed to establish dues at \$12/yr.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED POSITIONS:

Point of Contact - Jerry Emerson volunteered to fill position

Tools Manager - Andrew Piwowarski volunteered to fill position

Base Chaplain - Wayne Marshall volunteered to fill position

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am

**NEXT MEETING 13 MAY 2017, 10am at Bailey Chamber of Commerce
office, 6270 Main St, Bailey, NC**