

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting
Held Saturday, May 13TH 2017
@ Bailey Chamber of Commerce Office
6270 Main ST, Bailey, NC

0900 BREAKFAST AT THE BAILEY CAFÉ; 5 subvets and 1 associate member met for breakfast

1014 MEETING Called TO ORDER by Base Commander Jerry Emerson

INVOCATION – Chaplain Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jerry Emerson led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI PURPOSE

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 – Will Iwaniuk introduced himself, membership application was received 25 April 2017.

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES – 4 additional Subvets introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins; 1 associate member introduced himself (US Army Retired, Vietnam Veteran)

TOLLING OF LOST BOATS FOR MAY:

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the month of May was conducted by Jerry Emerson and Joe Goarck. Jerry read the recounts of the 4 submarines lost in May. Joe tolled the bell for each of these 4 lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – NOTHING TO REPORT

BINNACLE LIST – NOTHING TO REPORT

GOOD OF THE ORDER

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER - BASE BY-LAWS – Discussion was held regarding any changes needed to by-laws.

1. Motion made, seconded and passed to add Founding Member (Jerry Emerson, Frans Van Baars, Vince Sievert, Wayne Marshall, Joe Goarck, Andrew Piwowarski, Nelson Gainey) to Article III Section 2 and Charter

Members (the above listed Founding members plus Will Iwaniuk and Ed Marshall) to Article III Section 3.

2. Motion made, seconded and passed to add frequency, time, and location to meeting. Meetings are to be held on second Saturday of each month at 10am, optional breakfast will be 9am if restaurant is conveniently located near meeting location. Location for monthly meeting will vary in the Rocky Mount, Wilson, Bailey, and Nashville areas.

VICE COMMANDER – EXCUSED ABSENCE

SECRETARY – Meeting minutes for 8 April 2017 organizational meeting were distributed via email for member review. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as submitted.

TREASURER – reported checking account was established at Southern Bank in Bailey on 2 May, with an opening balance of \$49.00. Account was setup with no month service fees. Jerry Emerson and Vince Sievert are authorized to sign checks.

OLD BUSINESS:

BASE PATCH – 5 options were presented, vote resulted in 3-3 split on options 4 & 5. Further discussion resulted in changes to option 4, making the new design option 4A. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously for option 4A (selected patch is attached)

COLLECT BASE DUES, MAY THRU DEC. \$ 8.00 – dues were collected from 4 members.

ESTABLISH BASE MEETING TIMES, FREQUENCY, LOCATIONS – Meetings will be held on second Saturday of each month at 10am, optional breakfast will be 9am if restaurant is conveniently located near meeting location. Location for monthly meeting will vary in the Rocky Mount, Wilson, Bailey, and Nashville areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR USSVI AND OUR BASE – Jerry encouraged all members to continue to plant seeds in effort to grow base membership. Military veterans are eligible to be associate members. Additionally, Jerry explained that member can maintain dual base membership status, however must declare a base as primary, all regional and national level voting will be done via a members primary base.

SHORT / LONG RANGE PLAN – Jerry led discussion regarding short and long range planning for the base. Encouraged members to think of local charities / non-profits the base can support. Good discussion was held, members were asked to bring ideas to the July meeting for further discussion. Additional discussion was held regarding involvement in local parades using the torpedo float, Regional / National Conventions, Moonshine Mountain, Pearl Harbor Dinner, Submarine Birthday Ball.

RIFLE RAFFLE – Vince Sievert has donated a Henry Golden Boy “Military Edition” 22LR Rifle to the base for raffling. 500 raffle tickets have been printed, drawing to be held at completion of 8 July meeting. Tickets were available for members to sell.

50/50 RAFFLE VOLUNTEER – Joe Goarck volunteered to be 50/50 raffle coordinator. Thanks Joe.

VARIOUS POSITIONS WILL BE NEEDED AS THE BASE GROWS – Will Iwaniuk volunteered to be the Assistant Treasurer. Thanks Will.

BENEDICTION - Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING - 10 JUNE 2017 @ 5pm, Paul's of New York Restaurant, 3106 Nash St, Wilson, NC.

Spouses / Guests are invited to this meeting. Formal presentation of Base Charter will be made by Dick Kanning. National Officers are being invited as well. Meal and beverages will be no host.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am