

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 8 July 2017
VFW, Post #2057,
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803**

0830 BREAKFAST AT SHARPSBURG RESTAURANT – 5 subvets, 1 associate and 1 guest

Meeting called to order at 1002 by Base Commander Jerry Emerson with two blasts of the diving alarm.

INVOCATION – Chaplain Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer

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

USSVI PURPOSE

Vince Sievert read the USSVI Purpose - 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."

WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance

NEW SUBVETS – none in attendance.

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES – 5 Subvets, 1 associate member and 1 guest (David O'Dea) introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.

Tolling of Lost Boats:

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the month of July was conducted by Jerry Emerson and Frans Van Baars. Jerry read the recounts of the 3 submarines lost in July, Frans tolled the bell for each of these 3 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

SPEAKER:

David O'Dea, Lt Col, USA (Retired) Vice President, Joint Veterans Committee (JVC) of Nash and Edgecombe Counties – Presented overview of JVC. JVC is made up of Veteran organizations in Nash and Edgecombe counties, American Legion, VFW, and Marine Corp League. Primary purpose of the JVC is to honor veterans during monthly Flag Raising Ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial in Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount, NC. Ceremonies are offered free of charge to veteran's families, each family receives a flag that was raised

during the ceremony and flown over the memorial for a month. The flag is placed in a presentation case for display. Monthly ceremonies are held on 3rd Saturday of the month at 1100 (with exception of June-August ceremonies start at 1000). No ceremonies are scheduled in May or November, due to Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies. JVC welcomes Old North State Subvets to be part of the monthly ceremonies and become active with the JVC. JVC meets monthly on 1st Monday at 1900, VFW Post 2057.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER –

1. **Communications** - Jerry asked for feedback from members on whether they were receiving his email, Jerry stated he has had problems with his email, wants to ensure his communications are being received. In future, Jerry will request response back from recipients on anything he deems important that all members receive.
2. **Website Resources** – Jerry encouraged everyone to become familiar with the USSVI & NC Subvets websites. Additionally, verify your personal information is correct on USSVI website.
 - a. <https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>
 - b. <http://ncsubvets.org>

VICE COMMANDER – Nothing to report

SECRETARY - Meeting minutes for 10 June 2017 meeting were distributed via email for member review. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as submitted.

TREASURER - Current balances as of 1 July 2017- Regular Account- \$78.74; Total Balance- \$78.74. Notes: Balances are based on local records. Balances include transactions not reflected in the online statement (items not cleared in the account).

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Happy Birthday to Frans

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **MEETING LOCATIONS** – Three locations are available to hold meetings, Bailey Café, Bailey Chamber of Commerce Office, and VFW Post 2057. Each of these locations have nearby diners that can accommodate breakfast prior to meetings. VFW Post 2057 offers a more centralizes location for the current membership, motion was made, seconded and passed to establish VFW Post 2057 as regular meeting location.
2. **OLD NORTH STATE ROCKERS** – rockers were passed out to all charter members at no cost.
3. **REVIEW OLD NORTH STATE PATCH** – Sample patch was stitched out and passed around for members to review. The flag and submarine were left off the stitch out because the overall size of the patch could not support sufficient detail for either of the images. Feedback on the patch was positive, remainder of the order will be stitched out and available at meeting in August.
4. **2017 & 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** – Review of the proposed 2017 & 2018 schedule of events was done, meeting locations were locked in at VFW Post 2057. Jerry provided overview of National Convention activities and what you can expect. Motion was made, seconded and passed to participate in Bailey Christmas Parade on 2 Dec, Jerry will make arrangements to reserve torpedo

float for the parade. Frans will check into details of Wilson Christmas Parade as well. Proposed 2017 & 2018 Schedule of Events are attached to end of minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **QUARTERLY DINNER/SOCIAL EVENTS** – One of the goals of the base is to find ways to include spouses/family in the activities. Discussion regarding a quarterly dinner was held, all seem to like the idea of a dinner once a quarter at a reasonably priced venue. Homework was assigned to look into venues for a September or October dinner. We will follow-up on this during the next meeting.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: 1000 Saturday August 12th 2017 @ VFW Post 2057 In Rocky Mount NC. Joe Goarck checking with Shiny Diner in Rocky Mount to see if they can host breakfast on August 12th at 0830, if not, we will reserve tables at Sharpsburg Restaurant.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 1145

SURFACE THE BOAT

50/50 RAFFLE - David O'Dea was winner, he donated his winnings to the base (\$30 total)

RAFFLE RIFLE - 342 tickets sold, netting the base \$1710. Special thank you to James Nelms, VFW Post 2057, for volunteering to help sell tickets, James sold 92 tickets. Winner of the Henry Rifle was Bob "Boo" Berry.

- Apr 8 - Meeting @ Bailey Café to Establish New Base
- May 13 - Monthly Meeting @ Bailey Chamber of Commerce
/ Kick-off Fund Raiser Raffle
- May 19-20 - Moonshine Mountain
- Jun 10 - Monthly Meeting @ Paul's of New York Italian Restaurant / Charter
Presentation Ceremony
- Jun 30 - Annual Report Due to SERD
- Jul 8 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057/ Drawing for Raffle
- Aug 12 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Sep 1-6 - USSVI National Convention (Orlando, FL)
- Sep 9 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
 -Solicit nominations for Election of Officers
- Oct 7 - Tarheel Base Picnic
- Oct 14 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
 -Present nominations for Election of Officers
- Nov 2-5 - WWII Memorial Event, Kings Bay, GA
- Nov 11 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
 -Election of Officers
- Dec 2 - Bailey Christmas Parade, 2pm-4pm
- Dec 9 - Pearl Harbor Dinner (no monthly meeting)
- Dec 15 - Submit Annual Financial Report to National Treasurer (due NLT 1 March 2018)
- Dec 31 - Deadline for USSVI / Base Dues for 2018

Old North State Annual Plan for 2018 (proposed)

- Jan 13 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
 -Swearing in of New Officers
- Feb 10 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Mar 10 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Apr 14 - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057 / Kick-off Fund Raiser
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****Need date for Submarine Birthday Ball**

****Need dates for Moonshine Mountain Memorial**

****Need dates for USSVI SE Regional Conference**

****Need dates for USSVI National Convention**