

# **Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting**

**1000 Saturday 12 August 2017**

**VFW, Post #2057,**

**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803**

**Phone 252-446-7532**

**0830 BREAKFAST AT GOLDEN CORRAL, Rocky Mount – 5 SubVets**

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

**Meeting called to order at 1000 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 CREED**

**Joe Goarck recited the 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.”**

**WWII SUBVETS** – none in attendance

**ALL MEETING ATTENDIES** – 9 SubVets (3 of the SubVets were first time guests; Jessie Ruffin – qual’d 1976, Jack Murray – qual’d 1978, Dennis Loch – qual’d 1974), and 1 associate member 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 August was conducted by Jerry Emerson and Frans Van Baars. Jerry read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in August, Frans tolled the bell for each of the 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: Sea Story by Joe Goarck:** Joe shared his trials and tribulations while executing travel to USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628) then stationed in Pearl Harbor and getting ready to deploy to Guam for its first patrol. Joe had put T-cup thru construction, all sea trials and commissioning (Blue crew). During travel from Groton to Hawaii his wife got very sick and was in and out of a number of hospitals enroute. Joe made it to Guam with Tecumseh. Just days prior to departing on first patrol, his wife was hospitalized again, and a

request was sent to his command requesting his release from deploying to return to Pearl Harbor to support his wife and children. His command denied the request citing needs of the mission and he deployed with the boat, (ComPac Fleet ultimately ordered him home but the boat had already pulled the plug). During the patrol, multiple crew members became extremely sick and Joe had his hands full caring for the crew. The cause of the illness was determined to be caused by a Freon leak. Joe shared the story as a testament to his belief that God had a hand in making sure Joe was there when the Tecumseh crew needed him.

Thank you Joe.

## **REPORTS:**

**BASE COMMANDER** - Jerry encouraged all members to continue to look for new SubVets, he made a point that we are not getting any younger, and need to be looking for the next generation to carry-on the mission of USSVI.

**VICE COMMANDER** - nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Motion made to accept 8 JULY meeting minutes distributed via email. Motion seconded and passed to accept minutes as distributed.

**TREASURER** - **July Treasurers Report**

- Starting balance July 2017: \$ 78.74.
- July Receipts: \$1764.00
- July Disbursements: \$ 168.54
- Ending balance for July 2017: \$1674.20
- Motion made to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded and passed to accept Treasurers Report as read.
- **Rifle Raffle Results** – 342 tickets sold, netting \$1710

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**OLD NORTH STATE PATCH** – Distributed Patches to charter members at no cost. Secretary has patches for Will Iwaniuk and Nelson Gainey.

## **QUARTERLY DINNER/SOCIAL EVENTS**

– Date and location was decided upon, Olive Garden, 3401 Raleigh Road Pkwy, Wilson, 15 September at 1830. Vince Sievert will make reservations for 20. Dinner is no-host and open to family, friends and guests.

– The Pearl Harbor Dinner being hosted by the Tarheel Base on 9 December, will be our quarterly dinner for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017.

**BAILEY / WILSON CHRISTMAS PARADES** – Jerry reported that he has reserved the Torpedo float for the Wilson and Bailey Christmas Parades. Both parades will be held on 2 December, Wilson parade starts at 1100, Bailey parade starts at 1400.

**MEETING LOCATIONS / SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST** – Meeting locations have been locked in at VFW Post #2057, Rocky Mount. Members are looking at venues for the September breakfast, Vince will make reservations for 10 at Sharpsburg Restaurant if no other venue can be found.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DONATION FOR USS LING (SS 297)** – Jerry read SubVet News #2017-037, announcing the fund raising effort to raise \$100,000 for restoration and preservation of the USS LING (SS 297) currently berthed along the shore of the Hackensack River in New Jersey. Motion was made to donate \$10 to the effort, motion was seconded and passed.

**DONATION FOR USS SCORPION (SSN 589) 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL** – Jerry read SubVet News #2017-042, announcing the fund raising for the USS SCORPION 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service. The memorial service has been held every 5 years since the loss of the submarine and crew in late May of 1968. This will most likely be the final year of the memorial service. The USS SCORPION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is asking for donations of \$99, this is in honor of the 99 crew members lost. Motion was made to donate \$99 to the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, motion was seconded and passed.

**CALLING CARDS** – Following the July meeting, discussion took place regarding procurement of business cards/calling cards that can be left with potential new members. Vince presented a draft copy of a calling card for members to review and comment on. Motion was made to expend \$30-\$40 on 500 cards, motion was seconded, recommendation was made to add a phone number to the card, Jerry is the base POC, so his number will be added. Motion passed. See included proof.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**SOCIAL NETWORKING** – Vince took survey of members to determine if the current members would find it beneficial to setup a Facebook page. Survey found only 3 members that used Facebook, determination was made that Facebook page would not be beneficial at this time.

**NC SUBVETS LOOKING FOR WEBMASTER** – North Carolina has 7 USSVI SubVet Bases, NC SubVets Organization is made up of the membership of the 7 North Carolina Bases. NC SubVets is looking for a volunteer to take over as the website for NCSubVets.org. Volunteer does not have to be a SubVet member.

### **Frans asked the new SubVets in attendance how they found out about our Base**

- Jessie Ruffin used the USSVI website to find a base, and had seen our meeting announcement in the Wilson Times.
- Jack Murray was aware of USSVI while on active duty, was attending meeting as guest of Joe Goarck.
- Dennis Loch was aware of USSVI while drilling as a reservist, recently met COB Dan Walls at Seymour Johnson AFB. COB Walls passed Dennis' info to Old North State Base for follow-up, invited to meeting by Vince Sievert.

### **Frans suggested we explain the process for obtaining a SubVet vest / ball cap / and or patches**

- BCPatch.com is one source for vests, ball caps and patches.
- Tarheel Base has a Storekeeper (Stewburner) that maintains an inventory of items, he is able to order items as well.

**USS HAKE Model:** Wayne Marshall won a model of the USS HAKE (SS 256) that was raffled off as a fund raiser for the Moonshine Mountain Renovation Project. Wayne turned around and donated the model to the St. Marys Submarine Museum, located in St. Marys, Georgia. Wayne received a very nice letter from the

Executive Director of the Museum, copy of the letter and pictures of Steve Bell making the presentation are included below. Thanks Wayne.

**50/50 RAFFLE** - \$50 taken in, Andy Piowowski was winner of \$25, he donated his winnings to the base, thank you Andy.



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

**NEXT MEETING:** 1000 Saturday 9 September 2017 @ VFW Post 2057 In Rocky Mount NC. Members are checking venues in the area to see if they can host breakfast on 9 September at 0830, if not, we will reserve space at Sharpsburg Restaurant.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1151.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** - Three blasts of the diving alarm

## United States Submarine Veterans



### Old North State Base

Nash / Wilson / Edgecombe County area Chapter

**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."

Come and join us; 10am on 2nd Saturday of each month at  
VFW Post #2057, 11270 E. NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803.  
Phone: 252-235-2926

Invited by: \_\_\_\_\_



14 July 2017

Reverend Bruce Marshall  
152 Driftwood Lane  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870-9015

**RE: DONATION TO THE ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSUEM**

Dear Reverend and Shipmate,

I want to personally thank you so much for your generosity to the Museum, a place you have not even seen with your own eyes yet. Your donation of the USS HAKE (SS 256) Model that you won at the Burnsville SubVets gathering is beautiful and will be a great addition to our Museum.

I do not know if Steve Bell told you, but we have the USS HAKE Battleflag that was donated to us by the son of one of the Crewmembers that had it upon his passing about 3 years ago. How fitting we now have a model of this great WWII Warship. I am grateful to Steve for not only reaching out to you about this donation, but for driving all the way down here Friday to deliver it, have lunch with me then to turn around and drive all the way home. To say he is a good and dedicated submariner is an understatement!

I will be sending you information and an invitation soon about our Annual WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial here in Kings Bay the first week of November. It is an event you do not want to miss!

Thank you again so much sir for your generosity and thank you for your service to our nation in the submarine force! I wish you a great rest of the summer and look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Keith F. Post  
Executive Director

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