

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 9 September 2017

VFW, Post #2057,

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Phone 252-446-7532

0830 BREAKFAST SHARPSBURG RESTAURANT, ROCKY MOUNT – 7 SubVets

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1004 Meeting called to order by Vice Commander Frans Van Baars with two blasts of the diving alarm.

INVOCATION – Chaplain Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Frans Van Baars led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

USSVI CREED

Andy Piwowarski 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 – 7 SubVets, 1 associate member and 1 guest 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 September was conducted by Frans Van Baars and Joe Goarck. Frans read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in September, Joe 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: Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Service Officer, Bob “Boo” Berry. Bob shared with the membership his mission as a Service Officer, office hours 0900-1200 every Wednesday at the VFW.

REPORTS

BASE COMMANDER – nothing to report, visiting family out of state

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Minutes from 8 July meeting read, motion made to accept meeting minutes as read. Motion seconded and passed to accept minutes as read.

TREASURER - August Treasurers Report

- Starting balance August 2017: \$1,674.20
- August Receipts: \$ 203.00
- August Disbursements: \$ 232.91
- Ending balance for August 2017: \$1,644.29
- Motion made to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded and passed to accept Treasurers Report as read.

-August Membership Report: 2 new members (Dennis Loch, Jesse Ruffin)

OLD BUSINESS:

CALLING CARDS – 500 cards have been purchased and available for members to use in recruiting

QUARTERLY DINNER/SOCIAL EVENTS – 15 SEPTEMBER @ 1830, OLIVE GARDEN, 3401 RALEIGH ROAD PKWY, WILSON, NC (reservations for 20) – need head count

DONATIONS SENT: USS LING \$10, USS SCORPION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION \$99 – received very nice letter from USS Scorpion Alumni Association with a 50th anniversary patch and bio of one of the lost crew members, Richard Norman Summers, Yeoman Third Class from Statesville, NC.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business discussed

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tarheel Base Picnic 7 Oct – picnic promoted as opportunity build comradery with other NC bases. Details will be sent out when available.

SUBVET DISPLAY AT NC STATE FAIR – 18 OCT (Military Appreciation Day), VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 0800-1700

SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII MEMORIAL CEREMONY – 1-5 NOV, REGISTRATION DUE NLT 20 OCT – Joe Goarck has attending the ceremony in the past, found it to be very moving ceremony. Jerry will give another testimonial during the Oct meeting.

SOLICIT NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS – FORMAL NOMINATIONS DURING OCT MEETING

Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

SubVet News #2017-049 – No dues for active duty personnel joining USSVI for the first year of their membership. Message was shared with membership, policy has been on hold waiting the roll out of the new website, however, due to delays with the website decision was made to implement policy immediately.

2018 Submarine Calendars – Taking Orders

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS BEING RUN IN: ROCKY MOUNT TELEGRAM, WILSON TIMES, SPRING HOPE ENTERPRISE, NASHVILLE GRAPHIC and WRIGHT TIMES. ARE THERE ARE OTHERS WE SHOULD CONSIDER LISTING WITH? Recommendations made to list with Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald, Goldsboro News Argus, The Daily Reflector (Greenville).

Joint Veterans Committee (JVC) SUPPORT – Vince solicited interest from membership in supporting JVC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Jerry Emerson, Vince Sievert

Request was made to have copy of base roster emailed to all members.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne Marshall rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 14 October 2017 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 **Auxiliary** in Rocky Mount NC.

Members are checking venues in the area to see if they can host breakfast on 14 October at 0830, if not, we will reserve space at Sharpsburg Restaurant.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1136.

SURFACE THE BOAT - Three blasts of the diving alarm

50/50 Drawing Results: \$60 in the pot, winner of \$30 Andy Piwowarski. Andy donated his winnings to the base. Thank you Andy.





27 August 2017

Dear USSVI OLD NORTH STATE BASE:

On behalf of USS SCORPION, SSN-589's widows, family members, and former crew, I thank you for your participation in the "\$99 for 99" fundraising effort for our 50th Anniversary Memorial Service to be held on May 26, 2018, at the Norfolk Navy Base. As stated, every penny will go towards offsetting expenses for the memorial service and family banquet to be held in memory of those lost 99 SCORPION crewmembers. So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please accept the enclosed commemorative patch as a token of our gratitude for your support. I have also included the biography of **Richard Norman Summers, Yeoman Third Class** from Statesville, North Carolina. His story is taken directly from the original, "USS SCORPION, (SSN 589) Memorial Book" which was published shortly after her loss in 1968. I hope you will share his story with your Base.

We truly appreciate all that you and USSVI, Inc. do to perpetuate SCORPION's memory and especially that of her beloved crew.

Sincerely,

Art Nolan

Art Nolan, Chair
USS SCORPION, SSN-589
50th Anniversary Memorial Committee



RICHARD NORMAN SUMMERS

Yeoman Third Class

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

Richard Norman Summers was born March 8, 1946, in Statesville, N.C. While attending Scotts High School in Scotts, N.C., Richard was a member of the high school band, Beta Club, and the Future Farmers of America. He received a number of medals in livestock and farming from the FFA. Richard also played football and was a member of the Boy Scouts.

He attended Mitchell College in Statesville in 1964-65, and completed a correspondence course with Weaver Airlines Correspondence School before enlisting in the Naval Reserve on November 30, 1965.

Richard attended two weeks of recruit training in June 1966, and reported to active duty onboard the destroyer *Soley* in October 1966. In April 1967, he came on active duty and attended yeoman school at Bainbridge, Md., for six weeks and then reported to submarine school in Groton, Conn. After completing submarine school in August 1967, Richard was assigned to U.S.S. *Scorpion*. He was authorized to wear the National Defense Service Medal.

Richard is survived by his parents, Mr. Charles F. Summers, and Mrs. Hila Ellis Summers, both of Statesville, N.C.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "USSVI POC: John E. Markiewicz" <NSVC@ussvi.org>
Date: September 8, 2017 at 1:46:14 PM EDT
To: "David B. Campbell" <davidcampbell4@att.net>
Subject: **USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2017-049**
Reply-To: NSVC@ussvi.org

Date: 9/8/2017
To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: NO DUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL JOINING USSVI FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP
Submitted by: John E. Markiewicz on 9/8/2017
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Earlier this year the Board of Directors authorized a change to our membership dues that:

"Any active duty member of any of the armed services who wish to join USSVI as a regular or associate member will not be charged dues for their first calendar year of membership."

This new policy had been placed on hold until the new website went live, however, with the latest delays to that happening, we have decided to implement it effective immediately for the 2018 calendar year.

This means any active duty person who joins for 2018, commencing immediately, will not be charged dues until or unless they renew in December of 2018. Their dues will be listed as paid in full until December 31 of 2018.

There are some restrictions:

1. An application must be sent to the National Office as usual.
2. They will not receive a membership card until their first renewal in December of 2018.
3. they will receive only the electronic version of the American Submariner.

JOHN MARKIEWICZ
NATIONAL COMMANDER

This is an official email communication from the United States Submarine Veterans. If you don't want to receive these E-Grams, please contact John E. Markiewicz (NSVC@ussvi.org).

Commanders:
Please share with your membership.

All:

As you can see by the e-mail below we are going to try to get a little ahead on the current disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey. The CF President will be putting out an e-mail once all the elements of a Fund are set up in the Brotherhood Fund. All bases and individuals are asked to give serious consideration to contributing money to this cause. At this time we have no idea how many of our members have sustained damage/flooding but I am sure there are more than we care to have. So plan ahead if you can and be ready to assist as best you can.

Thanks you all who contribute to this worthy cause for our shipmates.

Steve Bell
SERD and Acting SERD2 and SERD3

From: "USSVI POC: William C. Andrea" <NJVC@USSVI.ORG>
Date: August 28, 2017 at 8:18:54 PM EDT
To: "David B. Campbell" <davidcampbell4@att.net>
Subject: USSVI OFFICIAL BUSINESS: SubVet News - #2017-045
Reply-To: NJVC@USSVI.ORG

Date: 8/28/2017
To: Distribution List

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NEWS-01: 2018 USSVI Calendar Pricing
Submitted by: William C. Andrea on 8/28/2017

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2018 USSVI Calendar Pricing!

"Attention Storekeepers and Calendar Sale Coordinators: The 2018 USSVI Calendars will be available in September. We are now taking advanced orders. Order now and be the first in line to receive them. Just email me at nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com. We will process an order and ship as soon as possible. You may also order at this year's national convention in Orlando. This year's theme is, 'Submarine Squadrons of the Pacific Fleet'.

2018 Calendar pricing – Shipped USPS Priority Mail for 3 calendars and up.

Calendars	Cost	Lbs	Pkg type	Media Mail
1 - 2	\$10.95 ea	< 1	Envelope	\$2.75
3 - 6	\$ 8.50 ea	< 2	Envelope	\$3.25
7 - 8	\$ 7.50 ea	< 3	2 " Box	\$3.75
9 - 11	\$ 7.50 ea	< 4	2 " Box	\$4.25
12 - 14	\$ 7.50 ea	< 5	2 " Box	\$4.75
15 - 17	\$ 7.50 ea	< 6	2 " Box	\$5.25
18 - 20	\$ 7.50 ea	< 7	2 " Box	\$5.50
21 - 23	\$ 7.50 ea	< 8	4 " Box	\$6.00
24 - 26	\$ 7.50 ea	< 9	4 " Box	\$6.75
27 - 29	\$ 7.50 ea	< 10	4 " Box	\$7.00
30 - 32	\$ 7.00 ea	< 11	4 " Box	\$7.50
33 - 35	\$ 7.00 ea	< 12	4 " Box	\$8.00
36 - 37	\$ 7.00 ea	< 13	4 " Box	\$8.50
38 - 40	\$ 7.00 ea	< 14	4 " Box	\$9.00
41 - 42	\$ 7.00 ea	< 16	6 " Box	\$10.00
43 - 45	\$ 7.00 ea	< 17	6 " Box	\$10.50
46 - 49	\$ 7.00 ea	< 18	6 " Box	\$11.00
50 - 54	\$ 6.50 ea	< 20	6 " Box	\$12.00
55 - 58	\$ 6.50 ea	< 21	6 " Box	\$12.50
59 - 60	\$ 6.50 ea	< 22	6 " Box	\$12.75
61 - 99	\$ 6.50 ea	Combine	Combine	Combine
100-149	\$ 6.00 ea	Combine	Combine	Combine
150 & up	\$ 5.50 ea	Combine	Combine	Free (one address)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 7, 2017

VA Unveils Claims Submission Option That Promises to Complete Claims within 30 Days

WASHINGTON — Today, as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) continued efforts to improve timeliness of services for Veterans and their families, VA unveiled the Decision Ready Claims (DRC) initiative, a disability claims submission option with accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) that promises to deliver faster claims decisions to Veterans and their families.

"The DRC initiative is a collaborative effort between VA and VSOs to help Veterans receive faster decisions on disability claims," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "VA works closely with participating VSOs to make sure they are properly trained in this new process and given the tools they need to participate successfully in the program on behalf of the Veterans they serve."

Veterans who choose to submit their claim under DRC can expect to receive a decision within 30 days from the time VA receives the claim. VSOs will ensure all supporting evidence — such as medical exams, military service records, etc. — is included with the claim submission. This advance preparation by the VSOs allows claims to be assigned immediately to claims processors for a quick decision.

DRC was first implemented May 1, 2017, at the St. Paul (Minn.) Regional Office, and is now available at all VA regional offices. While DRC is currently limited to claims for increased compensation (commonly known as claims for increase), and requires Veterans to work with VSOs, VA's goal is to expand the types of claims accepted under the initiative and allow Veterans other ways to submit their claim under DRC.

DRC is another key step in aggressively modernizing VA's benefits delivery to Veterans in a fully digital operating environment. With electronic claims processing as a foundation, VA's innovation will improve service to Veterans, their families, and survivors.

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