

# **Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting**

**1000 Saturday 14 October 2017**

**VFW, Post #2057 (Auxiliary)**

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

**Phone 252-446-7532**

**0830 BREAKFAST SHARPSBURG RESTAURANT, ROCKY MOUNT – 8 SubVets**

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

**0955 Meeting called to order by 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**

**Will Iwaniuk 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."**

## **Tolling of Lost Boats:**

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the month of October was conducted by Jerry Emerson and Frans Van Baars. Jerry read the recounts of the 9 submarines lost in October, Frans tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

**WWII SUBVETS** – none in attendance

**ALL MEETING ATTENDIES** – 8 SubVets and 1 associate member introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.

**ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL** – Nothing to report

**BINNACLE LIST** – Joe Goarck's granddaughter GoFundMe fundraiser. Vince Sievert provided an update on fundraising effort, link to GoFundMe page was sent to Steve Bell and Dave Campbell requesting to be distributed to South East Region Bases. Steve concurred and forwarded to base commanders. To date, SubVets have contributed \$675. Steve Bell has been in contact with the Brotherhood Chairman of the Charitable Foundation, and was told that if we can get SubVets to contribute \$1000 or more, we may be able to get the Brotherhood Fund to match the first \$1000. Vince is tracking contributions and will keep Steve informed of status.

**SPEAKER: Vince Sievert.** Vince shared sea story of USS BREMERTON incident in floating drydock AFDM-6 COMPETENT in August 1994.

### **REPORTS:**

**BASE COMMANDER – Wilson Christmas Parade application** – Application completed and ready to mail, no cost for veteran organizations. Need head count of those planning to participate in Wilson and Bailey parade. Discussed having late lunch/dinner at Bailey Café following parade. Vince will check availability and report at November meeting.

**VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report**

**SECRETARY** - Minutes from 9 September meeting read, motion made to accept meeting minutes as read. Motion seconded and passed to accept minutes as read.

**TREASURER - September Treasurers Report**

- Starting balance September 2017:	\$1,644.29
- August Receipts:	\$ 126.00
- August Disbursements:	\$ 50.00
- Ending balance for September 2017:	\$1,720.29

- Motion made to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded and passed to accept Treasurers Report as read.

**-September Membership Report:** 1 new members (Jack Murray)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**QUARTERLY DINNER/SOCIAL EVENTS – 15 SEPTEMBER @ 1830, OLIVE GARDEN, 3401 RALEIGH ROAD PKWY, WILSON, NC** – very enjoyable evening, 21 attended, next dinner 9 December.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BASE PATCHES AND ROCKERS – need to order more.** Motion made to order 12 each from Perfect Promotions (Tom McFadden), not to exceed \$150. Motion seconded and passed.

**\$10 Contribution – NC SubVets Patron Membership at the NC Air Museum** – The torpedo float that is used by NC SubVet Bases is stored at NC Aviation Museum in Asheboro. NC SubVets make an annual donation to the museum of \$125, Old North State Base share of the donation is recommended to be \$10. Motion was made to contribute \$10 to the combined contribution. Motion seconded and passed.

**Joe Clark Scholarship Fund** - For those who didn't know Joe Clark, he was a WWII vet and a Tarheel base member. Chuck Jensen has completed setting up a scholarship fund within our Charitable Foundation. The initial monetary submission was \$5,000 which was bequeathed from Joe Clark's estate. The only added requirement to the scholarship application is that the recipient each year must be a child/grandchild from one of our (NC) base members. USSV-CF requires that a minimum of \$5,000 be used to set up a scholarship fund and that it can last for 5 years. We would like to see this scholarship last forever. How can that happen you may ask? It is simple, we, the bases within NC, just need to contribute funding to it each year. So, we are asking each base to contribute on an annual basis to this scholarship fund. All that is needed is to send a

check to the USSVI National Office and make the check out to the USSV-CF and annotate that it is for the Joe Clark Scholarship fund. The Scholarship committee will take care of the rest. Now these contributions do not just have to be from a base. Individuals are invited to submit as well. Amounts are what a base/individual can afford. Please consider finding a way for your base to contribute on an (as a minimum) annual basis. Jerry made a motion to contribute \$50 to the fund. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Nominations for 2018 Officers –**

Vince Sievert volunteered to serve as Commander

Frans Van Baars volunteered to continue as Vice Commander

Jack Murray volunteered to serve as Secretary

Jerry Emerson volunteered to serve as Treasurer

Motion was made to vote on the slate of officers for 2018. Motion seconded and passed. Jerry is looking into conducting the swearing in ceremony at Pearl Harbor Dinner in December. Otherwise, swearing in will be done at January meeting.

**Fuel expense for towing of float –** Motion was made to reimburse Jerry for fuel expenses related to towing of torpedo float in support of Wilson & Bailey Christmas Parade. Motion was seconded and passed.

**EVENTS:**

<b>1-5 Nov</b>	<b>Kings Bay WWII Memorial</b>
<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast (NC Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount)</b>
<b>11 Nov</b>	<b>Veterans Day Ceremony (Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount)</b>
<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Parades (Wilson 1100-1300, Bailey 1400-1600)</b>
<b>9 Dec</b>	<b>Pearl Harbor Dinner (serve as Quarterly dinner for Old North State)</b>
<b>10 Feb</b>	<b>Kick Off Fund Raiser (Determine Raffle item(s) NLT January meeting)</b>
<b>20-21 April</b>	<b>Regional Convention—Norfolk VA</b>
<b>18-20 May</b>	<b>Moonshine Mountain Memorial</b>
<b>21-28 Oct 2018</b>	<b>USSVI National Convention / Cruise (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)</b>

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**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 –**

Jerry, Joe and Nelson have attended in the past, all found the ceremony and activities to be very moving. Jerry, Nelson and Vince are planning to attend this year.

**Veterans Day Plans –** Vince proposed two options

1) Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast be hosted by NC Wesleyan College Army ROTC in Rocky Mount at 1000 on 10 November. Flag ceremony will take place at flag pole in front of Campus, followed by breakfast. Address is 3400 North Wesleyan Boulevard, Rocky Mount.

2) Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by Joint Veterans Committee at Jack Laughery Park in Rocky Mount, 1100 on 11 November. Address is 321 N. Church St., Rocky Mount.

**REMINDER – National and Base dues are due NLT 31 Dec 2017, goal to have complete by Nov meeting.**

Status of dues provided to all members present.

**Flu Shots at Walgreens** – present VA ID Card

**2018 Submarine Calendars – Taking Orders:** Dennis 1, Jack 1, Wayne 1, Nelson 1, Vince 2

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 11 November 2017 @ 1200, VFW Post 2057 **Auxiliary** in Rocky Mount NC. Reservations are being made for breakfast at Sharpsburg Restaurant at 0900, followed by attending Veterans Day Ceremony at Jack Laughner Park. Monthly meeting will be held following the ceremony.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1233.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** – Three blasts of diving alarm

**50/50 Drawing results:** Wayne Marshall winner of \$26. Wayne donated winnings to base, thank you Wayne.