

**Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting  
1000 Saturday 10 November 2018  
VFW, Post #2057  
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803  
Phone 252-446-7532**

**0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 7 Members.**

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

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**1004 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.**

**DIVE BOAT – Two blast of the diving alarm. “All rise”**

**INVOCATION – Chaplain Wayne led the opening prayer**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vince Sievert led the base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance**

**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 November was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Cloutier. Vince read the accounts of the 5 submarines with 375 men lost in November; Dennis 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 – 10** SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.

**BINNACLE LIST –** Vince provided an update on Nelson Gainey’s wife Ondra’s surgery, she is still recuperating at home but is doing well. Joe Goarck also provided update on his son’s cancer treatments having side effects from the radiation treatments. Please keep all of them and their families in prayer for healing and encouragement.

**SPEAKER:** Several shipmates shared sea stories about their time while serving.

Will Iwaniuk brought up he was asked to lecture students about veteran's day at Christian Community School in Wilson on Monday. Robert Bulluck brought up why veterans day always falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> and not on a Friday or Monday like most holidays, because the armistice ending WW1 was signed on the eleventh hr. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Also, this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end on the war.

Vince discussed the Veterans Creed

Vince discussed the new Submarine movie "Hunter Killer" in the theaters now gave it two thumbs up and recommended everyone see it.

Jerry gave an update on the NC Sub Vet's, he discussed the web site <NCsubvets.org> and recommended everyone check it out. Also discussed the All Clear magazine and newsletter. Told everyone if they had any input for articles to pass them on to Will who is the base web master for forwarding to the webmaster for the newsletter.

Jerry also provided a history of the USSVI of why it got started in 1963 and was chartered in 1964.

He discussed the national awards program and how The Old North State Base won the Golden Anchor Award this year and two members were awarded the Robert Link award for outstanding service and presented plaques to Vince Sievert and Jerry Emerson. BZ to both, well deserved!

Jerry gave an update on the national convention cruise had over 500 attendees including wives. Next year's convention will be in Austin TX August 14-20.

Jerry Discussed the Christmas parade Bailey Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and Rocky Mount Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and asked for a show of hands on who would be attending.

## **REPORTS:**

### **BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert**

Vince stressed the importance of continuing to recruit new members to grow the base to be able to be able to accomplish our mission. "If you aren't growing you're dying"!

**VICE COMMANDER** – nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Motion made and seconded to accept the 13 October 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER**

#### **- Membership report:**

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 15

**- Financial Report: 1 – 30 October 2018**

**1. Starting balance: \$2,286.91**

- Months Receipts: \$ 801.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 1100.02

**2. Ending balance: \$1,987.89**

**- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$299.02**

**3. Raffle Ticket Sales: (430) \$2,150.00**

**4. Raffle expenses: \$358.00 (to date)**

5. Storekeeper's Petty Cash as of this report's ending date: N/A

6. Receipts from the Storekeeper for this period: N/A

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Vince discussed the membership dues for USSVI are due NLT 12/31. Several members paid up.

Vince opened voting for the Base Officers and members turned in ballots.

Vince had baseball caps that were ordered and members could purchase them from him for the agreed \$27.00. Also have generic version that we are selling for \$15.00.

The status of the base float was given Robert Bulluck and Dennis Cloutier. Robert Bulluck provided update on the installation of brakes and lights and estimated cost. He will continue to provide updates. Dennis stated the bow and stern sections are ready for fiberglass and provided estimate cost for materials with a total of approx. \$1,500.00 left to complete the construction. Dennis confirmed the commissioning of the float would be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at his community clubhouse in Washington.

Vince let members know that the 2019 USSVI calendars were here and they could get one for seven dollars each.

Vince discussed the Pearl Harbor dinner at the NCS Faculty Club on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Forms for signing up were provided to members who requested one.

Vince let the members know that the USS Greenville was selected for the Boat Sponsorship Program, "Fast and Black"!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EVENTS:**

10 Nov	Veterans Day Ceremony Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount
1 Dec	Christmas Parade – Bailey
2 Dec	Christmas Parade - Rocky Mount
8 Dec	Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base

**Base Elections Results:**

Base Commander- Vince Sievert

Base Vice Commander- Joe Goarck

Base Treasurer – Dennis Cloutier

Base Secretary- Jack Murray

Congrats!

Vince asked for volunteers for conducting financial audit by January due to new treasurer. Richard and Franz volunteered.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Andy Piwowarski and Jack Murray, Happy Birthday!**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, January 12th, 2019 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount NC. Reservations will be made for breakfast at Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount at 0900.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1236.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Vince Sievert, \$25, congrats, he donated \$20 back to the base.