

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting  
1000 Saturday 13 October 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**

**1011 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 October was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Richard Graves. Vince read the recounts of the 9 submarines with 572 men lost in October; Richard 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 – 9 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins. Possible new member Johnny Lee introduced himself and his qualification onboard the USS Lafayette in February 1983.**

**ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Vince updated the members concerning the USS Thresher memorial in Arlington National Cemetery.**

**BINNACLE LIST** – Vince provided an update on Nelson Gainey’s wife Ondra’s cancer treatments and Joe Goarck also provided update on his son’s cancer treatments. Vince discussed his cousin’s cancer status in Montana. Please keep all of them and their families in prayer for healing and encouragement.

**SPEAKER:** Wayne discussed the book on the bio’s of the Thresher crew that were lost when she sank and the stories of life’s cut short.

Several shipmates shared sea stories about their time while serving.

### **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 8 September 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

#### **TREASURER**

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

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 14

Associate Members 3

##### **- Financial Report: 1 – 30 September 2018**

**1. Starting balance: \$1,948.91**

- Months Receipts: \$ 338.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 0

**2. Ending balance: \$2,286.91**

**- Resulted net gain of (difference between 1 & 2): \$338.00**

**3. Raffle Ticket Sales: (426) \$2,130.00**

**4. Raffle expenses: \$0.00**

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 were due were due NLT 12/31. Vince proposed that dues be collected by the November meeting to get them to the national office in time. Vince provided the amounts to the members;

1 yr.\$ 25.00

3 yrs. \$75.00

5 yrs. \$115.00

Life memberships based on age;

76 yrs. and older \$100.00

55-75 yrs. \$200.00

35-54 yrs. \$300.00

Youngsters \$400.00

**Base dues are \$12.00 a year.**

Jerry/Vince gave an update on base membership and how we were most likely going to lose at least three members by the end of the year.

Jerry gave an update of the North Carolina Sub Vets website and recommended everyone to check it out when they had a chance. Will Iwaniuk volunteered to take over as the Base webmaster. BZ Will!

Vince discussed the voting for the USSVI officers was completed on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vince had baseball caps that were order and members could purchase them for the agreed \$27.00, or \$32 if personalized.

The status of the base float was given by Vince from Dennis Cloutier's email (see attachment) and Dennis Loch turned over trailer before the meeting for Robert Bulluck to installation of brakes and lights He will continue to provide updates. Members discussed locations and events for possible launching commissioning of the float possibility March 9<sup>th</sup> or March 2nd.

Vince let members known that the 2019 USSVI calendars were ordered and should have them by the December Pearl Harbor dinner.

Vince discussed that the voting for the base officers would be held at the November meeting. The following members have put their name in the hat for the following positions;

Dennis Cloutier – Treasurer

Vice Commander – Joe Goarck

Base Storekeeper – need a volunteer

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Boat Sponsor Program Vince brought the attention of the desire to sponsor one of the active boats listed for \$30.00 per year to get the word out to the active duty sailors that is USSVI out there to try and get them in the organization. Members agreed and voted to sponsor a boat. Vince asked that each member send their choice of boat they wish to sponsor from the list he emailed to everyone. The one with the most votes would be the winner,

Jerry informed the members that there might be a \$50.00 fee for the Rocky Mount parade. Members voted if required he could pay the fee.

Vince asked that members to contact their representatives to support the Thresher memorial at Arlington.

Vince discuss the Pearl Harbor dinner at the NCS Faculty Club on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Vince brought to the members attention the new submarine movie “Hunter Killer” would be out on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **EVENTS:**

<b>21-28 Oct 2018</b>	<b>USSI National Convention/Cruise (Ft Lauderdale, FL)</b>
<b>2-3 Nov</b>	<b>Kings Bay GA WWII Memorial Ceremony</b>
<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>Veterans Day Ceremony Jack Laughery Park, Rocky Mount</b>
<b>1 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Parade – Bailey</b>
<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Parade - Rocky Mount</b>
<b>8 Dec</b>	<b>Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base</b>

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Nelson Gainey, Happy Birthday!**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 10 November 2018 @ 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 1205.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Jack Murray, \$52 Congrats, he donated his half \$13.00 back to the base and bought two (\$5.00) losing raffle tickets. (easy come easy go)!

The five winning raffle tickets were drawn:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Bud McCaskil

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Dave Corbett

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Scott Hopewell

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Nelson Gainey

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Jim Ison