

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting  
1000 Saturday 12 January 2019  
VFW, Post #2057  
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803  
Phone 252-446-7532**

**0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 9 Members attended.**

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

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**1006 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 December/January was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Frans Van Baars. Vince read the accounts of the 4 submarines with 134 men lost in December and the 5 submarines with 318 men lost in January; 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 – 11 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat and the year they received their dolphins.**

**BINNACLE LIST – Nelson Gainey's provided an update on his wife's Ondra's condition, he said she was recuperating from her surgery very well and would be going back to the doctor soon for follow up. Joe Goarck also provided update on his lung cancer and schedule for treatment. He also gave an update on his**

son's cancer which is terminal and asked that we keep him in prayer. Please keep Ondra, Joe and his son and their families in prayer for healing and encouragement.

Vince welcomed Johnny Lee to the base as a new member and provided him the base patch and Old North State rocker for his vest. A – Gangers rule! Welcome aboard!

Jerry presented Golden Anchor patches to base founding members for 2018. BZ!

**SPEAKER:** Several shipmates shared sea stories about their time while serving and submarine movies on how they depict submarine life. Several members recommended the new movie Hunter Killer as worth the money.

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.

Vince and Jerry sworn Dennis Cloutier in as the new Base Treasurer. BZ Dennis for stepping into the breach, and Jerry for the outstanding job he has done the last two years.

Vince asked for any volunteers for the position on base storekeeper. No experience required. If you are interested let Vince know.

## **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. We have lost 2 associate members due to moving out of state and one regular member due to health in January. We are down from nineteen members in December to sixteen members in January. "If you aren't growing you're dying"!

**VICE COMMANDER** – nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Motion made and seconded to accept the 10 November 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER**

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

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 15

Associate Members 3

#### **- Financial Report: 1 November – 31 January 2018**

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

- Months Receipts: \$ 600.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 1500.46

**. Ending balance: \$1087.43**

**- Resulted net loss of (difference between 1 & 2): \$1,199.48**

**3. Raffle expenses: \$200.00**

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 had baseball caps that were ordered and members could purchase them from him for the agreed \$27.00.

Polo Shirts: Members discussed type, colors and logo on shirt. Members agreed to same logo as the base hats would be good for the shirts (U.S. Submarine Veterans, Dolphins and Old North State Base in gold).

The status of the base float was given by Vince and Dennis provided update. The trailer brakes and hubs were installed but not hooked up electrically yet and the lights still needed to be installed it was at Robert Bulluck's shop for completion. Dennis stated the bow and stern sections were ready for installation on to the center section which is at Vince's shop. He hoped to have the sail ready for installation by this Thursday 1/17. A working party was requested for unloading the bow and stern sections after the meeting which was accomplished. Another working party was requested for assembling the sections together at Vince's shop this Thursday 1/17 at 1300. If you can be there any and all help would be appreciated. Dennis confirmed the commissioning of the float would be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at his community clubhouse in Washington. Members discussed having our quarterly social at the same time and invite the other bases to be there. Dennis will check on the cost for the catering and report back at the next meeting. Time is getting short so any help to complete the float will help. Can't have a commissioning without the float!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **EVENTS:**

**16 Mar Quarterly Social/ Sub Float Launching Ceremony**

**29 Apr – 2 May USSI South East Regional Conference (Cape Canaveral, FL)**

**17-19 May Moonshine Mountain Memorial**

**14-20 Aug USSVI National Convention (Austin, TX)**

Vince provided the annual plan and budget to the member for discussion. Members voted to accept.

Vince asked members if they would want to provide seed money for the South-East convention meeting. Members voted to provide \$100.00.

Jerry brought up a possible nine day Mississippi river cruise in the Fall of 2020 for members and wife's who might be interested. Send Jerry an email if you are interested for a tentative head count. He will provide update next month.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Joe Goarck 82 yrs. old this month, Happy Birthday!**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, February 9th, 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 1215.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Jerry Emerson, \$64.00, congrats.