

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 9 February 2019
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 attended.

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

1016 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 – Commander 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 February was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Frans Van Baars. Vince read the accounts of the 5 submarines with 371 men lost in the month of February; 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 – 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 condition, he passed on inform Nelson saying that she was still doing well recuperating from her surgery and follow-up doctor visits have been good. Vince also discussed Joe Goarck condition after his lung cancer surgery which went well but he had some complications after and is in RMT re-hab center. Dennis Loch asked that members keep his wife in

prayer, she was having severe back pain among other health issues. Please keep all of them in your prayers for healing and encouragement.

Several members visited Joe after the meeting and Joe was delighted to see us and his spirits seem to improve while we visited. If you have time stop by and see him or give him a call I know he would appreciate it. Ph #252 937-4981.

SPEAKER: Vince asked the members if there was anything they wanted to discuss or have speakers from outside the base to discuss anything at one of our meetings. Several items were discussed for future meetings. Most of the lies and sea stories were told at breakfast so everyone was tapped out by the meeting.

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. BZ to Will who has done an excellent job on the Old North State page on NC Subvets website!

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 12 January 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 16
Regular Members 15
Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 January – 31 January 2019

1. Starting balance:	\$1,087.43
- Months Receipts:	\$ 424.00
- Months Disbursements:	\$ 75.00
. Ending balance:	\$1436.43
- Resulted net gain	\$349.00

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

Receipts from the Storekeeper for this period: N/A

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Polo Shirts: Vince was going to confirm the price for the polo shirts and then place the order. 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). Get your size and color and number of shirts request to Vince so he can place the order.

The status of the base float was given by Vince and Dennis provided update. The trailer brakes and hubs are complete and all the lights and electrical are installed. The deck planking is being installed. Dennis stated the sub has been put together and is in the process of being smoothed out and epoxy applied getting ready for painting. (It looks good). There will be working parties next Tuesday 2/12 at 1100 and Saturday 2/16 at 1100. We only have five weeks before the launching ceremony and still have a lot of work to do. Any and all help will be appreciated. Dennis confirmed the launching of the float would be March 16th, 2019 at his community clubhouse in Washington starting at 1300. Dennis provided a menu for the dinner (see attached) if you or your guest need any special menu let Dennis know so he can check with the caterer NLT than 2/28. The estimated cost is \$25.00 per head. Dennis will need a head count NLT March 9th (our next meeting).

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EVENTS:

16 Mar	Quarterly Social/ Sub Float Launching Ceremony
29 Apr – 2 May	USSI South East Regional Conference (Cape Canaveral, FL)
27-28 Apri	Air show at Seymore Johnson AFB
17-18 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
4-20 Aug	USSVI National Convention (Austin, TX)

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

Vince asked if anyone was interested in going to the Moonshine Mtn. Memorial or the USSVI SE Conference to contact him about possibility sharing ride and accommodations.

Vince informed the VFW had provided the base \$300.00 for from auction of appliances given to them by Lowe's. BZ VFW and Lowe's! The VFW still has a double oven and gas range if anyone knows of anyone who would like to purchase, their available at a great at price, contact Vince.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY –Dick Kanning (3rd) and Richard Graves (9th). Happy Birthday!

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne rendered the closing prayer

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 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 1152.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Jerry Emerson, \$45.00, congrats.