

# **Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting**

**1000 Saturday 9 March 2019**

**VFW, Post #2057**

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

**Phone 252-446-7532**

**0900 BREAKFAST Hwy 97 Family Dinner Rocky Mount – 8 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 – 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 March was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and Vice-Commander Frans Van Baars. Vince read the accounts of the submarines and the number of men lost in the month of March; 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 – 9 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live.**

**BINNACLE LIST – Johnny Lee and Ed Marshall. According to a Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> entry on Facebook, Nelson Gainey’s wife Ondra is cancer- free! Joe Goarck graduated from the re-hab center, and he attended the meeting today. Dennis Loch asked that members continue to keep his wife in prayer, as she is still suffering with back pain among other health issues. Please keep everyone in your prayers for healing and encouragement.**

**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.

**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”! He and Dennis also mentioned the article regarding asbestos exposure that is located on Page 45 of the American Submariner first quarter 2019 magazine.

**VICE COMMANDER** – nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Motion made and seconded to accept the 9 February 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

**TREASURER**

**- Membership report:**

Base Membership: 16

Regular Members 15

Associate Members 1

**- Financial Report: 1 February – 28 February 2019**

**1. Starting balance: \$1,436.43**

- Months Receipts: \$ 320.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 100.00

**. Ending balance: \$1,656.43**

**- Resulted net gain \$220.00**

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.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Dennis Cloutier opened discussion regarding potential for launching ceremony and Wings Over Wayne.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Polo Shirts: Vince confirm the price for the polo shirts to be \$25.00. He will place the order on Monday 3/11.

Base Float: The status of the base float update was given by Vince and Dennis. The discussion led away from the float itself and toward the planning of the launching ceremony. Dennis confirmed the launching of the float to be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at his Pamlico Plantation Community clubhouse, located at 150 Clubhouse Drive, Washington starting at 1500. The launching ceremony is scheduled for 1600. The dinner will follow. The cost per person for the catered dinner is \$25.00. Dennis updated the head count at today's March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Additional items of note for the launching:

- If you use GPS to locate the clubhouse, ignore making the right- hand turn onto Boy Scout Drive. Make the right- hand turn from Harvey to Plantation Road. GPS also indicates that the clubhouse is located in Aurora. The GPS directions will direct you to the proper location.
- Uniform of the Day is casual with vest. Please bring your ball cap.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **EVENTS:**

16 Mar	Quarterly Social/ Sub Float Launching Ceremony
27-28 April	Wings Over Wayne air show at Seymour Johnson AFB
29 Apr – 2 May	USSVI South East Regional Conference (Cape Canaveral, FL)
4 May	Sub Float Commissioning Ceremony (tent) at Whirligig Park, 0900 to 1300
17-18 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
14-20 Aug	USSVI National Convention (Austin, TX)

Vince asked if anyone was interested in going to the Moonshine Mtn. Memorial or the USSVI SE Conference to contact him about possibly sharing the ride and accommodations. His room has 2 beds.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

NC SUBVETS WEBSITE- Will I. provided update.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Will Iwaniuk (4<sup>th</sup>) and Dennis Loch (30<sup>th</sup>). Happy Birthday!

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, April 13th, 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 1147.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Richard Graves, \$20.00 of which he donated back \$15.00, congrats!