

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

**1000 Saturday 13 April 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**

**1002 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 April was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis (Phrog) Cloutier. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and the 367 men lost in the month of April including the USS Thresher SSN-593 on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1963; Phrog 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 –** 12 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 updated members about his health issues, he is hoping that the medication the doctor has put him on will correct the problem instead of having to undergo surgery. Wayne Marshall mention his brother Ed is still struggling with his recovery from his surgery. Joe Goarck informed members

that his son had entered Hospice care for his cancer. Dennis Cloutier informed members that his son been diagnosed with colon cancer and was scheduled for surgery within the next couple of weeks. Nelson Gaaney's wife Ondra cancer has come back and spread throughout her body and she is in a lot of pain but taking it day by day. Jerry reported that he was in the hospital for three days with pneumonia but is doing better. Shipmates there are a lot of us or our loved ones that are hurting and facing great trials, please keep all of them in prayer for healing and encouragement. Remember we are all shipmates and if you need to reach out for support we are here for you, that's what shipmates do! "Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". Joshua 1:9

**SPEAKER:** Vince opened the floor for sea stories and lies from the members and plenty of both were told with much gusto. Then Chaplain Wayne talked about the crew of the Thresher and had a list of personnel details on the men that were lost that day. It drove home that these men were a lot like all of us when we served and that they all lost their futures on that day. (see the attached list sheet). Several members related that knew members of the crew or knew exactly where they were on that fateful day.

### **REPORTS:**

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

Vince stressed the importance of continuing to recruit new members and that we need to use the base float as often as possible to grow the base to be able to be able to accomplish our mission. "If you aren't growing you're dying"!

Richard Graves reported that he had a friend who lives in Georgia YNC/SS Carl Scott, SSBN 655 qual boat who wanted to join our base. He provided the information to Vince and Phrog.

Vince mentioned that he had contacted Andy Piwowarski and he said he has been working most weekends but he going to pay his dues to stay active.

**VICE COMMANDER** – nothing to report

**SECRETARY** - Motion made and seconded to accept the 9 March 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed. Thanks for stepping in to the breach for me Will. BZ

#### **TREASURER**

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

Base Membership: 16

Regular Members 15

Associate Members 1

##### **- Financial Report: 1 March – 31 March 2019**

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

- Months Receipts: \$ 1812.00

- Months Disbursements:	\$ 1095.00
<b>. Ending balance:</b>	<b>\$2,373.43</b>
<b>- Resulted net gain</b>	<b>\$717.00</b>

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:**

Jerry brought up that the Moonshine Mtn memorial still had rooms available and highly recommended it May 17-18. Vince said he still had an extra bed in his room if anyone wanted to go in halves with him.

Wings over Wayne Air Show April 27-28: Dennis Loch discussed he was waiting on more details on schedule and details for getting the float there on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Vince took names for the watch bill to support the booth/tent both days. The gates open at 0900 and the show starts at 1030 -1630 each day. You will need to get there early to be able to get the float set up and ready. Members agreed to sell hats, shirts and bottle water during the show. Dennis will provide added information as he gets it this week.

Jerry discussed the float commissioning on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wilson whirly gig park/farmers market Douglas and Goldsboro St, with dinner afterwards Times are 0930-1030 set up, 1030-1230 ceremony. Jerry has asked James Boswell WWII air corps' veteran (100 yrs. old) as guest speaker. Jerry asked for a head count on who could support.

It was brought up that we should get insurance on the float and to get the trailer registration and tags to protect the base for liability issues. Vince will check on it.

Phrog brought up that he received a flag from a friend whose son is a US Navy SEAL team 4 and provided the base a US Flag that the team carried on a mission in Afghanistan. He plans to have it along with the letter and the challenge coin placed in shadow box for the base.

Vince brought up that the base needed to reimburse the members for funds that they provided to get the float built and members agreed and voted to start paying members as they provided receipts. Our Treasurer Phrog had the numbers and would start writing checks once approved. Vince proposed that we paid Dennis who was owed the most \$1,629.00 first, members voted on favor.

Vince brought up that he had the Polo shirts with the base logo that we had ordered and had the same number of shirts that the vendor provided with the wrong logo. He said that we could send them all back or buy them at a cost of \$15.00 each or keep them in our ships stores and sell at base functions etc. for \$20.00. The members voted to paid for them. Several members bought extra shirts. Never let a good deal go by!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vince discussed the VFW invited us to a Flag Retirement ceremony June 8<sup>th</sup> they would like us to bring the float. He will provide more information at the next meeting. Members voted to support.

**EVENTS:**

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**NC SUBVETS WEBSITE-** Will I. provided update.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – None**

Jerry provided details on the Mississippi River cruise Oct. 4-11, 2020, from Memphis to New Orleans. See attached info sheet.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, May 11th, 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 1252.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Nelson Gainey \$60.00. He gave it all back to the base. BZ Nelson!