

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 11 May 2019

VFW, Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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0830 BREAKFAST Golden Coral Rocky Mount – 6 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 – Joe Goarck 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 May was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Richard Graves. Vince read the accounts of the four submarines and the 213 men lost in the month of May including the USS Scorpion SSN-589 on May 22nd 1968; 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 – 8 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live.

BINNACLE LIST – Vince reported that Johnny Lee is doing better, and that Nelson Gainey wife Ondra is taking it one day at a time. Marc Cloutier (Dennis’ son) had surgery to remove a tumor, will have to have some Chemo but prognosis looks good. Ed Marshall reported that he has been dealing with a lacerated ulcer but is doing better. Blames it on his brother Wayne! Joe Goarck son is doing a little better and hopes to visit Joe

and his wife next week. Vince reported that Dennis Lock went into the hospital Wednesday night and ended up having a golf-ball size gallstone removed, still recovering in the hospital. Please keep everyone 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!

SPEAKER: Vince opened the floor for sea stories and lies from the members and some of both were told.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Reported that YNC/SS Carl Scott, SSBN 655 qual boat who joined our base as his secondary base his primary base is in Georgia. Richard said he was going to try and make the June meeting. Welcome aboard Carl.

Vince stated that Andy Piwowarski had paid his base dues.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 13 April 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 16

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 April – 30 April 2019

1. Starting balance: \$2,373.43

- Months Receipts: \$ 1,318.00

- Months Disbursements: \$ 2,174.00

. Ending balance: \$1,517.43

- Resulted net loss: \$856.00

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:

Jerry brought up that the Moonshine Mtn. was this coming weekend May 17-19th. Vince said he still had an extra bed in his room if anyone wanted to go in halves with him.

Jerry gave a update of the NC SUBVETS web site and newsletter "All Clear" and recommended everyone check it out at <ncsubvets.org> and send in any info or stories for upcoming newsletters. (See attached second quarter letter)

Wings over Wayne Air Show April 27-28: went great all involved did a get job, Vince wanted to thank everyone for the support especially the members who were there all weekend. BZ!

Jerry and Vince said the commissioning ceremony May 4th went well also, Butterbean was the guest speaker.

Lots of contacts were made at both events for possible new members, BZ for everyone who helped.

Vince brought up the problems about getting the float trailer registration and tags and it was decided to go with the homemade trailer route since it would be easier and less time. Vince will work on getting done.

Vince provided receipts for float cost for \$285.84 and Dennis cut him a check for same amount. Still waiting on Robert Bulluck's receipts so that we can pay him.

Vince let base know that the Flag retirement ceremony had been postpone, date TDB. It will be held at the Oak Level Ruritan Club in Rocky Mount.

EVENTS:

17-18 May	Moonshine Mountain Memorial
14-20 Aug	USSVI National Convention (Austin, TX)

NEW BUSINESS:

Quarterly social for June was discussed, several venues were discussed, members agreed to a dinner for members and wives at Pups Steakhouse in Wilson on 7 or 8 June, Jerry will confirm date and time and Vince will get the info out to members.

Joe Goarck brought up about having the float for static display at the Rocky Mount Englewood Baptist Church fireworks event on July 4th. Joe and Jack will check on if church will let us be there as an organization and bring the float.

Vince brought up the Wilson Co. Fair 17-22 Sept. We would have to support the entire five days and we wouldn't be able to sell anything due to the American Legion having sole rights to being the only Military organization allowed to at the fair. Members agreed that it would be a lot of effort and time for very little return. Members voted to not attend the fair with the float.

Vince brought up that we needed to look at another fund raiser to rebuild our account, members agreed and several ideals were discussed. Vince asked that members bring any recommendations to the next meeting. Vince also brought up that the gas stove and double electric oven that the VFW gave us were still

available for sell to anyone that wanted to buy them for themselves or knew of anyone that wanted to buy them from the base. Contact Vince if you want them or know someone who does.

Jerry recommended that we have a SOP and float coordinator to provide directions on how to set up and use the float properly when other bases want to borrow it. Members agreed and Dennis (Phrog) volunteered to be the coordinator after much pleading by the rest of the members for him accept. BZ Phrog!

Vince let members know that he has revised the USSVI - Old North State Base Facebook Page so check it out and feel free to add items and comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Wayne Marshall and Robert Bulluck!

Jerry provided details on the Mississippi River cruise Oct. 4-11, 2020, from Memphis to New Orleans. He said there were six couples signed up so far. See attached info sheet.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Wayne rendered the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 8th, 2019 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount, NC. Breakfast location TBD 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 Vince Sievert \$20.00, he donated \$15.00 back to the base. BZ Vince!