

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting**  
**1000 Saturday 8 June 2019**  
**VFW, Post #2057**  
**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803**  
**Phone 252-446-7532**

**0830 BREAKFAST** Golden Coral Rocky Mount – 8 members attended.

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

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**1014 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.**

10 members attended

**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 June was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Richard Graves. Vince read the accounts of the seven submarines and the 402 men lost in the month of June; 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** – 10 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 that Nelson Gainey wife Ondra is still taking it one day at a time. Hospice has been called in. Marc Cloutier (Dennis' son) has started chemo treatments, prognosis is good for recovery. Ed Marshall reported that he has been doing better. Wayne Marshall let Vince know that his

family are dealing with a family issue with a granddaughter. Joe Goarck son John has some good days and some not so good with his cancer, taking each day as it comes. Joe also stated that he had his report that he is cancer free after having the tumor removed from his lung three months ago. 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.

Will brought up after reading the bio book on the crew of the Thresher that was lost and how reading about them it really brought home how all those men lost their futures that day. We all know what happened but this makes it much more personal.

Shipmate Richard Graves discussed how he was part of the investigating team on the fire on board the USS Bonefish with the loss of three crew members in 1984 out of Charleston SC. He knew one of the men who lost his life and it still bothers him to this day.

Shipmate Franz asked about the wall in the VFW hall has been set aside for the Old North Base, Vince pointed it out and asked all members to bring any pictures or other submarine memorabilia that we could put on the wall. Shipmate Dennis C. presented a pencil drawing of a Skipjack class submarine and Coast Guard tall ship Eagle, Franz will frame and bring it to the next meeting to put up on the wall.

## **REPORTS:**

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

Asked Shipmate Jerry Emerson to report on the ad for the NC bases to be package of the USSVI National meeting in Austin TX in August. The NC bases have never advertised and we believe it would be a good way to let submariners know that there are seven bases in the state. The cost per base is \$25.00 for each base. Members agreed and voted on paying our share.

Shipmate Jerry Emerson and Vince discussed the Moonshine Mtn. weekend and how it was a great time and that they recommend everyone try to attend. Also, he brought up that that during the tolling of the bell for lost boats that they added the loss of the CSS Hunley and the USS Alligator both lost during the War of Southern Independence (Civil War for You Yankees). USSVI has stated that it will be up to the individual Bases if they want to recognize the loss of these boats during their meetings. Members agreed to discuss it at future meetings.

Vince informed members that he contacted the American Submarine magazine people about the USS Greeneville SSN 772 still needing a sponsor. He confirmed that the Greeneville is being sponsored by the Old North Base but the dead line for the magazine was before they processed the check. The Greeneville is being sponsored by our base.

Vince recognized Greg Guy as new member looking to join the base. He qualified onboard the USS Tigrone AGSS 419 in November 1969. Welcome aboard!

**VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report**

**SECRETARY** - Motion made and seconded to accept the 11 May 2019 meeting minutes as submitted.  
Motion passed.

**TREASURER**

**- Membership report:**

Base Membership: 17

Regular Members 16

Associate Members 1

**- Financial Report: 1 May – 31 May 2019**

**1. Starting balance: \$1,517.43**

- Months Receipts: \$ 109.00

- Months Disbursements: \$284.00

**. Ending balance: \$1,340.59**

**- Resulted net loss: \$176.84**

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 gave an update of the NC SUBVETS web site and newsletter "All Clear" and recommended everyone check it out at <[ncsubvets.org](http://ncsubvets.org)> and send in any info or stories for upcoming newsletters.

Still waiting on Robert Bulluck's receipts so that we can pay him.

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

Quarterly social held at PUPS restaurant in Wilson Friday night 7 June, 19 attendees including three Tarheel Base members. Excellent meal thanks for Jerry in recommending this location.

**EVENTS:**

**4 July Independence Day Celebration (Englewood Baptist Church Rocky Mount)**

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

**22-27 Oct WWII Memorial (Kings Bay Ga)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The base was updated on bringing the float to the Independence Day/fireworks celebration at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. Shipmates Joe Goarck and Jack Murray confirmed we could participate and that we were reserved a spot next to the stage. Need to have the float in place between 1530 and 1600 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Gates officially open at 1700. We can sell water, drinks and hats, and shirts etc. Church welcomes us and there is no cost for the event. Estimated 5K visitors will be there, plenty of music and fellowship plus some of the best fireworks in the area. Bring your chairs and join us for the celebration.

Vince will tow the float

Jack and Dennis Loch will bring coolers, ice and water, drinks.

Need volunteers to bring grill and anything they want to grill (there normally are some food trucks etc. there)

**Address for Englewood Baptist Church, 1350 S Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27803**

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 – Ed Marshall!**

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:** Shipmate Joe Goarck rendered the closing prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 13 July 2019 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount, NC. Breakfast location at the Cracker Barrel at 0830 in Rocky Mount right off Winstead Ave at the Hospital exit right next to the Holiday Inn.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1215.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** – Three blasts of diving alarm 1227

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner Will Iwaniuk \$50.00, he donated \$20.00 of his half back to the base. BZ Will!