

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 10 August 2019
VFW, Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-446-7532**

0830 BREAKFAST IHOP, Rocky Mount – 6 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.

9 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 July and August was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Will Iwaniuk. Vince read the accounts of the nine submarines and the 455 men lost in the months of July and August; Will 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 – Vince reported that Nelson Gainey is still in the process of getting back to normal after of the loss of his wife Ondra. He was out of town this month but plans to be at the next monthly meeting. Marc Cloutier (Dennis's son) has finished the last of his chemo treatments, and is dealing with some side

effects but prognosis is still good for recovery, he will have a CAT Scan later this month. He also reported that his son in law Chris is fighting leukemia and will be getting a bone marrow transplant later this month. Ed Marshall reported that he has been given a clean bill of health from the cancer he has been fighting with and is doing well. He reported that his wife fell and broke her arm so he has been doing double duty at the house. Wayne Marshall let Vince know that his family is still dealing with family issues with a granddaughter. Johnny Lee reported that he is doing much better his foot is healed up and he has himself a brand new red Camaro to prove it. He might not move fast on his feet but he sure can in his red race car! Jerry Emerson's wife Peg is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery later this month. Frans reported that he had a CAT scan and confirmed that the spots on his lungs were Asbestosis and he has filed for VA disability. 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!

Vince brought up that the VA will be having screening in the area and will forward the date and information to everyone. There was a long discussion on how to work through the VA medical and disability system and get the disability for service connected injuries and diseases.

SPEAKER: None

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Asked Shipmate Jerry Emerson to for update on the NC Sub Vets, he reported that the Qtr. news letter was out and recommended everyone check it out. Will submitted an article BZ! Dennis (Phrog) confirmed that the base sent in the \$25.00 for the advertisement on the national meeting literature.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 8 June 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed. No July meeting held so no minutes.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 17

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 June – 31 July 2019

1. Starting balance: \$1,340.59

- Months Receipts: \$ 52.00

- Months Disbursements: \$269.00

a. subtotal \$1,123.06

Balance adjustments after reconciliation

with checking account: \$617.66

. Ending balance of all accounts: \$505.40

- Resulted Gain (loss) (difference between 1 & 3a): (\$217.53)

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> and send in any info or stories for upcoming newsletters.

Still waiting on Robert Bulluck's receipts so that we can pay him. Let us know Robert!

Vince gave an update of the Flag retirement ceremony on July 13th at the Oak Level Ruritan Club in Rocky Mount. Went well over 2000 flags properly disposed of.

Vince provided update of the fireworks and float at the Englewood Baptist Church 4th of July celebration. Went well until the storms came in and was canceled due to dangerous weather. Jack gave Phrog (treasurer) the twenty dollars that was made on drink sells before on weather shut us down.

Vince updated the members on cost and of buying a spare tire, lug wrench and mount for the trailer. He said he could get all for around a hundred dollars. Johnny said he had a lug wrench that we could have and Dennis Loch said he could make a mount so all we need was the wheel and tire. Members voted to approve up to \$100 for tire and wheel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quarterly Social- Discussed joint social with Tarheel base Friday 13 Sept, MEZ Contemporary Mexican@ 1800 Gary NC. Logistics of getting to Cary on a Friday evening was not popular, therefore we chose to look at other options for our September social.

Vince offered to have a Pot Luck dinner at his house on Saturday September 14th and have a combined meeting and dinner.

Phrog will look for a location in Greenville for a dinner around the same dates.

Let Vince know what your flavor is and he will let everyone know which one we will do.

NC STATE FAIR: - Military Appreciation Day is 23 Oct. Looking to take the Float and looking for volunteers to man the USSVI booth, this will be a joint effort with Tarheel Base.

EVENTS:

14-20 Aug	USSVI National Convention (Austin, TX)
26 Sept	USS Thresher Memorial Dedication (Arlington National Cemetery)
23 Oct	NC State Fair (Military Appreciation Day)
22-27 Oct	WWII Memorial (Kings Bay Ga)

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Holland Club Presentation - Rescheduled for next meeting

2020 Election Nominations Due Oct., Election Nov.

2010 Annual Plan & Budget- Prepare Oct, Approve Nov

Mississippi River Cruise – 4-12 Oct 2020 (Memphis – New Orleans) Contact Jerry for info or see attachment with minutes.

NC SUBVETS WEBSITE – Will I. provided update

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- July - Franz -83 yrs. young, Phrog-73 (not looking too good for his age), Carl. Happy Birthday! August -None.

USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page- Check it out.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198129857025276/?ref=bookmarks>

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, 14 Sept 2019 @ 1000, VFW Post 2057 in Rocky Mount, NC. Breakfast location at the IHOP 0830 in Rocky Mount right off HWY 64 on 301 Business in front of the Lowe's.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1157.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Will Iwaniuk \$45.00 total, he donated his half of \$22.50 minus his \$5.00 back to the base. BZ Will!