

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 14 September 2019
VFW, Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-446-7532**

0830 BREAKFAST IHOP, Rocky Mount – 7 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.

12 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 September was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Richard Graves. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and the 260 men lost in the month of September; 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 – 12 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. Dave Campbell Southeast Region #1/Tar Hill Base Commander was in attendance and provided his qualification boat and year also. Welcome aboard.

Eternal Patrol Memorial- Shipmate Woody Carmichael went on eternal patrol on 1 September 2019. He qualified in 1962 onboard the USS Grampus SS 523. Rest your oar sailor your voyage is complete, you will be missed.

BINNACLE LIST - Marc Cloutier (Phrog's son) is in the second phase of chemo but is doing well. He has two more operations coming up, prognosis is still good for recovery. Phrog's his son in-law Chris Girard is fighting leukemia and has had some setbacks but he is a fighter and will continue move forward with treatments. Johnny Lee reported that he still doing much better. Jerry Emerson's wife Peg had her hip replaced surgery and is doing well with her P/T should be walking with just a cane within a week or two. (she can use that much easier to keep Jerry in line than the walker she has been using). Vince's wife is recovering well at home after her surgery. Vince making sure that she follows the doctor's orders. 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: Southeast District Region #1 Dave Campbell Commander

Dave gave an update on the Southeast District Region #1 health. He said that the district membership is staying the same, he stated the Hampton Roads Va base still has the largest membership due to a target rich location. He said the Old North Base (Us) had done an outstanding job getting a base started and on line in such a non-metropolitan area that we are in (Rocky Mount, Wilson Bailey aren't known as a population dense areas). He gave Jerry Emerson and the charter members credit for making it happen, BZ shipmates!

He reported that the Southeast conferences will be only held every other year due to low attendance. The next meeting will be in Biloxi MS. We need to support this along with the national convention.

He stated that we needed to concentrate on: **recruiting, retention, and visibility.**

He gave a brief update on the USSVI website, it's getting close but has been a very difficult process. He mentioned that the NC SubVets web site was up and very good and was being updated by most bases.

He gave a brief update on the current sub force, the Virginia class ships have been are coming on line at two new ships per year ahead of schedule and under cost until now the builders are having problems getting enough skilled workers and they are getting back logged. Right now, the submarine force is getting six out of the nine billion (that's with a "B") of the ship building funds for new construction, as it stands there are only 53 SSN's, two tenders and two dry docks in the fleet with several ships tied up or in dry dock waiting on funds for repairs.

The SSN deployments are now 7 ½ to 8 months long which is causing retention manpower issues with the crews.

Dave also discussed the Joe Park Scholarship fund and how it was set up to go to a NC base members family and it hasn't always been happening.

Dave also discussed the Master Mariners Award that was set up to recognize a base member that is not an officer but supports all base events and is always there for any function.

Dave presented Dennis "Phrog" Cloutier with the 2019 Robert Link Award for Superior performance.

BZ Phrog!

Dave presented shipmate Greg T. Guy with his Holland induction for 50 yrs. of submarine qualifications BZ Greg!

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Asked Shipmate Jerry Emerson to for update on the NC Sub Vets, he asked Dave about painting the new wall at the Moonshine Mtn. memorial, Franz has volunteered to do it but no one at the site had responded. Dave said he would look into it and let us know. Jerry also said that funds for the upkeep and storage for the torpedo float was coming up and all NC bases would be asked to support with funds.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 10 August 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 17

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 August – 30 August 2019

1. Starting balance:	\$505.40
- Months Receipts:	\$ 61.00
- Months Disbursements:	\$0.00
- Ending balance of all accounts:	\$566.40
- Resulted Gain (loss)	(\$61.00)

Notes: Ending balances do not include a \$245.00 deposit and ck# 1046 in the amount of \$295.00, (items not cleared as of August 30). Bank balance as of this date, \$567.40.

- 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.

Received Robert Bulluck's receipts for float work and parts for \$449.97 Members voted to reimburse him for the full amount.

Johnny provided a lug wrench for the trailer Vince will get the spare tire so that we can get it mounted on the float the next work day.

Base had its quarterly social at the Seahorse restaurant in Greenville on Saturday September 7th, it was well attended and we all got to have birthday cake for desert for Jerry's 80th birthday, thanks making it to 80 Jerry so we could have cake!

The Base donated \$50.00 plus several members donated for a total of \$295.00 for family members of the USS Thresher crew to be able to attend the USS Thresher memorial dedication at Arlington National Cemetery 29 September. BZ!

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting/Working Party- Saturday October 12th, 1000 at Vince's shop to conduct short meeting and do some repairs and upgrades on the float to get it ready for the NC fair and Christmas parades coming up. Bring your donuts, and other food stuffs and you'll get to eat while you work. Vince will have the coffee brewed and the BBQ grill ready to go.

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:

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)
11 Nov	Veterans Day ceremony at Jack Langley Park RMT
TBD	Wilson, RMT and Bailey Christmas Parades
7 Dec	Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

2020 Election Nominations Due Oct., Election Nov. (better show up or you might wind up in charge!)

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. He said there were six couples signed up so far. See attached info sheet.

NC SUBVETS WEBSITE – Will I. provided update. Need an updated picture of Joe.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Happy Birthday! Jerry Emerson 80 yrs., Vince Sievert 56 yrs. and Johnny Lee 71 yrs. Happy Birthday!

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

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

BENEDICTION: Shipmate Joe Goarck rendered the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 12 October Sept 2019 @ 1000, Vince's Shop 6835 Finch Rd. Bailey NC 27807 Look for the Gun shop signs and go right at the fork and all the way to the back 40 on the left.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1219.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Phrog split \$60.00 total!