

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 9 November 2019
VFW, Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-446-7532**

0830 BREAKFAST IHOP, Rocky Mount – 7 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

1019 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.

10 members attended, one guest.

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 October and November was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Dennis Loch. Vince read the accounts of the nine submarines and the 572 men lost in the month of October and the five submarines and 375 men lost in the month of November; Dennis 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, member Dick Kanning and his wife Marge were in attendance. Welcome aboard Dick and Marge.

Eternal Patrol Memorial- None.

BINNACLE LIST - Marc Cloutier (Phrog's son) has finished his in the second phase of chemo treatments and is still progressing. His is still expecting a good recovery. Phrog's son in-law Chris Girard is fighting leukemia and has had several setbacks, he is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant next week. Jerry Emerson's wife Peg is recovering from her hip replacement surgery and is doing well. She is walking with a cane and doing P/T. Jerry said she has a bad case of cabin fever from not being able to get out and go where when she wants too. Vince said that his wife Karen is doing very well and traveling for work and back up to full speed. Joe mentioned that his wife Gene was having trouble with her legs and is getting treatment but it is slow going. Joe is going back for his follow up for the lung cancer that was removed last year. Dennis Loch said his wife Cathy is scheduled for doctor visit concerning her heart condition on Monday in Raleigh. 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: Dick Kanning

Dick gave an update on the Kings Bay WWII Submarine Veterans weekend at the Kings Bay, GA submarine base in October. Said it was well attended and great time. Said there were 14 WWII vet's in attendance including one from California (his first time). Also said that Dr. Hood the author of the book Poopie suits and cowboy boots was in attendance and was given an award by the Palmetto base for his donation of all the book sale proceeds to the Submarine Scholarship fund of 22K so far. BZ!

Also gave an update for the Burnsville Memorial saying it was completed and on budget.

He also reported that there was a base in the S.E. Region that might be shutting down this month due to none of the 45 members willing to volunteer to take on the leadership duties (Base Commander, Treasurer, Secretary etc.). some of the current officers have been doing it longer than 13 years and they need a break. He said that it was important that people step up when needed to lead the bases and keep the USSVI growing. Everyone needs to stand in the breach when needed to keep the organization growing and strong.

He gave an update on the on the NC SubVets organization and gave a BZ to Jerry Emerson for getting it back up and running. Jerry reported that shipmate Franz was in process of designing a mural to be approved by for a full-size canvas mural for the Moonshine Mtn. memorial. He said that he hopes to have it ready for viewing at the Pearl Harbor dinner next month. The bases will have to chip in approx. 500-600 dollars to pay for the materials needed for the canvas banner for the memorial. Jerry also stated that he would like to stepdown and have someone replace him as the SubVets commander at the meeting at Moonshine Mtn. in May.

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Gave an update of the NC State Fair parade and display of the base float. Had at least 20-25 ONS and Tar Heel base members there. Had lots of questions from the public and several sub sailors stop by the display.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 14 September 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed. No October meeting minutes due to the day spent on working party getting the float ready for the fair.

TREASURER

- Membership report:

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 17

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 September – 30 October 2019

1. Starting balance: \$566.40

- Months Receipts: \$1601.97

- Months Disbursements: \$874.97

- Ending balance of all accounts: \$1293.40

- Resulted Gain \$747.00

Notes: This report not reconciled against Southern Bank statement as treasurer has not received October bank statement.

- Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurers Report as read. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calendars that were ordered were available for \$10.00 at the meeting.

Trailer Spare Tire- Vince reported that he had purchased a spare tire and the base voted and approved the \$76.21 to reimburse him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Dues are required to be paid before and sent to corporate prior to December 31st. (Dues were collected at the end of the meeting. If members still need to pay them and weren't at the meeting you can send them to Jack Murray at 621 Cummings Rd. Rocky Mount NC 27804. Make the check out to USSVI Old North State and I will get the check to Dennis and update your info in the USSVI web site).

Election of Base Officers for 2020 – All current officers were reelected.

Storekeeper – Dennis Loch volunteered to take over the duties of base storekeeper. Members voted and approved the base supplying him with \$100.00 start-up money for maintaining a stash of all things coveted by

base members including hats, shirts, patches calendars etc. See him if you want or need something. BZ Dennis!

Discussed getting a log book and water proof bags for the base float to document mileage and members voted to approve paying Old North State members IRS charity mileage rate when they tow it for an event.

EVENTS:

11 Nov - Veterans Day ceremony at Jack Laughery Park RMT (If attending need to be at the site NLT than 0930. Uniform of the day is white shirt, black pants and tie (tie optional) black shoes vest and hat)

23 Nov - Wilson Christmas parade need to be at Amy Jo's Country Restaurant at 0830 for breakfast and muster. Address: 4600 Nash St N. Wilson NC 27896

1 Dec - Rocky Mount Christmas parade, time and location to TBD

7 Dec - Bailey Christmas parade, 2-4 PM set up time and location 1300 Main St Bailey

7 Dec Pearl Harbor Dinner- Hosted by Tarheel Base (5:30 pm -10 PM) (Registration form attached)

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

2020 Annual Plan & Budget- Prepare Oct, Approved

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Happy Birthday! Nelson Gaaney, Jack Murray. and Andy Piwowarski

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, 11 January 2020 @ 1000, No meeting in December.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1221.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Phrog split \$45.00 total. This is getting to be a regular thing, might to investigate! He donated his winnings back to the base BZ!