

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 11 January 2020
VFW, Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-446-7532**

0830 BREAKFAST IHOP, Rocky Mount – 8 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

0956 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 December and January was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Frans Van Baars. Vince read the accounts of the four submarines and the 134 men lost in the month of December and the five submarines and 318 men lost in the month of January; Frans 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. New member Joe Jones introduced himself and his qualification on the USS Seawolf SSN 575 in 1978. Welcome aboard Joe.

Eternal Patrol Memorial- None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Marc Cloutier (Phrog's son) cancer is in remission and expecting a good recovery.
- Phrog's son in-law Chris Girard is fighting leukemia and has had several setbacks, he has had two bone marrow transplants and stem cell treatment. He continues to fight and is at home after several months in the hospital.
- Jerry Emerson's wife Peg is walking with a cane with no pain in her leg and is ready to start driving.
- Joe said his wife Gene is still dealing leg problems and has been depressed.
- Joe is dealing with shortness of breath issues and is scheduled to see the doctor soon.
- Dennis Loch said his wife Cathy had to have her pace maker relocated and is doing much better.

Please keep everyone in prayer for healing and encouragement. Remember we are all shipmates and if you need to reach out for support or just to talk we are here for you, that's what shipmates do!

SPEAKER: none

Jerry gave an update on the on the NC SubVets organization and reported that shipmate Franz was in process of painting the larger mural to be approved by for a full-size canvas mural for the Moonshine Mtn. memorial. The bases will have to chip in approx. 500-600 dollars to pay for the materials needed for the canvas banner for the memorial. Vince will email a picture of the mural for all the base members to provide feedback to Frans. Jerry also stated that he would like to stepdown and have someone replace him as the SubVets commander NLT the meeting at Moonshine Mtn. in May. "Time to step into the breech shipmates"!

REPORTS:

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Gave an update of the NC State Fair parade and display of the base float. Thanked everyone who supported the float for the three Christmas parades, Wilson, Bailey and Fuquay Varina. Had at least between ONS and Tar Heel base members there we had everything covered.

The Tarheel Base put on another great Pearl Harbor Dinner, great food and speaker. The 2020 base officers that attended had, Swearing -In at the dinner. We need to get Dennis (treasurer) at the next meeting.

There has been a request from the base use the float for the Elizabeth City function in March. Jerry will get details.

Awards submissions due to National Awards Committee NLT 1 Feb. Any member in good standing can submit anyone they believe is deserving.

Vince passed on that The National asked everyone to update your profiles on the USSVI data base, duty stations, boats rode etc.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 9 November 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed. No December meeting minutes due to same day as the Peral Harbor dinner.

TREASURER

- Membership report: Submitted 1-11-2020

Base Membership: 18

Regular Members 17

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 November – 31 December 2019

1. Starting balance: \$1293.40

- Months Receipts: \$825.00

- Months Disbursements: \$706.21

- Ending balance of all accounts: \$1412.19

- Resulted Gain \$118.79

Notes: This report has reconciled against Southern Bank statement.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Storekeepers Report:

Dennis report that he was still getting up on to speed on duties and inventory.

New members:

Jerry Leppart Tarheel/ONS

Bill Lowe – Tarheel/ONS

Joe Jones ONS

Welcome aboard Shipmates!

Vince thanked all members for paying their dues on time BZ!

NEW BUSINESS:

Vince requested two volunteers to complete the required financial audit which needs to be completed. Jerry and Jack volunteered to complete it at the Feb. meeting.

Vince said he was waiting on where to send the \$50.00 from Dave (already approved) for the SUBLANT SOY.

Vince said there is a request for the Float from the Tarheel base for the Raleigh St Patrick's Day parade 14 March. Members agreed to support.

Members discussed doing the parade and maybe having a combined social dinner with the Tarheel base the same day. Will confirm next month.

Members discussed having a work day to complete needed repairs on the float at February meeting. Due to other commitments the weekend of 8 Feb. The members agreed to have the meeting on the 3rd Saturday on 15 February at Vince's shop in Bailey. Will have donuts and coffee at 0830 and a short meeting and then work party to get the repairs completed on the float. Need a good turn out to get everything done. Hope to see you there.

EVENTS

March- Quarterly Social

9 May- Kick-off Fund Raiser

15-16 May- Moonshine Mtn. Memorial

May- June- Nashville Azealia Festival

23- 30 Aug- USSI National Convention (Tucson, AZ)

Sept- Drawing for fund raiser

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mississippi River Cruise – 4-12 Oct 2020 (Memphis – New Orleans) Contact Jerry for info. He said there were five couples signed up so far. Looking for at least one more couple. Need to be paid up NLT June. See attached info sheet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Joe Goarck (14th). Looking good for 83!

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, 15 February 2020 @ 0830, at Vince's shop in Bailey, with work party afterwards.

6835 Finch Rd. Bailey NC 27807. Look for gun shop signs bear right at the fork and go all the way to the back, shop is on the left. **(If you hear banjo music keep driving!)**

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1132.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Vince split \$55.00 total. He donated his winnings minus \$5.00 back to the base BZ!