

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
0900 Saturday 15 February 2020
Vince's Shop
6835 Finch Rd, Bailey, NC 27807
Phone 252-292-0044**

0830 Coffee, donuts ad Biscuits at shop before meeting – 13 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

0901 Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert with two blasts of the diving alarm.

13 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 February was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and shipmate Joe Goarck. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and the 371 men lost in the month of February; Joe 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 – 13 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live.

Eternal Patrol Memorial- None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Marc Cloutier (Phrog's son) cancer is in remission and his recovery is going well.
- Phrog's son in-law Chris Girard is fighting leukemia and has had several setbacks, he is back in the hospital going through another set of Chemo treatments.
- Joe Goarck said his wife Gene is still dealing leg problems and has been depressed.
- Joe's lung cancer has returned and they have found another blocked artery during all the testing, he will be going back to the doctors soon to get the plan to treat both issues.
- Richard Graves wife Lynnette will be having gal bladder surgery in March.

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 still in process of painting the 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

Swore in shipmate Dennis (Phrog) Cloutier as base Treasurer. BZ Phrog!

He asked for a show of hands on who has updated their profiles on the USSVI web site. He asked everyone to do it soon so that when the new USSVI website comes on line everyone's profile will be accurate.

He said that the base received a thankyou letter from the USS Thresher Memorial Foundation thanking the base for the \$295.00 that was sent in support of the dedication ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery. BZ!

Welcomed new members Joseph "Joe" Jones and Bob Govern (Tarheel primary base). Welcome aboard shipmates.

We will be having a working party after the meeting to complete some repairs and get the float ready for the St Patrick's day parade on Saturday March 14th.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing to report

SECRETARY - Motion made and seconded to accept the 11 January 2029 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- Membership report: Submitted 2-15-2020

Base Membership: 22

Regular Members 21

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 January – 31 January 2020

1. Starting balance: \$1412.12

- Months Receipts: \$222.35

- Months Disbursements: \$270.00

- Ending balance of all accounts: \$1364.54

- Resulted Gain (loss) \$47.65

Notes: This report has been reconciled against Southern Bank statement.

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

Jerry Emerson and Jack Murray will conduct the annual financial audit after the meeting.

Storekeepers Report:

Dennis reported that he bought a lock box (to keep all the loot in). He gave the base an update on the items he had on hand and asked members for input on what he needed to get for the base. Several items were requested by members and Dennis stated that he would start getting the requested items ordered.

Shipmate Jerry Leppart ask the members if they had any interest in getting a US/NC Flag "I support Veterans" pin. Several members said they would like to have one or more. Jerry and Dennis were going to get together to determine number to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

St Patrick's Day Parade Saturday 14 March - Need a head count. 6-8 Members said they would support. Vince will send out directions for the parade start location. You can meet him at his shop on the morning of the parade to follow him if you want, he will be leaving with the float at 0700. The Base members and Tarheel members will be having lunch after the parade at Applebee's.

Annual Financial Audit – Jerry and Jack will complete following meeting

Albemarle Sound Base- request for use of the float in March- Jerry reported that he had not heard anything from the Base but will let us know if he is contacted.

Working Party for Float Upkeep- Following today's meeting, Phrog man in charge, he has a POD.

Contribution to CSL SOY- \$ 50 (already approved), waiting on word from Dave on where to send check.

Contribution for Banner at Moonshine Mountain- \$100 already approved in budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

March Meeting Date- Saturday 21 March Location TBD

March Social – Discussed pushed to April – requested members provide possible venues.

Bunting for Float - Vince provided cost for the bunting for the float (2) 18"x20' \$30.00 each, (1) Pleated fan 2'x3' \$15.00. members voted to purchase.

Freedom Classic – USNA vs AFA 21-23 Feb. - Base discussed supporting the Freedom Classic- USNA vs AFA baseball tournament with the float as a static display on Saturday Feb. 22nd. In Kingston NC Jerry will be transporting the float, five base members said they would support. Float needs to be at the park NLT 10 am, address is 400 Grainger Ave. Kingston NC 28502. Cost to the game is \$3.00 for veterans, uniform of the day casual with vest and hat. **GO NAVY!**

Proud to Be an American Day- Vince has been contacted about supporting the "Proud to be American Day" in Walstonburg NC on 18 April. With the float as a static display. Members voted to support. Will get details at the March meeting.

Chairs for Float - Vince requested that the base purchase ten plastic folding chairs to use on the float. Members voted to purchase the chairs. Vince said he would shop the cost and once found the best price contact the executive board for approval and buy them.

Float SOP- Phrog is working on draft.

EVENTS

March- Quarterly Social – pushed to March- requested venues

9 May- Kick-off Fund Raiser

15-16 May- Moonshine Mtn. Memorial

14 May- Nashville NC Blooming Festival Parade

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

Sept- Drawing for fund raiser. Need to bring ideas for prizes at the March meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- Dick Kanning and Jerry Leppart (3rd), Richard Graves (9th)

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, **21 March 2020 @ 1000, VFW**

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1042.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 Drawing results: Winner Vince (**again!**) split \$60.00 total. He donated his winnings minus \$5.00 back to the base BZ!

Meeting was secured early so that the work party could turn to and get the float repaired and cleaned up for the upcoming events. All items on the work party POD provided by the man in charge “Phrog” Cloutier sometimes referred by some as Captain Bligh were completed quickly by the members under threat of public flogging by the Captain. BZ Shipmates!