

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 08 August 2020

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone

252-446-7532

0900 Coffee and donuts at VFW before meeting - 8 members and 2 guests attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert at 1004.

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts 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 covering the months of March, April, and August were conducted by Commander Vince Sievert, Treasurer Dennis Cloutier, and Vice Commander Joe Goarck respectively. Vince read the accounts of the eight submarines and the 426 men lost in the month of February. Dennis read the accounts of the five submarines and the 351 men lost in the month of April. Joe read the accounts of the six submarines and the 241 men lost in the month of August. Dennis Loch 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 and one guest introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. Our guest, Wade Brooks, qualified in Daniel Webster (SSBN-626) in 1968.

Eternal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Marc Cloutier's (Phrog's son) cancer is in remission and his recovery is going well.
- Phrog's son-in-law Chris Girard lost his battle with leukemia this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.
- Joe Goarck said his wife Jean is still dealing leg problems and has been depressed.
- Joe's lung cancer has returned, and he will be going back to the doctors soon to get the plan to treat it.
- Cathy Loch is challenged by chronic illness.

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 – Al Bremer

Al Bremer qualified in 1953 while serving in USS Requin (SS-481). August is his birthday month- Happy Birthday, Al! He shared some of his experiences that occurred during his Navy career. Al also donated two dolphin plaques, one officer, one enlisted, that he had made to Old North State base. They will hang proudly at our base's meetings.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson

Jerry gave an update on the on the NC SubVets organization and reported that shipmate Frans Van Baars is ready to submit the mural for the Moonshine Mountain memorial. Everyone at the meeting was privileged to see Frans's creation. Jerry proposed Change 9 to the NC SubVet Charter, which would request each base to submit an amount equal to \$1.00 for each primary base member. The funds would be earmarked for the storage and maintenance of the two NCSubVet floats and annual advertisement in National Convention Magazine.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince asked for everyone to go to the USSVI web site to participate in the National Elections of the officers and issues NLT 2359 of 17 August. He also suggested while on the USSVI page to verify their profiles.

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck

Nothing to report

SECRETARY (Acting for the meeting) – Will Iwaniuk

Will graciously agreed to fill in for Jack in his absence. Motion made and seconded to accept the 15 February 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis Cloutier

- Membership report: Submitted 8-8-2020

Base Membership: 22

Regular Members 21

Associate Members 1

- Financial Report: 1 March – 31 July 2020

1. Starting balance: \$1470.54

- Months Receipts: \$00.00

- Months Disbursements: \$688.16

- Ending balance of all accounts: \$782.16

- Resulted Gain (loss) (\$688.16)

Notes: This report has been reconciled against the March, April, May, June, and July Southern Bank statements.

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

WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk

Will updated the web site to show two columns of meeting minutes. This makes the web page shorter and easier to use.

STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch

Dennis gave the base an update on the items he has on hand and asked members for input on what else he could order for the base. Several items previously requested by members have arrived. Any additional suggestions should be brought to Dennis's attention.

OLD BUSINESS:

FUND RAISER – Vince opened the discussion. Please see "NEW BUSINESS" for outcome.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT – Jerry Emerson and Jack Murray conducted the annual financial audit in February. They submitted the findings (none) in February.

FLOAT SOP - Phrog is working on this; work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUND RAISER - By the end of the discussion, the base had formulated a plan for a 50/50 raffle and an American flag carved in wood. Phrog agreed to take the lead to create an email for the tickets.

EVENTS

23- 30 Aug _ USSVI National Convention (Tucson, AZ) CANCELLED

December 5th - Drawing for fund raiser. 50/50 raffle and an American flag carved in wood

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. The cruise right now is in question.

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 September 2020 @ 1000, location TBD

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1230.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Al Bremer; he won \$25.00.