

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 9 January 2021

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone

252-446-7532

0900 Biscuits and donuts and coffee at VFW before meeting – 7 members with and 2 prospective members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Vince Sievert at 0959.

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of the diving alarm. “All rise”

INVOCATION – Jack Murray led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commander Vince Sievert led the base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI CREED

RECITE CREED:

“Our purpose is to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

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 December and January was conducted by Commander Vince Sievert, shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the four submarines in the month of December and Dennis (PHORG) read the accounts of the five submarines lost in the month of January. Richard tolled the bell for each of the lost submarines and shipmates in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES - 7 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live the two prospective members Mike Sears and Jerry Burroughs introduced themselves and when they qualified and their background. Welcome aboard Mike and Jerry!

Eternal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck still dealing with lung and now kidney issues, his wife Jean is still dealing leg problems but their children have been visiting which has helped.
- Nelson Gainey friend is still healing from her broken arm and is scheduled for surgery to repair the damage.
- Jerry's provided an update on his oldest son's (Jerry Jr) condition, the cancer has spread from his eye to his face, ear and jaw area. The doctors are trying to determine a course of action.

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 – Several members provided sea stories on sanitary tank blowing from their time riding the boats. There are always plenty of those, and they all bring back fond memories and most of them smell bad (except to us A-Ganger's at least).

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson

Jerry gave an update on the on the NC SubVets organization and reported that the torpedo trailer float looks like it has found a permanent storage home at the Northeastern Regional Airport in Edenton. The Albemarle Sound base is taking the lead in getting the permits and building modified for the float at the new storage site. Vince also said that we need to find a permanent location for our base sub float due to him needing the space in his shop for additional equipment. If you know of any location for permanent storage for our Sub float let Vince or myself know.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Vince discussed the base Christmas dinner that was held in December, everyone had a great time and the food was excellent. Thanks for Jerry in getting the arrangements made. He also let the members know that hopefully the new USSVI web site is going through testing and should be online hopefully in February (2021). He asked that all members log into the current web site and update their page so that hopefully it will be transferred over to the new web site when it comes on line.

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck

Nothing

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 14 November 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Dennis Cloutier (**PHROG**) made a motion that the minutes be corrected first since his nickname (**PHROG**) was incorrectly spelled in the November meeting minutes. I acknowledged that I made an error and would continue to try and correct the spelling of his nickname (**PHROG**) anytime I used it in the minutes. Good catch **PHROG** BZ keep up the good work! Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG**) Cloutier**

- Membership report: Submitted 1-7-2021

Base Membership: 17

Multiple Base Members: 4

Associate Members: 1

Total: 22

- Financial Report: 1 November – 31 December 2020

1. Starting balance: \$2081.16

2. Receipts: \$2095

Dues Receipts: \$183

50/50 revenue/contribution:

\$25/\$20

Annual raffle ticket sales: \$1720

Storekeeper Revenue: \$147

3. Disbursements: \$1425.50

National Dues: \$175

Boat Sponsorship: \$30

USSVI Scholarship Fund: \$50

Storekeeper Supplies: \$353

Annual Raffle winner: \$817.50

**4. Ending balance of all
Accounts: \$2750.66**

5. Net Gain (Loss**) difference
between (1 & 4) \$669.50**

Notes: This report has NOT been reconciled against the January 2021 Southern Bank statement. The treasurer had not received the statement prior to the meeting.

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

WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk

None. Check out the web site <NCSubvets.org>

STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch

Dennis gave an update on finally getting the 2021 Submarine calendars, He also stated that he received the new order of ONS base hats, if you are looking to get a new one contact him. Also, he still has the “I support Veterans” hat pins for \$5.00 each

FUND RAISER – Vince gave an update on our raffle, it started late and slow but finished well we made our numbers so BZ to everyone who sold tickets.

FLOAT SOP – Vince still needs to get a picture of the bunting on the float to Dennis so he can finish the SOP.

HOLLAND CLUB ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR 2021: Sent to Holland Club Chairman. Jerry said that he would have the Holland club presentations for Wade Brooks, and Bruce “Wayne” Marshall at the at the February meeting.

STATUS OF JOE CLARK FUND DONATION- \$50 & Boat sponsorship – USS Greenville \$30 -checks sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS: was completed

Commander - Vince Sievert

Vice Commander- Joe Goarck

Treasurer – Dennis (**PHROG**) Cloutier

Secretary – Jack Murray

USSVI OUTREACH:

Several ideas were brought up by members that we could as a base work with the local organizations including Kaps for Kids, Eagle Scout recognition, Sea Cadets and Mile of Hope for children cancer patients. If you have any contacts with these organizations reach out to them to try find a way to be able to work with them to support the community. Also, if you have any other organizations that you believe we could team with let us know.

Vince let the members know that he has a customer who is a champion competitive shooter and strong supporter of veterans as Ms Claudia Cunningham that donated \$250.00 to the base. Members acknowledged that \$400.00 would be sent to the VFW for use of their building for 2020 and 2021 (already approved in the 2020 & 2021 budget).

Vince talked about the history of the Moonshine Mtn. memorial which is tentatively scheduled for May 14-15 this year. He will try to confirm the dates prior to our next meeting.

Vince asked for volunteers to conduct the financial audit for the year, Richard and Franz volunteered to complete the audit prior or after the next meeting.

EVENTS

March – Social, dinner?

30 April – National Awards due to Awards committee Chair

08 May – Kick off fund raiser

14-15 May - Moonshine Mtn Memorial

30 Aug -4 Sept – USSI National Convention (Orlando, FL)

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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

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

Franz is looking for an Electrician that might be able to help repair his elevator in his home, (old 1920's warehouse) in Wilson. If you know of anyone, contact him or Vince.

BENEDICTION: Shipmate Jack Murray said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 13 February 2021 @ 1000, location VFW

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1134.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Franz. \$55.00. He gave his share back to the base for a total \$28.00.