

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 13 March 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 10 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1003.

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

INVOCATION – Wayne Marshall led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commander 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 month of March was conducted by shipmate Phrog Cloutier, shipmate Franz Van Baars tolled the bell respectively. Phrog read the accounts of the eight submarines and 422 men lost in the month of March. Franz 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 - 10 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live.

Internal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck still dealing with lung cancer treatments, but is holding his own, his wife Jean is still dealing leg problems.
- Nelson Gainey's lady friend is still healing from her arm surgery and is on the mend. Nelson also stated that he is still the mend from Covid but was doing much better.
- Jerry's provided an update on his oldest son's (Jerry Jr) eye cancer, he is still doing treatments and will be re-evaluated in the next month or so. Jerry's wife Peggy is recovering well from her knee replacement surgery and is moving around with a walker.
- Franz said that his wife who has been bed ridden for a number of years was diagnosed with low sodium levels and after treatment she 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 – Several members provided sea stories and lies for everyone's entertainment.

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 a Tarheel member's Archer's Lodge BZ! Still looking for permanent home for the ONS Submarine Float. We need to find a permanent location for our base sub float due to Vince needing the space in his shop for additional equipment. If you know of any location for permanent storage for our Sub float let Vince, Jerry or myself know.

He also said the Moonshine Mtn. weekend is still on for May 14-15th.

The Big Lin Lodge still had 7 rooms available as of last week. See attachments for more information.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Gave a update on the National convention to be held in Orlando FL. This year 29 August – 4 September. He highly recommends you attend if your able.

Updated the status of the USSVI web site. A lot of time, effort and money are being spent to try and get it on-line. They are having a difficult time transferring the personnel data from the old site to the new.

Vince discussed with members that as S.E. District Commander he is doing Zoom meetings the second Thursday at 1900 each month. If you're are interested contact him for details.

The base had the spring social dinner at the Seahorse Inn in Greenville on Friday night March 12th with 10 attendees. Food and fellowship was excellent.

Wayne Marshall was presented his induction Holland club by Jerry Emerson. Congrats Wayne!.

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck nothing

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 13 February 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier

Annual audit was completed prior to the meeting by Jerry and Franz with no findings.

- Membership report: Submitted 3-13-2021

Base Membership: 24

Primary – 19

Dual - 4

Associate - 1

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance of all Accounts: 1 February – 28 February 2021

1. Starting balance: \$2675.66
2. Receipts: \$165

Dues Receipts: \$115

50/50 revenue/contribution: \$50

3. Disbursements: None
4. Ending balance of all Accounts: \$2840.66
5. Net Gain (Loss) difference between (1 & 4) \$165

Notes: This report has been reconciled against the February 2021 Southern Bank statement.

- 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

He stated that he had new hats and hat pins if you are looking for either so you can be the best dressed Sub Vet whenever you're out and about.

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

HOLLAND CLUB ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR 2021: Jerry said that he would have the Holland club presentations for Wade Brooks when attends the next meeting. Looking forward to seeing you Wade.

NEW BUSINESS:

EVENTS

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>

BENEDICTION: Shipmate Wayne Marshall said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 10 April 2021 @ 1000, location VFW

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1125.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Wayne Marshall. \$50.00. He gave his share back to the base for a total \$50.00. BZ!