

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 10 April 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 11 members and 1 prospective new member 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 – Base Chaplain 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 April was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and 375 men lost in the month of April. 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 - 11 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. One prospective new base

member Robert Gaultney introduced himself and his qualification on the Woodrow Wilson SSBN 624. Welcome aboard!

Internal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck still dealing with lung cancer treatments but feeling much better, his wife Jean is still dealing leg problems.
 - Jerry's provided an update on his oldest son's (Jerry Jr) eye cancer, the new treatments seem to be doing well and he will continue with them and 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 much better. She ditched the walker and is now using a cane. (Much easier to get Jerry's attention with the cane than with the walker)!
 - Franz said that his wife Brenda continues to improve and is cooking again and 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 has a temporary storage location at Tarheel's Base member's home, but still needs a permanent location. 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 or the Tarheel Torpedo float let Vince, Jerry or myself know.

He also said the Moonshine Mtn. weekend is still on for May 14-15th. There are still some rooms available at the Big Lin Lodge. See attachments for more information.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

Gave an update on the National convention to be held in Orlando FL. This year 29 August – 4 September In Orlando FL. If you are planning to go you need to go on line a register before June 1st. That will be the date that the national office determines if the convention has enough attendees to have the convention or not. He highly recommends you attend if your able.

Vince informed the member's that with our prospective new member joining the base that we will need to send a \$25.00 payment to National for an insurance cost for all bases with 25 members' or more. It's a cost of a growing which it is a good thing.

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck nothing

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

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

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier (AWOL) Sent Report to Base Commander and Secretary due to being out of town this week.

- Membership report: Submitted 4-7-2021

Base Membership: 24

Primary – 19

Dual - 4

Associate - 1

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance of all Accounts: 1 March – 31 March 2021

1. Starting balance: \$2840.66

2. Receipts:

- NC SubVets deposit
*\$17.00
- 50/50
revenue/contribution
\$50.00
Storekeeper sales
\$50.00

3. Disbursement:

- Perfect Promotions
\$32.56

**4. Ending Balance of all
Accounts: \$2925.10**

**5. Net/Gain(loss) {difference
between 1 & 4}
\$165.00**

*NC SubVets is a separate
account maintained in ONS base
treasury but not included in EOY
reporting to USSVI National

regarding ONS base financial health.

Notes: This report has NOT been reconciled against the March 2021 Southern Bank statement.

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

WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk

Check out the web site <NCSubvets.org>

STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch

He stated that he still 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. Also, he was asked by members to see if he could get some ONS base decals and coins made for the base members etc.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

The members voted on have the 8 May meeting at Vince's shop in Bailey to have a short meeting and working party to get the float cleaned up and ready for use. Staring time will be

0900 for coffee, donuts

1000 meeting/working party

1100-1200 burgers/hot dogs on the grill

Hope to see you all there for fellowship and fun. (rumor has it that that the covid-19 virus can't survive in the Bailey area, something about the water)

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund Raiser: Several different prizes were discussed by members, it was agreed to have a raffle for:

First prize \$300.00 gift card for a Bread and Breakfast/VRBO stay at the winner's choice of time and location

Second prize Remington 870 12 Ga. shotgun

Third prize \$200.00 cash

The winning tickets will be drawn at the December 4th Pearl Harbor dinner

Tickets will be \$5.00 ea. Vince will get the tickets printed and have them available at the May 8th meeting.

Joe Goarck mentioned that his and home church Englewood Baptist church was having a men's dinner on Thursday May 27th at 1730 doors open, dinner at 1800 for \$10.00 a plate (all active duty and veteran's free). Jeff Struecker will be the guest speaker. He is a combat decorated Army Ranger who was participated in the Black Hawk Down rescue in Somalia, Operation Desert Storm, and more than a dozen deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is now an ordained minister and speaker. If you are interested in going we will need a head count NLT the May 8th meeting.

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, 8 May 2021 @ 0900 breakfast /coffee, meeting/work party 1000, Vince's shop
Address is:

6835 Finch Rd., Bailey NC 27807. Look for the Mustang Gun shop sign on the road and then follow the signs all the way to the back on the left.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1151.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Jack Murray. \$60.00. He kept a fiver for gas and gave the remaining \$55.00 back to the club.