

# **Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting**

**1000 Saturday 12 June 2021**

**VFW Post #2057**

**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone**

**252-446-7532**

**0830** Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 7 members member attended.

**GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1001**

**10 members and one prospective member were in attendance.**

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

**INVOCATION – Vice Commander Joe Goarck 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, ant 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 May and June was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the four submarines and 213 men lost in the month of May and the seven submarines and 402 men lost in the month of June. Will 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. One prospective new base member Robert Gaultney introduced himself and his qualification on the Woodrow Wilson SSBN 624. Welcome aboard Robert!

**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 this next month. Jerry's wife Peggy is recovering well from her knee replacement surgery and is moving around much better with a cane.
  - Greg Guy had eye surgery, it went well and he is on the mend.
  - Vince said Johnnie Lee was at the Veterans day/D-day Waltonburg celebration and is doing better.
- Hope to see you at our meetings or other activities soon we miss you Johnnie.

**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.

Dennis Loch discussed meeting one of the MOH divers that was part of the Squalus rescue. Several members had additional stories concerning the rescue.

#### **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 reported that the Moonshine Mtn. weekend had seven attendees from the ONS base and was a great time and everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

He will inquire about the WWII event at Kings Bay Ga Sub base to see if is going to be held this year and let the members know.

## **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. It is still on. Asked for who was planning on attending from the base.

Discussed the Memorial Day celebration at the Jack Laughery park in RMT, it was a very solemn event attended by seven members along with the Submarine float.

Our second qtr. social dinner on Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> at Beefmasters in Wilson was well attended by 15 members and guests and had an excellent steak dinner and fellowship.

Discussed S.E. District Zoom meeting for all bases and members on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1830, everyone is welcomed to join in.

He asked Jack to provide the update for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the Englewood Baptist church on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 1800. The float needs to be on site to the right of the stage NLT 1700 so Vince plans to have the float there around 1630, he will need help to get it set up. We can have a tent and sell raffle tickets etc. Bring chairs and grill for cooking any food (no alcohol allowed it is a church) you like there will be kids bounce house etc. in a picnic atmosphere will be food vendors etc. and the best fireworks around at dark. Hope to see you there if the rain holds off it should be a great time to celebrate our country birthday and freedom from the covid lock downs.

Will Iwaniuk gave an update on the NC SubVets web site, said he had a new page for the sub float and Phrog.

Phrog presented a peacoat he received from a deceased WWII veteran's family. The members discussed how to get some background information on the sailor and how and where to display it to honor his service.

## **VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck nothing**

## **SECRETARY – Jack Murray**

Motion made and seconded to accept the 9 April 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier Membership report: Submitted 6-12-2021**

Base Membership: 26

Primary – 21

Dual - 4

Associate - 1

## **Financial Report:**

**Beginning Balance of all Accounts:1 April-31 May 2021**

1. **Starting balance: \$2925.10**
2. **Receipts:** None

3. **Disbursement:**  
\$52.00 Base Raffle Tickets

4. **Ending Balance of all  
Accounts: \$2873.10**

5. **Net/Gain(loss) {difference  
between 1 & 4}  
\$52.00**

**Notes: This report has been reconciled against the May 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 \$116.00 to the treasurer. He has 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** – Phrog needs to get the base SOP completed now that he has the pictures he has been waiting on Git -R Done!

**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:**

**Holland Club Presentation** – Wade Brooks

**USSVI Outreach-** Kaps for kids, Eagle Scout, Sea Cadet

**Float SOP-** Phrog

**Fund Raiser is underway-** Get your tickets and start selling them.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor dinner

Tickets will be \$5.00 ea. Four for \$20.00.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Re-imburse Jerry for the national convention advertisement \$150.00

Annual Activity Report due 6/30

#### **EVENTS**

**4 July – Freedom celebration/fireworks Englewood Baptist Church Celebration**

**1350 South Winstead Ave, Rocky Mount NC (look for the crowd)**

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

**Sept Social/Dinner**

**20 Oct - NC State Fair (Military Appreciation Day)**

**04 Dec - Bailey Christmas Parade**

**04 Dec – Pearl Harbor Dinner/Raffle Drawing**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

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

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

**BENEDICTION:** Shipmate Joe Goarck said the closing prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, 10 May 2021 @ 0830 breakfast at IHOP in Rocky Mount (in front of Lowes) meeting at VFW.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1055.

**SURFACE THE BOAT** – Three blasts of diving alarm.

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner was Phrog. Congrats.