

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

**1000 Saturday 10 July 2021**

**VFW Post #2057**

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

**252-446-7532**

**0830** Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 8 members member attended.

**GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1009**

**11 members 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 July was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the three submarines and 204 men lost in the month of July. 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. Jerry also stated that one of the submarines that were lost in the month of July with all hands was the SS-28, lost on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1944, which is the North Carolina state SubVet bases sponsor ship and that there is a memorial at the North Carolina Battleship Park in Willington NC in their honor and remembrance.

**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.

**Internal Patrol Memorial** - None.

**BINNACLE LIST –**

- Joe Goarck said he was holding his own, but his wife Jean was rushed to the Hospital on Wednesday for chest pains, doctors didn't find anything and she is at home and feels better.
- Jerry's provided an update on his oldest son's (Jerry Jr) goes back to the doctor for evaluation this week for his eye cancer, hopefully he will get a good report.
- Greg Guy had eye surgery, it went well and he is on the mend.
- Frans wife is having problems with eyes and other chronic health issues and is scheduled for additional testing.

**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.

Mike Sears told of a time when he was MPA onboard the Clay and was thrust into the engineer position due to the unexpected loss of their Engineer right before a ORSE Inspection (wrong place at the wrong time Mike). He stated that the senior member of the ORSE found a broken cotter key or something on one of the valves for the reactor cooling (or something) and wanted to fail them on their inspection. Just confirms everyone's opinion of ORSE board members in general. I was surprised that they didn't claim that one of the A-gangers was seen mucking around the area before the inspection and see if the cotter key wasn't attached to one of their key chains or something, (A -ganger's always have a thing for shinny things) then they could have written it off on those sorry SOB's and moved on.

**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 been stored at a members' chicken farm in Merry Hill (close to Edenton) for 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.

## **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.

He said that there isn't anything on the WWII event at Kings Bay Ga Sub base to see if it is going to be held this year. He will continue to check. If you heard anything let Vince know.

Said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and fireworks at the Englewood Baptist Church, plenty of good music, food and great fireworks.

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

## **SECRETARY – Jack Murray**

Motion made and seconded to accept the 12 June 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier Membership report: Submitted 7-6-2021**

Base Membership: 26

Primary – 21

Dual - 4

Associate - 1

### **Financial Report:**

1. **Beginning Balance of all Accounts: \$2873.10**
2. **Receipts: \$455.00**
  
3. **Disbursement:**  
\$150.00  
National Convention  
Magazine Advertisement fee
  
4. **Ending Balance of all Accounts: \$3178.10**
  
5. **Net/Gain(loss) {difference between 1 & 4}  
\$305.00**

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

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

**WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk**

Will Iwaniuk gave an update on the NC SubVets web site

Check out the web site [<NCSubvets.org>](http://NCSubvets.org)

**STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch**

He received the Holland Club hat for Wade Brooks and gave it to Jerry for presentation to Wade, next time he comes to a meeting. He also received a catalog of SubVet stuff from National, see attached, if you see anything you like contact Dennis.

**FLOAT SOP** – Dennis provided a SOP (finally) and user check list (nukes and their checklist) see attached.

**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 nothing new

**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.

Members discussed and voted on buying 125 ONS Base stickers at 1.22 each, this includes set up fee.

Will brought up about buying black lug nut covers for the sub float, it was discussed and other options including buying black lug nuts, members agreed to submit options the next meeting.

Will and Vince also brought up replacing the trailer jack due to the handle being broken and difficult to use, several options were discussed including buying an electric type or just another new manual hand crank type and members asked to bring options to the next meeting.

## **EVENTS**

**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**

**05 Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade**

## **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, 14 August 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 1153.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner was Vince \$50.00 got his \$5.00 back and donated the rest to the base. Congrats.