

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 14 August 2021

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone

252-446-7532

0830 Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 9 members and 1 guest attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1004

12 members with one prospective member and one guest 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, 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 August was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and 251 men lost in the month of August. 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 - 12 SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. Prospective member Michael

Partyka introduced himself and his qualification date. Guess Brian Berry introduced himself (friend of Phrog) USAF veteran. Welcome Michael and Brian!

Internal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck said he was holding his own, going in to have the stint removed this coming Thursday, his wife Jean is doing better but is still dealing with chronic health issues at home.
- Jerry's provided an update on his oldest son's (Jerry Jr) eye cancer, he is cancer free but will continue with treatments.
- Greg Guy eye is healing from the surgery 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.

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 semi-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 is going to be held this year. He will continue to check. If you heard anything let Vince know.

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck nothing

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 10 July 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 8-11-2021

See Attached 8-11-2021 Financial

- 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 also received a catalog of SubVet stuff from National, see attached, if you see anything you like contact Dennis. Several members requested that Dennis get a quotation for new ONS Base polo shirts, several members expressed interest in purchasing new ones. Dennis had the new ONS bumper stickers for \$2.00 each, get-em while you can, they will dress up anyone's ride! Dennis also took orders for the new 2022 SubVet calendars, they will be \$10.00 each, if you would like to order any contact Dennis or let Vince or myself know and we will pass the request on to Dennis.

FLOAT SOP – Dennis provided a SOP that he would make up laminated check sheets to stow in the float storage box for ensuring any users are able to get the float set up and stowed properly. (nukes and their checklist).

HOLLAND CLUB ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR 2021: Jerry said that he would have the Holland club presentations for Wade Brooks when attends the next meeting. Page Wood is also eligible and as soon as we can get his dues to National we will order a Holland Club hat for him. Phrog was directed to send the funds in for both Page and Robert Gaultney.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holland Club Presentation – Wade Brooks, Page Wood

USSVI Outreach- Kaps for kids, Eagle Scout, Sea Cadet. Phrog talked to the USSVI National chairmen and was provided a guide on how the Kaps for kids works and how to get a base program set up. Phrog will lead the effort and Mike Sears will assist him to get a program in place for the ONS Base. Several members agreed it would be something that the Base would like to pursue.

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

First prize \$300.00 gift card for a Bed 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. Four for \$20.00.

Durham Bulls Baseball: with Tarheel base Sept 12th 5:00 pm Contact Vince if you would like to go for tickets.

Float Trailer Jack: Will Iwaniuk provided an update for a replacing the Sub Float jack. Provided details and cost for new one, members voted to purchase a new one with a max total of \$100.00.

WWII Pea coat: Phrog provided an update on purchasing a mannequin for approx. \$80.00 to use to dress as a WWII sailor for are area in the VFW hall. Several members stated that they had Dixie caps, etc. to help finish out the uniform. Members voted to approve \$80.00 for the purchase of the mannequin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vince brought up that we should purchase a tent for when we use the float at static displays to keep all us old guys out of the sun so that we can maintain our submarine tans. He said that the Tarheel base storekeeper can get us an industrial type tent with SubVet graphics for \$875.00. He also stated that the Tarheel base would provide \$250.00 for the tent since they use the float often and want to maintain their submarine tans, so for \$625.00 we can get the tent made. All members agreed and voted to buy the tent. Vince will get it ordered.

Dennis Loch informed the members that there will be a History night by Dr. Roy Heidicker and Stephen Beckett at Seymour Johnson AF base on 26 August. See the attached flyer and email for details.

EVENTS

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

Sept Social/Dinner members agreed to have another dinner around Sept 17th at the Paul's restaurant n Wilson. Jerry will contact the restaurant to see if we can reserve the room for that date and report back

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 Jack Murray said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 11 September 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 Joe Goarck \$70.00 got his \$5.00 back and donated the rest to the base. Congrats.