

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

**1000 Saturday 11 September 2021**

**VFW Post #2057**

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

**252-446-7532**

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

**GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**Cell Phones off or on vibrate**

**Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1000**

**10 members 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 September was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and 250 men lost in the month of September. 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 - 10** SubVet members introduced themselves by including the name of their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they live. Also, each member was asked where he was on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 when he found out about the attack in NYC, the Pentagon and Shanksville PA.

**Internal Patrol Memorial - None.**

#### **BINNACLE LIST –**

- Joe Goarck said he was holding his own, he received a good report about his lung cancer, it hasn't changed. His wife Jean is doing about the same still dealing with chronic health issues at home.
- 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 – None.**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson**

Jerry gave an update on the NC SubVets organization about the change to the Bylaws 6 of the 7 bases have responded, Coastal Carolina base is the only base he hasn't heard from.

He brought up that the Tarboro Christmas parade scheduled for Sunday 12 December and there was a \$25.00 fee per float to enter. The base voted on authorizing the money for both the ONS Base Sub float and the Torpedo float.

Also recommended that the base make a \$132.00 donation to the "Tunnel to Tower" organization, motion was passed.

Reported that the NC SubVets newsletter was on the web site, check it out.

He 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**

**Vince brought up the sudden passing of Steve Bell's wife (Ma) Bell and asked all to keep Steve and his family in their prayers. See the email for the funeral arrangements dtd 9/13/21.**

Gave a summary of the National convention that was held in Orlando FL in August.

He informed the base members that the new web site is still being worked on and is inching closer to coming on line. (Christmas is coming to)!

USSVI membership was up last year even with all the Covid -19 lockdowns and other B.S. stuff going on. (Just can't keep us bubbleheads from getting together to be able fellowship and tell sea stories and lies to each other!)

He also stated that the USSVI has 168 active bases and that the organization has no debt and over 2 million in cash and asset values. The USSVI has over 1 million in their charitable foundation. (not bad for a bunch a of boat drivers)!

The 2022 national convention will be in Buffalo NY 24-27 August.

The 2023 national convention will be Tucson AZ 28-2 September.

Vince floated the ideal to have the NC/Va bases look into holding the 2024 convention in NC or Va (Southeast District). Base members voted to commit to trying to get the convention in NC/Va Southeast district.

**The WWII event at Kings Bay Ga Sub base has been canceled again this year due to Covid -19.**

**VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck nothing**

**SECRETARY – Jack Murray**

Motion made and seconded to accept the 14 August 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

**TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 9-9-2021**

**See Attached 9-9-2021 Financial**

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

**WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk**

None

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

**STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch**

Dennis gave an update on the USSVI submarine calendar' and hat pins. He is also trying to 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** – Phrog provided a SOP and addendums 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 and Page Wood hopefully at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Holland Club Presentation** – Wade Brooks, Page Wood

**USSVI Outreach-** Phrog provided a video presentation on the Kaps for kids program. He and his assistant Mike Sears continue to try and get access to the Hospital in Greenville. All members agreed that the base wanted to support the get the program. Phrog asked that members bring in their old USSVI sub calendars so the pictures could be used for certificates to the children.

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

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

**Float Trailer Jack:** Will Iwaniuk brought the new trailer hitch and it has been installed. BZ Will.

**WWII Pea coat:** Phrog brought in the mannequin he purchased for the WWII sailor static display at the VFW. He blew his budget of \$80.00 to for the mannequin and uniform for the WWII sailor display for are area in the VFW hall. Base members voted an additional \$100.00 to cover his costs. (Hopefully that crowd of Marines at the VFW don't try to make him their mascot)!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vince said the tent for the sub float was supposed to be delivered at the Durham Bulls baseball game this weekend.

### **EVENTS**

**Sept Social/Dinner Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1800 at the Paul's restaurant 3106 Nash St north Wilson NC 27896. Let Jerry know if you are going to asap.**

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

**11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony RMT**

**04 Dec - Bailey Christmas Parade**

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

**05 Dec Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade**

**12 Dec Tarboro 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, 9 October 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 1222.

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

**50/50 Drawing results:** Winner was mike Sears \$45.00 he donated it back to the base. BZ Mike.