

Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting

1000 Saturday 9 October 2021

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone

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0830 Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 7 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.

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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 Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the nine submarines and 572 men lost in the month of October. 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.

Internal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck said he and his wife were holding their own. His wife Jean is doing about the same still dealing with chronic health issues at home.
- Greg Guy eye is healing well from the surgery and is able to drive.
- Will Iwaniuk let the members know that his wife's son Keith is dealing with cancer. He is going through testing to determine the extent of the cancer and his treatment options.

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 shipmates told sea stories and lies to everyone's amusement.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson

Jerry gave an update on the schedule of the upcoming parades and the bases that are going to be using either the ONS Base Sub Float or the Torpedo float (see the upcoming events below).

He said that he had the ONS Base and Torpedo floats scheduled for the Bailey and Tarboro Christmas parades

He and reported that the torpedo trailer float was still looking for a permanent storage location hopefully somewhere in the center of the state.

He displayed a T-shirt that a member of the Albemarle Sound base's son had made up, it said you can get all most anything on the shirt. The members directed our base Storekeeper Dennis Loch to contact him for more information i.e. cost etc.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

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)!

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

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

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

VICE COMMANDER – Joe Goarck let everyone know that he would be stepping down as Base Vice Commander at the end of this term due to health issues.

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 11 September 2021 meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 10-6-2021

See Attached 10-9-2021 Financial

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

WEB MASTER – Will Iwaniuk

Gave an update on the Old North Base web page and Facebook pages

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

STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch

Dennis gave an update on the USSVI submarine calendar' order and hat pins. He is trying to locate a supplier of the hats/lapel pins. He gave an update on the polo shirts, some members asked about getting ones with a pocket and he will check on that. Dennis still has ONS bumper stickers for \$2.00 each, get-em while you can, they will dress up anyone's ride! Dennis has placed the order 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.

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

Fund Raiser is underway- Get your tickets and start selling them we have just sold enough tickets to cover the cost of the prizes. We only have a month and half before the drawing, we need to start selling tickets to be able to raise month for the base treasury. All hands need to get selling them tickets!

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.

Portable Tent for the Float – Received looks great.

NEW BUSINESS:

Looking for members to support the static display of the float at the NC state fair on Wednesday Oct 20th, we will be splitting duties with the Tarheel base, if you can support for a couple of hours let Vince know, you get in the fair for free and after your watch at the float you can spend the rest of the day/evening checking out the rest of the fair.

Base and National dues are due next month. Need everyone to get them paid in November so that we can get the them sent in before the end of the month so you and the base won't be dink. (no one like's being dink!) You can contact me to find out what you owe. If you want to pay for multiple years or get a life membership see the rates below.

National \$25.00 per year, \$70.00 3 yrs., \$115.00 5 yrs.

Base \$12.00 per year.

Nat Life: 45 yrs. old -\$500.00

46-55 yrs. old \$400.00

56-65 yrs. old \$300.00

66-75 yrs. old \$200.00

76+ yrs. old \$100.00

Base Annual Plan and Budget for 2022

Purposed Plans were provided to the base members for review and t be voted on at the November Meeting (see attached).

Nominations for base officers – Election to be held at the November meeting.

Base Commander- Vince Sievert

Vice Commander – Greg Guy, Mike Sears, Will Iwaniuk, Jerry Emerson

Treasurer – Dennis “Phrog” Cloutier

Secretary – Jack Murray

If anyone else would like to put their hat in the ring contact Vince or myself. This is your chance to stand up and get this base squared away!

EVENTS

20 Oct - NC State Fair (Military Appreciation Day)

10/27 – VFW Blood Drive

11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony (Jack Laughery Park Rocky Mount @1100)

04 Dec - Bailey Christmas Parade @1400

04 Dec – Pearl Harbor Dinner/Raffle Drawing

05 Dec Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade @ 1500

12 Dec Tarboro Christmas Parade @ 1400

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, 13 November 2021 @ 0830 breakfast at IHOP in Rocky Mount (in front of Lowes) meeting at VFW at 1000.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1155.

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Jerry Emerson for the \$50.00 prize, he got his \$5.00 back and he donated the reminding \$45.00 back to the base. BZ Jerry.