

**Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 13 November 2021
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone
252-446-7532**

0830 Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 5 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 1012

11 members attendance 1 prospective member.

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 November was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and 375 men lost in the month of November. 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. Prospective new member Michael Partyka introduced himself he qualified on the USS G.P. Lipscomb SSN 685 in 1981. Welcome aboard Michael.

Internal Patrol Memorial - None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck said he and his wife were holding their own. His wife Jean fell in the bathroom and hit her head, she cut her head and broke her glasses but is doing ok at the home, she is continuing to deal with chronic health issues at home.
- Will Iwaniuk let the members know that his wife's son Keith is dealing with cancer. He is still going through testing to determine the extent of the cancer and his treatment options.
- Phrog's and his wife Marylou mother Mary health is failing and they are looking for a suitable assisted care living home in Florida for her. I believe he said she is 102 yrs. old.

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, Fuquay-Varina and Tarboro Christmas parades.

He let everyone know that the NC SubVets all clear newsletter was out on the web site. Check it out at <https://ncsubvets.org>

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

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

The Tarheel Base Pearl Harbor dinner is on for Saturday night Dec. 4th. You need to sign up and send your invitation NLT Nov. 20th so that they have a head count. This is a great time for you and the Misses to get dressed up and have a great night out with good food and great folks (submariners and their wife's). See attached form.

Vince also discussed the lack of awards for members in the SE district at the national convention, he took most of the blame for not getting the word out on how and when to nominate members for the different awards. But this is not just his fault anyone in good standing can nominate someone for any of the awards. There are a lot of guys doing a lot of good things, we as a base need to take the time and make the effort to get people recognized for what they have done.

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

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

VICE COMMANDER – nothing.

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 11 September 2021 rev. #1 meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 10-06-21 2021 revised and 11-09-21

See Attached 10-6-2021 revised and the 11-9-21 Financial reports

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

WEB MASTER – None

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

STORKEEPER – Dennis Loch

Dennis gave an update on the hat pins and had the 2022 USSVI submarine calendars for \$10.00 each. Contact Dennis, Vince or me to get one. 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, git-em while you can, they will dress up anyone's ride.

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- We need to keep selling tickets the drawing is Dec 4th at the Pearl Harbor dinner social. **If you have ticket stubs and money let Vince know so you can mail them or arrange getting them to him prior to the drawing on the Dec. 4th. All hands need to get selling them tickets!**

Vince's address: 6835 Finch Rd, Bailey NC 27807 ph #252 292-0044

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

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

Vince briefed everyone on the Veterans Day ceremony at the Jack Laughery park in Rocky Mount. All that attended said it was one of the best.

Portable Tent for the Float – Received looks great Phrog was directed to send the payment check.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual 2022 Plan and budget was reviewed and approved.

Base and National dues are due next month. Need everyone to get them paid in November so that we can send in the money 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 or Vince 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 officers – Election was held and after several bags of mail in ballots showed up at the last minute the following results for base officers were announced.

Base Commander- Vince Sievert

Vice Commander – Mike Sears,

Treasurer – Dennis “Phrog” Cloutier

Secretary – Jack Murray

EVENTS

04 Dec - Bailey Christmas Parade @1400

04 Dec – Pearl Harbor Dinner/Raffle Drawing 1700 reception and drinks, 1830 dinner

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, 8 January 2022 @ 0830 breakfast at IHOP in Rocky Mount (in front of Lowes) meeting at VFW at 1000. **No meeting in December, the Pearl Harbor dinner will count as our meeting for the month.**

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion made and seconded to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 1217

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Dennis Loch for the \$55.00 prize, he donated back to the base. BZ Dennis.