

**Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 8 January 2022
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 1000

12 members attendance.

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of the diving alarm. “All rise”

INVOCATION – 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 January was conducted by base Commander Vince Sievert, and shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively. Vince read the accounts of the five submarines and 318 men lost in the month of January. 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 - 12 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. He has had some flare ups of his gout and his wife Jean is continuing to deal with chronic health issues at home. Their daughter has moved to NC to help with their care.
- Will Iwaniuk wife's son Keith is dealing with cancer and is living with them so they can assist in his care. He is undergoing chemo treatments but cancer has spread.
- Phrog's wife Marylou's mother Mary health is failing and they are looking into in home care for her she does want to go to an assisted care facility, in Florida. I believe said she is 103 yrs. old.
- Greg Guy has had some setbacks with his eye surgery but is on the mend and getting better.

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 – Sea Stories were deferred until later, most of the guys were still trying keep their new year resolutions by not lying to their friends. (We'll see how long this last!)

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson

Jerry conducted the swearing of the 2022 ONS base officer's (see attached pictures)

Vince Sievert – Base Commander

Mike Sears – Vice Base Commander

Dennis "Phrog" Cloutier – Base Treasurer

Jack Murray – Base Secretary

Jerry conducted the induction of two base members into the Holland Club for being qualified Submarines for 50 yrs. (See attached pictures)

Wade Brooks

Page Wood

Congrats!

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

Vince reported on the Christmas parades and Pearl Harbor dinner turn outs, the parades were well received and the dinner was very good, plenty of door prizes many won be ONS Base members. Also gave an update on the Base raffle just over 500 tickets sold and the base made just over \$1,500.00 dollars so we made our goals and are standing in high cotton for now.

He reminded everyone that the national SubVet awards submittals are due NLT 30 April the awards Committee Chairman. 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 13 November 2021 meeting minutes as submitted.
Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 1-Nov-21 - 31-Dec-21

See Attached Financial report

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

WEB MASTER – None

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

Will gave an update on the Vietnam Veteran Pins and eligibility (see attachment)

OLD BUSINESS:

Vince let the members know that after receiving a request from the Bailey Boy Scout troop if we could provide a set of used US and NC flags and poles for their troop meetings. He and the executive committee voted to purchase a flag set for \$ 126.00 to as gift to the troop. Members agreed that money was well spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual 2022 Plan and budget was reviewed and approved.

Annual Financial Audit needs to be conducted by February 28th.

Mike Sears and Page Wood volunteered to complete the audit.

EVENTS

Mar -Quarterly Social Dinner

30 Apr – Awards Submitted to National Awards Committee Chairman

20-21 May – Moonshine Mtn. Memorial Weekend

May-Jun Nashville NC Azealia Festival

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, 12 February 2022 @ 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 1114

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Will Iwaniuk for the \$55.00 prize, he donated \$35.00 back to the base.
BZ Will!