

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 12 February 2022
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone
252-446-7532**

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 1004

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.

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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 February was conducted by Base Treasurer Dennis Cloutier, and shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively. Dennis read the accounts of the four submarines and 318 men lost in the month of February. 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 still holding their own. 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. He has good days and bad days
- Phrog's wife Marylou's mother Mary health is failing and they are considering in home care for her she doesn't want to go to an assisted care facility, in Florida. I believe said she is 103 yrs. old.
- Jerry's wife Peg had eye surgery which went well and will have hip surgery on 17 Feb.

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 – A few Sea Stories were told by members only a few lies were told.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR – Jerry Emerson

- Informed the members that the Tarheel base will be using the torpedo float for the St Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh on 12 March.
- He is trying to get the information for the "Happenings on the Commons "at Tarboro the 21st of May. The base is looking at having the Sub Float there as a static display and booth.
- Tarheel base was looking to see if ONS base would also support the St Patrick's Day parade with the submarine float parade on March 12th. Both Jerry and Vince have other commitments so if you can tow the float or support the parade let Vince or Jerry know.
- Jerry said he would tow the Sub Float in the Thompsonville Memorial Day parade May 30th and is looking for members to support. If you can support let Vince or Jerry know.
- The national convention 24-27 August in Buffalo NY registration is open online, room discounts are available until 31 July. After that you will have to pay full boat.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

- Vince let the members know that the 2022 Public Relations Guide was USSVI online (see attachment).
- The national convention 24-27 August in Buffalo NY registration is open online, room discounts are available until 31 July. After that you will have to pay full boat.

- Moonshine Mtn. weekend in 20-21 May pre-registration through 22 April is open and the hotel reservations' get them fast they the rooms at the lodge are going fast.
- 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 8 January 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 1-January-22 - 31-January-22

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

Will Iwaniuk - 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 also discussed the Vietnam Era Service pins and he presented pins to all the eligible base members (see attached photo's)

Congrats to Jerry Emerson, Dennis Loch, Joe Goarck, Page Wood, Dennis "Phrog" Cloutier. Thanks, you for your service!

OLD BUSINESS:

FLOAT SOP- Completed (bout time Phrog)!

Annual Financial Audit- Mike Sears and Page Wood completed after meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

St Patrick's Day Parade- Raleigh 0800,12 March (do parade instead of base meeting)

National Vietnam War Veterans Day- 29 March five members eligible

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade – 30 May

Coastal Carolina Memorial Day Observance – 30 May at 1200 (Willington) Vince is attending let him know if you plan to attend

Season Specific Banners for Sub Float-Vince discussed, Tarheel base will pitch in on the cost- Members discussed and will wait for estimated cost and for what holidays.

EVENTS:

March -Quarterly Social Dinner- Jack (me) will check on having the dinner at the Prime Smoke House at the Old Mill in Rocky Mount on Thursday 24 March.

30 Apr – Awards Submitted to National Awards Committee Chairman. Git-Em-In !

20-21 May – Moonshine Mtn. Memorial Weekend

May-Jun Nashville NC Azealia Festival

24-27 Aug USSVI National Convention (Buffalo, NY)

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, 09 April 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 1218

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Mike Sears for the \$60.00 prize, he donated \$60.00 back to the base. BZ Mike!