

**Minutes for USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 9 April 2022
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone
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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 1007

10 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 March was conducted by shipmate Mike Partyka who read the accounts of the submarines lost and shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively for the 8 Submarines and 422 men lost in the month of March. Shipmate Jerry Emerson read the accounts and Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively for the 5 submarines and 367 men lost in the month of April 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 still holding their own. His wife Jean is continuing to deal with chronic health issues at home. Joe has his CT scan this week. Their daughter has moved to NC to help with their care.
- Will Iwaniuk wife' son Keith seems doing much better with his with cancer treatments and has moved back to his own home. He is still undergoing chemo treatments.
- Jerry's wife Peg had hip surgery on 17 February and is recovering well, she has moved from using the walker to a cane (the better to keep Jerry in line with).
- Vince's better half Connie had cataract surgery and is healing well.
- Jerry Leppart's wife Sandy passed away last Saturday April 2nd from cancer. Her going home ceremony is today at 1400. Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers to get through this time of lost.

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

- He is hasn't been able to get any information for the "Happenings on the Commons "at Tarboro the 21st of May. There is a lot going on that weekend with Moonshine Mtn. etc. so it looks like we won't be able to support it this year with the Sub Float static display and booth.
- Jerry said he would tow the Torpedo Float in Thomasville Memorial Day Parade 30 May and is looking for someone to be able to tow the Sub float and members to support the parade. If you can support let Jerry or Vince know.
- The Coastal Carolina Base will be having a Memorial ceremony on 30 May at the Wilmington Battleship Memorial at 1200. If you are interested they will have a free tour of the battleship North Carolina at 0900.

BASE COMMANDER – Vince Sievert

- 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 the rooms at the lodge are going fast. See attached form.
- 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.
- He informed the members that the USSVI web site is still broken but national has gotten a new Web company to try and get the new site up hopefully soon.

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

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

The 2024 national Convention is being bid in by the Cleveland OH. and Hampton Roads VA. Bases, should know by this year's convention in August.

VICE COMMANDER – nothing/AWOL.

SECRETARY – Jack Murray

Motion made and seconded to accept the 12 February 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 1-February - 22 - 31- March 2022

See Attached Financial report

- Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurers Reports as read. Motion passed.
- Also, the required annual Financial Audit for 2021 was completed by shipmates Mike Sears and Paige Woods with no items found. See the attached report.

WEB MASTER – None

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

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>

STORE KEEPER:

Dennis provide samples of the T-shirts that we can get for the base members. Cost will be \$15.00 and it was agreed to sale them at \$20.00. The shirts will have the ONS Base logo on the back but you can get almost anything on the front, i.e. name, dolphins, ship served on etc. Members agreed that they liked them and wanted to order some and agreed to buy some to have on hand for sale. Dennis will get an order form to the base soon.

KAPS for Kids: Phrog gave an update on the Kaps for kid's program at the Greenville hospital. Mike Sears and he had a meeting with the hospital group that would approve and it and it went well. Phrog explain the guidelines that the hospital would require to be place and asked for a commitment from the members to support this program. Several members committed, and Phrog will keep members updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Financial Audit- Mike Sears and Page Wood completed after the 12 February.

St Patrick's Day Parade- 12 March, did not attend due to the weather.

Season Specific Banner's for Sub Float- Tarheel splitting cost – St Patrick's Day and Christmas \$72.93 each base for each set of banners, total of \$145.86 for each base.

Thomasville Day Parade- 30 May, see details above. If you can pull the Sub Float or support let Jerry or Vince know.

Coastal Carolina Memorial Day Observance- 30 May at 1200 in Wilmington/ 0900 USS North Carolina Battleship tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund Raiser: Kick off in May, several items for the raffle were discussed and it was agreed to raffle the following items:

- **First Place** – Tristar 410 ga. Semi auto shotgun valued at \$500.00
- **Second Place-** \$300.00 Lowes gift card
- **Third Place-** \$200.00 Cash

Vince will get the tickets by the 14 May meeting.

EVENTS:

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

20-21 May – Moonshine Mtn. Memorial Weekend

30 May Thomasville Memorial Day parade

18 June Qtr. Social/5th Base anniversary picnic at Vince's party pad place, 8840 Robbins Rd., Rocky Mount

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page- Check it out.

Test/Replace Klaxon Battery- Will Trouble shot and got it working great- looks like

it might have been operator error. BZ Will!

BENEDICTION: Shipmate Joe Goarck said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 14 May 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 1157

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Mike Partyka for the \$60.00 prize!