

**Minutes for USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting
1000 Saturday 14 May 2022
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone
252-446-7532**

0830 Breakfast at IHOP before meeting 6 members attended.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

Cell Phones off or on vibrate

Meeting called to order by Commander Sievert 0958

11 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 May was conducted by Vice Commander Mike Sears who read the accounts of the submarines lost and shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the 4 Submarines and 211 men lost in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

WWII SUBVETS – none in attendance

ALL MEETING ATTENDIES - 11 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 received the results of his CT recently, a good report. Their daughter continues to help with their care.
- Will Iwaniuk wife's son Keith seems doing much better with his cancer treatments. He is still undergoing immunotherapy 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 has undergone an endoscopy; he is waiting for results.
- Greg Guy has undergone tests for cancer; he is waiting for the results. Please keep Greg in your prayers that the cancer (if any) is local and has not spread.

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 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.
- Our participation in the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade 30 May has been cancelled due to participation in other events.
- 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 offer a tour of the battleship North Carolina at 0900. More information to follow.
- The torpedo float will be used for the Albemarle Sound's Base "Bench Dedication to Submariners" in Edenton. Jerry suggested ONS donate funds for this memorial.
- Jerry requested reimbursement from the NC Subvet's fund in the amount of \$157.50 to cover the National Convention advertisement for NC Subvets in convention magazine. A check was immediately issued by Treasurer Phrog for the full amount.

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 is 20-21 May.
- Vince 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. Following a Friday 13 May 1900 Zoom meeting with the new company representative, "They have accomplished as much in seven months as the previous group accomplished in seven years."

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.

SECRETARY – Jack Murray-AWOL

Motion made and seconded to accept the 14 May 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Dennis (PHROG) Cloutier financial report: Submitted 1 April- 30 April 2022

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 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 provided 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:

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. St. Patrick's Day banners were showcased at the meeting.

Thomasville Day Parade- Participation cancelled.

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 distributed raffle tickets at this meeting. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing will be 10 September at 1200.

ONS T-shirts: Members discussed, made a motion, and approved up to \$350.00 to purchase 20 generic t-shirts (no modifications to originally submitted design) for general sale.

Bench Dedication: A motion was entertained for ONS and/ or individuals to provide a level of funding for Albemarle Sound's Base "Bench Dedication to Submariners". Following a lively discussion, the motion was seconded and approved to provide up to \$500.00 for this purpose.

EVENTS:

30 Apr – Awards Submitted to National Awards Committee Chairman.

20-21 May – Moonshine Mtn. Memorial Weekend

30 May Thomasville Memorial Day parade

18 June Qtr. Social/ 5th Base anniversary picnic, 1400, at Vince's party pad place, 8840 Robbins Rd., Rocky Mount. MENU: Pot Luck, Vince will provide the protein, Will will bring potatoes au gratin, and Jerry will bring cake.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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

BENEDICTION: Shipmate Joe Goarck said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 9 July 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 1203

SURFACE THE BOAT – Three blasts of diving alarm.

50/50 Drawing results: Winner was Vince Sievert for the \$45.00 prize!