

**USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes**  
**1000 Saturday 9 September 2022**  
**VFW Post #2057**  
**11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803**  
**Phone 252-292-0044**

0815 BREAKFAST Bakin & Bacon, 11792 EAST NC, Rocky Mount NC 27804

8 members attended and quickly started telling sea stories and lies.

**AGENDA**

10 members attended

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1000 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.

**DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of diving alarm.**

INVOCATION - Joe Goarck led the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Base Commander led base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

**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 organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice.”

**Tolled Boats for September Followed by a Moment of Silence.**

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month September was conducted by shipmate Commander Sievert and shipmate Graves. Commander Sievert read the accounts of the submarines and shipmates lost, Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the 5 boats and 260 men lost in September in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

**INTRODUCTIONS – 10 SubVet members introduced themselves by including their name and their qualification boat, the year they received their dolphins, and where they stay, (NC slang for where you live).**

**ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None**

**BINNACLE LIST –**

- Dennis Loch's wife Cathy is dealing with health issues.

**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:** Several sea stories and lies were told before we got to business.

Shipmate Nelson Gainey brought up an ex-shipmate Jerry Pait of his has written a book titled "Submarine ER" and its available on Amazon. He highly recommended that we check it out.

**REPORTS:**

**NC SUBVETS CDR:** - Jerry gave an update on the brought up that the Albemarle Sound veterans Silent Service Memorial Ceremony scheduled for Veterans Day No. 11<sup>th</sup> looked like it was going to be delay until after the first of the year due to the materials to construct the memorial being delayed (freaking supply change issues, imagine that!) ONS Base members have reached our goal of raising a \$1000.00 to support the memorial and have a brick engraved with the ONS Base name as part of the sidewalk at the memorial. Base members agreed on trying to do the September social diner at the Leaning Tree restaurant in Bailey on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jerry will confirm if date after he contacts the restaurant.

- The ONS Base will be supporting the Albemarle Sound base Submarine Memorial Bench dedication in the future when it is dedicated with the sub float.
- He also displayed a copy of the USSVI Buffalo convention magazine with the half page advertisement for the seven USVVI bases from North Carolina. It looked sharp and out classed the other bases smaller and their less classy advertisements. But everyone doesn't look good next to us North Carolina SubVets!
- Next years convention will be in Tucson AZ, 18 August – 3 Sept. Mark your calendars and get your sunscreen now.
- The 2024 USVVI convention will be held in Cleveland OH 20-24 August.

**COMMANDER:** - Vince provide information and insights from the convention

- He also solicited nominations for the election of officers for 2023. Nominations need to be submitted at or before the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting. Here is you chance to finally be in charge and get the base squared away after several years of them BOZO's that have been running the show and screwing everything up.

- He also informed members that the new USSVI web site is live, and you need to log in and establish a new password. You should have received an email with directions if not see the directions below

- Please go to [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) , click on member login in the upper right-hand corner, then click Forgotten Password and enter your email address USSVI has on file, and click submit. This will send you an email with a link to change your password. Your password is required to be twelve characters and requires capital, a number, and a symbol. Then you click on Member Login again at [ussvi.org](http://ussvi.org) enter your username and your new password and click login.
- 
- **If you reset your password using the username previously sent to you on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and were successful - you will need to do nothing unless you have a Jr., Sr. MD. Ph.D., III, or IV after your name. An explanation is given below.**
- **If you are a junior, senior, or anything else after your last name, your username will be slightly different and be the one listed below:**
- If you had Jr., Sr. MD. Ph.D., III, or IV after your name, this was brought in as part of your last name, with a space, comma, and period. There were about 800 people in this category. These name suffixes **had to be manually changed, and the Jr., Sr. MD. Ph.D., III, or IV were added to the end of your username, minus the comma, space and.** You can save the username and password in your browser should you desire, which means you don't have to remember it every time you log in
- 
- He also stated that national and base dues are coming up and he would like to get everyone renewed NLT than the 12 Nov. meeting. If you are unsure if you will need to renew either your national or base dues and don't have your membership card, send me a email [jack.murray@kirbycorp.com](mailto:jack.murray@kirbycorp.com) and I will email you and let you know what your status is.
- Vince reported that the national elections were completed but stated that only approx. 11% of the national members voted. ONS base members were around 40% which is better the national average but still pitiful. **(My 2 cents) Don't want to hear any whining from the non-voters if they don't like the way something is done at the national level. You don't vote you don't Whine!**
- Vince started that he would like to set up a phone tree **so that members could reach out to each other and see if other members are doing okay and if there is anything that the members or base can do for them. Good way to keep up with each other help each other if needed. That's what shipmates are for.**
- He let members know that the USSVI National board members voted move the USSVI headquarters from Silverdale WA to Groton CT, the Groton CT Base has available building which will save approx. \$13,00.00 in building rent cost each year.

## **VICE COMMANDER:**

- Mike gave a takeaway of what saw and learned from the national convention in Buffalo. He said that he had a great time and recommended that everyone attend the national conventions if possible.
- Mike will investigate USSVI longevity Pins for members.
  
- **SECRETARY** – Approved 13 August meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 13 August 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.
  
- **TREASURER** – The July and August Financial reports were reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept the 9 July and 13 August reports. Motion passed. See attached reports.
  
- **MEMBERSHIP - 26 members**
  - 21 Primary
  - 5 Dual
  - 1 Associate

**WEB MASTER**        - Web site <NCSubvets.org>

## **STOREKEEPER -AWOL**

**KAPS 4 KIDS**   - Still waiting on Greenville Hospital to allow us access. Might be able to get into the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. Mike and Phrog looking into it.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Albemarle Sound Base “Silent Service Memorial”** \$500 approved, members provided the additional \$500.00 for a total of \$1000.00 for the memorial. BZ!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fund raiser drawing was conducted, the winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Larry Cinkovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Phrog, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize ticket sold by Phrog, winners will be notified. The base made approx. \$600.00 after prizes awarded. BZ for all members that sold tickets to make this a success!

## **EVENTS:**

22 Sep                      Quarterly Social September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1800, Leaning Tree Restaurant Bailey NC Need a head count NLT Friday 16 Sept. See attached menu.

10 Sep                      Solicit Nominations for Election of Officers

1 Oct                        Tarheel Base picnic need a headcount if you are planning to go NLT Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Let Vince or Jerry know if you are planning to attend

08 Oct                      Nomination for Election of Officers / Develop Annual Plan and Budget for 2023  
Prepare Holland Club Eligibility list for 2023

19 Oct                      NC State Fair

11 Nov                      Veteran's Day Ceremony with Sub Float. at Jack Laundry Park Rocky Mount

12 Nov                      Election of Officers / Approve Annual Plan and Budget for 2023

10 Dec                      Pearl Harbor Dinner

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Check out North Carolina Submarine Veterans website – <https://ncsubvets.org>  
USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page – check it out, like and share  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198129857025276/?ref=bookmarks>

**BENEDICTION:** Shipmate Joe Goarck led the prayer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1058. Next meeting: Saturday, 8 October 2022 at 1000, VFW.

**SURFACE THE BOAT:** Three blasts of diving alarm

**50/50 DRAWING:** Mike Partyka won the drawing \$30.00 and donated his winnings to the Albemarle Sound Memorial fund. BZ Mike!