

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 8 October 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 met for breakfast.

AGENDA

10 members attended, and 1 guest Randy Edge

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1001 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 October was conducted by Commander Sievert and shipmate Graves. Commander Sievert read the accounts of the submarines and shipmates lost, Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the 9 boats and 572 men lost in October 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 and has been hospitalized 3 times in the last three months. Has been putting a strain on Dennis and his family.
- Joe Goarck has been dealing with gout but overall, him and his wife Gene have been doing well.
- Richard Graves's wife Lynnette will be having an operation this week.
- Jerry's wife Peggy will be having her left shoulder surgery on Wednesday 10/20.

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.

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 Nov. 11th has been delayed until after the first of the year due to the materials to construct the memorial being delayed. 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 treasurer Phrog was directed to send the check to the Albemarle Base.

- 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 stated that the Morehead NC base Veterans day parade has been canceled.
- He briefed the base members about a group that is in the process of setting up a 501c account and start the planning and funding for a submarine museum somewhere in NC. He recommended that the NC bases start up a long-term fundraiser to support.

COMMANDER: -

- He 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 , 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 enter your username and your new password and click login.

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- **If you reset your password using the username previously sent to you on August 23rd 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 an email jack.murray@kirbycorp.com and I will email you and let you know what your status is. You can send your check to me at 621 Cummings Rd. Rocky Mount NC 27804 made out to **USSVI-ONS Base.**
- Vince stated 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.**

VICE COMMANDER:

- Mike gave an update on new USSVI longevity pins for members and will provide more info once it is available.
- **SECRETARY** – Approved 10 September meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 10 September 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.
- **TREASURER** – The 1 September – 30 September financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept the 1 September report. Motion passed. See attached report.
- **MEMBERSHIP** - 26 members

-21 Primary

-5 Dual

-1 Associate

- Phrog brought up that the USSVI national office had sent an email concerning that they were going to be supporting USSVI members with the USSVI relief fund who were the path of hurricane IAN last week. He recommended that we send a donation to national to support this. The members agreed and voted to send a check of \$500.00 to the national office to support this cause. He was directed to send the check by base Commander Sievert.

WEB MASTER - Web site <NCSubvets.org> Will gave an update on the web site and how to navigate the site and locate different information.

STOREKEEPER – Dennis updated the members on the T-shirts he had on hand blue, gold and grey with the base logos for \$20.00 ea. He also said if you wanted a special-order shirt, he had the order forms, you can get almost anything added to the shirt for the same price. Shirts are of good quality and look sharp, if you wear one of these at the next BBQ, you'll have all the ladies cozying up close to you and rolling their eyes at all your sea stories and jokes!

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.

Eagle Scout recognition- Phrog found a POC that might help the base be able to allow the base to provide certificates and recognition to local boy scouts that earn the eagle scout award. He will keep the base updated as he finds out more information.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Base Commander Sievert informed members that nominations for ONS Base officers were being accepted for 2023. Everyone in attendance started to quietly study their shoes for several minutes. If you are interested in getting the current crowd of chumps thrown out and get the base turned around and being run like a world class operation this is your chance to step up! The election will be held at the 12 November meeting. If you are interested in taking the reins of power of one of the positions let Vince or me know and we'll get you on the ballot. Also, you might want to show up at the next meeting or you might get nominated and voted in to one of the positions.

Commander Sievert also discussed the proposed base budget and activities plans that will be voted on at the November meeting (see attached).

Commander Sievert also was looking volunteers to support the Sub Float for the NC State Fair on Wednesday 10 October. The float will be there for veteran's appreciation day parade starting at 0900 and then static display until 1700. If you would like to help set up the float and man the booth for a couple of hours you will get in free to the fair and have a great time. Let Vince know as soon as possible if you are interested.

EVENTS:

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 (see attached).
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 11215. Next meeting: Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 1000, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Jerry Emerson won the drawing \$55.00 and donated his winnings to the base. BZ Jerry!