

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes
1000 Saturday 12 November 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

5 members met for breakfast.

AGENDA

9 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 November Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month November 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 5 boats and 350 men lost in the month of November in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – 9 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 several times in the past 4-6 months. His mother has also been hospitalized this past week due to her falling and injuring her head, she is still in the hospital. Dennis and his family are struggling and can use some support and prayer.
- Joe Goarck and his wife Gene have been doing better.
- Jerry's wife Peggy had the operation on her left shoulder, she is mending and doing physical therapy.
- Phrog got the Covid again this past week.
- Will's Stepson Keith is back in his home and is still doing treatments for the cancer.
- Will has been dealing with a possible kidney stone the past week.
- Jack's wife Crystal has been in the hospital the past two weeks for low sodium and lung infection. She is out and hopefully on the mend.

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: We got right to business today.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR: - Jerry gave an update Christmas parade schedule for December.

- Bailey Christmas parade on 3 Dec at 1400. Muster at 1230-1300 to get the floats set up. We will have the Torpedo and Sub floats. Let Vince or me know if you can support.

- Fuquay-Varina Christmas parade. Time to be determined. If we have enough support will have both the torpedo and sub floats. Let Vince or Jack know if you can support.

- Tarboro Christmas parade 11 Dec. muster at 1600 (address to follow) parade starts at 1800. We discussed getting Christmas lights for the floats since it will be at night. We will have both the torpedo and sub float. Let Jerry, Vince or Jack know if you can support. We did this parade last year and it was a fun well attended.

Vince also said if you have any grandchildren, or if your wife wants to ride the float or in the pull vehicle let him know and we can plan for it.

- Albemarle Sound veterans Silent Service Memorial Ceremony has been tentatively rescheduled for April.

- 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 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: - Vince gave an update on the new **USSVI – Tools** web site, it is coming up good should be online after the first of the year.

- Election for base officers was conducted, Vince collected the ballots to count at a secret undisclosed location and will provide the names of the winners after the proper candidates have the proper number of votes. (Humm didn't know Vince was a democrat?)
- 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 , 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.
- **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 reminded all members that dues are due NLT November 30th. 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. Base dues at \$12.00 per year and national are \$25.00 per year.
- The 2023 Annual Base Plan and Budget were voted on and approved by the members.

- 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 the WWII Submarine Veterans event at Kings Bay Georgia Submarine Base. He said it was great time, and the base and command rolled out the red carpet. He highly recommends you try to attend the one next year.
- He also said that the submarine museum in St Mary's Georgia was a good time and if you are ever in that area, you should check it out.

SECRETARY

- 8 October meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 8 October 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- 1 October – 31 October financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept the 1 – 31 October report. Motion passed. See attached report.

MEMBERSHIP

- **26 members**
 - 21 Primary
 - 5 Dual
 - 1 Associate

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 – Nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of Base officers -completed ballots harvested.

Final Review/Approval Annual/Budget for 2033 – Both approved.

Holland Club Eligibility for 2023 – no current members eligible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bailey Christmas parade- entry fee is \$25.00

Pearl Harbor Dinner 10 December. Highly recommended for a good time and excellent meal, plenty of door prizes and chance to get cleaned up and take the misses out on the town for a good time. See attached registration in information form.

EVENTS:

3 Dec - Bailey Christmas Parade -1400

4 Dec - Fuquay Christmas Parade – time?

10 Dec - Pearl Harbor Dinner 1700

11 Dec - Tarboro Christmas Parade 1800

?? Albemarle Sound – Silent Service Memorial Dedication Ceremony

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 1106. Next meeting: **Saturday, 14 January 2023 at 1000, VFW.**

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Mike Sears won the drawing \$65.00 and donated his winnings to the base. BZ Mike!