

# USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 14 January 2023

VFW Post #2057

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

9 members met for breakfast.

## AGENDA

11 members attended plus 1 prospective member.

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1005 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 December and January was conducted by Shipmates Phrog Cloutier, Mike Sears and Richard Graves. Treasurer Phrog Cloutier read the accounts of the 4 submarines and 134 shipmates lost for the month of December, Vice Commander Mike Sears read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 318 shipmates lost for the month of January, shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of December and January in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

## **RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance**

**INTRODUCTIONS – 11 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). Prospective shipmate Paul Celusniak introduced himself and provided his qualification date and boat. Welcome Paul.**

## **ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None**

## **BINNACLE LIST –**

- Dennis Loch's wife Cathy is still dealing with health issues but seems to have stabilized and is doing better. His mother Ernestine fell and hit her head and has been hospitalized and been in rehab since November. She has had several setbacks. Dennis and his family are struggling and can use some support and prayer.
- Joe Goarck and his wife Gene have been doing better, since Gene's A fib has been addressed.
- Jerry's wife Peggy had the operation on her left shoulder, she is mending and doing physical therapy.
- Will's Stepson Keith is doing better but he is up and down with his health.
- Jack's wife Crystal has had several tests and pet scan and has an area on her lung that might be cancerous, she is waiting on further tests to confirm and start a treatment plan.
- **Please keep everyone in prayer for healing and encouragement. Remember 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:** Member's let the new guy Paul Celusniak tell the sea story (to see if he was a real bubblehead). **He is!**

## **REPORTS:**

**NC SUBVETS CDR:** - Jerry gave an update on the Torpedo float it is still in his yard waiting for a permanent home.

- He informed all the members that Joe Peek moved to Hickory NC.
- Recommended that all shipmates read the Sub Tales books series of Frank and Charles Hood. If you contact them and have a good Submarine Tale, they might add it to their next book. Check them out, I read the "Sub Tales that Seldom Surface" and it was good.
- Albemarle Sound veterans Silent Service Memorial Ceremony has been tentatively rescheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. The ONS Base will be supporting the Albemarle Sound base Submarine Memorial Bench dedication with the sub float.

Jerry will keep us updated.

**COMMANDER:** - Vince gave BZ to the Tarheel base for the Peral Harbor Dinner in December. It was a great time, if you haven't ever attended you need to try to make the next one, you won't be disappointed.

- Vince also discussed the base backing out of the Bailey and Tarboro parades due to poor weather and the Tarboro parade being at night. As you know we aren't the youngest bunch of guys and are pretty long in the tooth. He was concerned about people getting wet and chilled and getting sick. He said that we should start to look into parades and static displays when the weather is warmer to keep from killing off all of us old goats. Some events we are looking at are.
- St Patrick's day parade in Raleigh – March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Blooming Festival Parade Nashville - May?  
New Bern Fall Mum Festival ??  
Waltonburg Parade – April ??  
4<sup>th</sup> July Celebration and Fireworks, Englewood Baptist Church July 4<sup>th</sup>.  
State Fair - October
- 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 Sears provided update for USSVI longevity pins and asked for \$165.00 to cover the cost and purchase them for all base members. Members voted to provide the funds to purchase the pins.

#### **SECRETARY**

- 12 November meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 12 November 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

#### **TREASURER**

- 1 November – 31 December financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept. 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:**

2-line items in the annual budget – Boat sponsorship and Joe Clark Fund

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Phrog displayed mid-20<sup>th</sup> century pillowcase for new Navy recruits that were sent home to recruits mothers while in bootcamp that he found in his mother-in-laws home after her passing. Base voted to display it on the wall in the SubVets area at the VFW hall. We're making them marines look bad!

**EVENTS:**

**?? Quarterly Social – bring your recommendations to the next meeting in February**

**19-21 May Moonshine Mtn Memorial- See attached sign up form and hotel accommodations at the Big Lynn Lodge.**

**11 April- Albemarle Sound – Silent Service Memorial Dedication Ceremony**

**28 Aug- 3 Sept USSVI National Convention (Tucson AZ)**

**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 1201. Next meeting: **Saturday, 11 February 2023 at 1000, VFW.**

**SURFACE THE BOAT:** Three blasts of diving alarm (Barely Richard!)

**50/50 DRAWING:** Greg Guy won the drawing \$55.00 and donated \$25.00 back to the base to the base. BZ Greg!