

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 15 April 2023

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

Modified meeting/work party held at Vince and Connie's abode at 1300

10 members attended.

0945 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING- N/A

1310 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 March and April Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month March and April was conducted by Shipmates Phrog Cloutier, and Joe Goarck. Phrog Cloutier read the accounts of the 8 submarines and 422 shipmates lost for the month of March and Joe read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 367 men in the month of April. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of March and April in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – Deferred.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck and his wife Gene have been doing better since Gene's A fib has been addressed.
- Will Iwaniuk's wife Angela doing better.
- **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: Deferred, already heard most of them already.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR:

- Informed the members that Charles Hood author several books on submarine life during the cold war has agreed to come to our 12 August base meeting to speak. Base members recommended that we invite all other bases and maybe have a cook-out dinner at the VFW that same day after our meeting. Commander Vince is going to check on the availability of the VFW building.
- Albemarle Sound veterans Silent Service Memorial Ceremony has been rescheduled for April 29th in Edenton NC at 1400. The ONS Base will be supporting the Albemarle Sound base Submarine Memorial Bench dedication with the sub float.

COMMANDER: - Deadline for national awards is 4/30, and for district commander nominations is 5/31.

Also, he will not be running for Southeast District Commander again, he needs to cut back on some of obligations due to having too many irons in the fire. Also, he informed members that he has been elected commander of the VFW Post 2057, go figure?

VICE COMMANDER: Mike provided some updates on the location of the National convention in Tucson in August and cost and options for traveling there.

SECRETARY

- 11 February meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 11 February 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- 1 February – 30 March financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion passed. See attached report.

MEMBERSHIP

- 25 members (lost Robert Bulluck)

-20 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 – None

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Financial Audit- was completed by members Mike Sears and Greg Guy and results are attached.

New battery for the submarine float was purchased by Vince \$ 125.00 (re-imbursed)

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed items on the hit list for getting the float ready for the Silent Service memorial dedication Ceremony.

EVENTS:

29 April- Albemarle Sound – Silent Service Memorial Dedication Ceremony Edenton NC (1400)

13 May - Nashville NC Blooming Festival and Parade - Sub Float – time TBD).

19-21 May Moonshine Mtn Memorial- See attached sign up form and hotel accommodations at the Big Lynn Lodge. Still some rooms at the Lodge get your reservation's.

12 August -Author Charles Hood will visit Base during meeting, possible BBQ afterwards.

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 1420. Next meeting: Saturday, 13 May 2023 at 1000, VFW.

All hands turned to getting the float ready for inspection. All members then enjoyed burgers and hot dogs and sides. BZ for Vince and Connie opening there home!

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: N/A