

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 10 June 2023

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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AGENDA

0815 Breakfast IHOP 7 Members attended.

11 members attended meeting.

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

1001 CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Vice Commander – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of diving alarm.

INVOCATION - Joe Goarck led the opening prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice Base Commander Mike Sears 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 May and June Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month May and June was conducted by Shipmates Jack Murray (May) and Mike Sears (June). Jack Murray read the accounts of the 4 submarines and 213 shipmates lost for the month of May and Mike Sears read the accounts of the 7 submarines and 402 men in the month of June. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of May and June in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – 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).

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None

BINNACLE LIST –

- Vince Sievert recovering from surgery
- Joe Goarck out of the hospital and rehab after three weeks with infection and gout, his wife is doing better.
- Will Iwaniuk's wife Angela doing better after shoulder replacement, still PT.
- Mike Sears had spots on his spine show up on x-ray after car accident, test bone scan says it's not cancer
- Make Partyka has dropped 50 lbs. and is off the prediabetes medicine and other med's looks and feels much better. (Half the man who he used to be).
- Greg Guy has lost over 100 lbs. he is off the med' etc. also.
- Jerry wanted to thank everyone for the cards and support on the lost of his son Jerry jr. in May. Also, the flowers that the base sent were very appreciated.
- **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: Several good sea stories and some lies told by members.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR: Jerry

- 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 or dinner at the VFW that same day after our meeting. Commander Vince will be tasked to check on the availability of the VFW building.
- The Nat Greene Base has taken custody of the torpedo float and will store at their Winston Salem location. Some repairs and upkeep are required to be complete on it and will be accomplished by the base members.

COMMANDER: - laying out on binnacle list.

VICE COMMANDER: Mike Sears threw his hat in and accepted nomination for District Commander.

- Annual Base Activity Report submitted on time (bout time the base slack back secretary got something turned in on time).
- Albemarle Sound Silent Service bench dedication went well and was well attended.

- Blooming Festival parade was a success with good turnout, plenty of candy was delivered to hundreds of happy kids along the route.
- Moonshine Mtn was well attended and enjoyed.
- Memorial Day ceremony – Rocky Mount was attended by four members and Sub Float received a front page and picture in the Rocky Mount Telegram. The guy in the picture second from left looks familiar must be a movie star or someone important).

SECRETARY

- 14 April meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 14 February 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- 16 April – 31 May financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion passed. **See attached report.**

MEMBERSHIP

- **25 members**
 - 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:

- Shipmate Phrog gave an update on the KAPS for Kids program. Sent a letter to the Greenville hospital and got a quick reply and was given name and contact info for the program coordinator and has reach out to her and hopefully the base will be able to start visiting the hospital soon.
- Phrog also read a letter on the Albemarle Sound Base Silent Service Memorial to the base members. See attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Members agreed to table the July social and will look into doing it the at the August base meeting when Charles Hood will attend our base meeting. Look to do dinner or BBQ at the VFW. Invites to

other bases and wife's and family. **Vince has confirmed that the base has reserved the VFW building for Saturday 12 August.**

- Independence Day Celebration on July 4th at the Englewood Baptist Church 1350 S. Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount NC. Set-up at 1700 with the Sub Float and tents. Gates open at 1800 bring chairs and coolers (**no alcohol allowed, it is a church event**) and food if you want, there will be food trucks, bouncy houses, slides, rides for the kids, plenty of patriotic music and fellowship and the best fireworks in Rocky Mount at dark.

EVENTS:

4 July – Independence Day/fireworks celebration Englewood Baptist Church Rocky Mount.

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

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

18 Oct NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day

11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony (Jack Laughery Veterans Park)

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 1113. Next meeting: Saturday, 10 July 2023 at 1000, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Dennis Loch won the 50/50 Drawing, Total was \$60.00. Dennis donated his winnings back to the base. BZ Dennis!