

# USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 8 July 2023

VFW Post #2057

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## AGENDA

0815 Breakfast IHOP 4 Members attended.

7 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 July Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month July conducted by Vice Commander Mike Sears read the accounts of the 4 submarines and 281 shipmates lost for the month of July. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of July in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

**INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 7 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 –**

- Joe Goarck out of the hospital and rehab after three weeks with infection still getting better, his wife is doing better.
- Mike Sears had spots on his spine show up on x-ray after car accident, test bone scan says it's not cancer. His wife Terry having problems with her Thyroid gland.
- Vince Sievert continues to recover from his surgery.
- Dennis Loch had a mini stroke but is doing well. His wife Cathy still having problems but is stable
- Jack Murray's wife Crystal has a lung infection and is waiting on doctors to determine how they are going to treat it.
- **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 dinner at the VFW that same day after our meeting.
- 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:** - TAD - went to the Virginia Base meeting.

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

**SECRETARY**

- 10 June meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 10 June 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

## TREASURER

- 1 June – 30 June 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. He talked to the Greenville hospital program coordinator and looks Mike Sears and he will be able to do a visit in early August. He provided base members with details and how to support this program.

### **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 BBQ at the VFW catered by Doug Sauls out of Nashville. Shipmate Jack Murray was tasked to confirm that the Sauls BBQ could support on 12 August for approx. 40 guests. **Jack has confirmed that they can support and the cost which was in the base budget of approx. \$20.00 a head. There will be a charge \$10.00 per person at the door for lunch and the remainder will be paid by the base funds. Members need to invite to other bases and bring wife's and family and friends. Will need a final head count NLT August 8<sup>th</sup> to provide to the cater.** Vince has confirmed that the base has reserved the VFW building for that Saturday 12 August.

### **EVENTS:**

**12 August -Author Charles Hood will visit Base during meeting, catered BBQ/ Fried Chicken and fixen's 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 1125. Next meeting: Saturday, 8 August 2023 at 1000, VFW with lunch to follow.

**SURFACE THE BOAT:** Three blasts of diving alarm

**50/50 DRAWING:** Joe Goarck won the 50/50 Drawing, Total was \$35.00. Joe donated his winnings back to the base. BZ Joe!