

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 12 August 2023

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

0900 Coffee & Donuts at the VFW set up for event.

10 ONS base members, 4 Tarheel base members and 6 guests and Charles Hood Guest speaker attended meeting.

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

1005 CALLED MEETING TO ORDER by Commander Sievert – 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 Vince Sievert 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 August Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month August conducted by Commander Vince Sievert read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 251 shipmates lost for the month of August. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of August in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 10 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 reported that he has been having lots of tests performed and stated that his lung cancer has come back, and possibility spread. He is waiting on consultation appointment with doctors for treatment options. His wife gene is struggling with the loss of her eyes sight and other health issues.
- Dennis Loch has recovered well from his mini stoke and is doing better. His wife Cathy still having problems but is stable.
- Richard Graves wife Lynnette is struggling with a immune system issue and has been in and out of the hospital several times. Richard's back is still causing him much discomfort.
- Will Iwaniuk's wife Angela will be getting a hip replacement soon.
- Jack Murray's wife Crystal has a rare type of lung infection and has been put on an aggressive treatment program.
- **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 were told before the meeting Commander Sievert deferred so we could get to our guess speaker. **He welcomed shipmate Johnny Lee back to the base; it has been a long time due to health issues that he was able to attend. Welcome back Johnny it is good to see you again glad to hear you're on the mend!**

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR: Jerry

- 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 completed on it and will be accomplished by the base members.

COMMANDER: - Discussed upcoming base schedule and possible base social in September. If anyone has any ideals let him know.

VICE COMMANDER: Mike Sears was elected by a land side for S.E. District 1 commander (by mostly mailed in ballots). Congrat's Mike!

SECRETARY

- 8 July 2023 meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 8 July 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- 1 July – 31 July 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 stated it was up to date and for everyone to check it out.

STOREKEEPER – Dennis stated that he had submitted to T-shirt order and when they get them in, he would get them out to everyone. He also had hats and other cool stuff on display for members to purchase.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shipmate Phrog gave an update on the KAPS for Kids program. Mike Sears and he made the initial visit to the Greenville NC hospital on 3 August and visited 8 children. Believes it went well and is waiting on the hospital to provide feedback for future visits. He is looking to try and set up a scheduled visit on the first Thursday of every month. He is also looking to expand the location of the visits to other hospitals, Ronald McDonald houses etc. He also updated the base on how to get corporate sponsors for the program and how the USSSVI charitable program works etc. He provided base members with details and how to support this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **He recommended that the base move the 11 November base meeting to the first Saturday of November (Nov 4th) due to support the Veterans Day ceremony with the base float at the Jack Laughery Veterans Memorial Park in Rocky Mount on 11 November.**

EVENTS:

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

?? Quarterly Social Dinner

9 Sept Solicit Nominations for Election of Officers (rumor has it if you desire the base secretary position some pac money might come your way. Just saying).

7 Oct Develop Annual Plan & Budget for 2024

18 Oct NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day

11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony (Jack Laughery Veterans Park)

9 Dec Pearl Harbor Dinner (Tarheel Base)

Guest Speaker: Charles Hood gave an excellent presentation on how the Sub history books got started and how it has been very well received throughout the SubVet community. BZ Charles!!

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 1158. Next meeting: Saturday, 8 August 2023 at 1000.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Terri Sears the new District Commander's wife won the 50/50 drawing (It will help paid for all of the new medals and patches for Mike's new District commander's vest!).