

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 9 September 2023

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Phone 252-292-0044

AGENDA

0830 Breakfast at the Rocky Mount IHOP 7 Base members attended.

11 ONS Base members attended meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1000 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 September Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month September conducted by shipmate Mike Partyka who read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 260 shipmates lost during the month of September. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of September 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 –

- 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 eyesight and other health issues.
- Dennis Loch will be having knee replacement surgery on 19 September. His wife Cathy still dealing with dementia but is stable.
- Richard Graves wife Lynnette is still struggling with immune system issues. 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 sea stories and lies were told. (Someone ought to write a book about all of these sea stories). Oh yeah somebody is! Jerry asked everyone to send them to Charles Hood to maybe get them into his next book.

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.
- The float will be used by the Morehead Veterans Day parade.
- Jerry also updated the members about his Great grand Daughter Sophie 11 yrs. Peggy and him have become her legal custodian's and she will be living with them. Base members agreed that she could become an associate base member.

COMMANDER: - Discussed upcoming base schedule and possible base social on October 14th possibility a cookout at his and Connie's place.

- **Reminded all members that national and base dues at due NLT 31 November. See attached list to see if you need to pay up. National dues are \$30.00 and Base dues are \$12.00 per yr. You can pay them at**

any of our meetings or you can send the check to the ONS Base Secretary (me) at 621 Cummings Rd., Rocky Mount NC 27804. Make the checks out to USSVI-ONS.

- Also informed the base that Charles Hood contribution of \$200.00 to the base.

VICE COMMANDER: AWOL

SECRETARY

- 12 August 2023 meeting minutes (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept 12 August 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER

- 1 August – 31 August 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> everyone needs to check it out.

STOREKEEPER – Dennis stated that he had submitted to T-shirt order but hasn't received them yet.

He is also taking orders for the USSVI Submarine calendars. If you want to get one or more let Dennis or me know and he will get the ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shipmate Phrog gave an update on the KAPS for Kids program. 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 will be setting up a table for donations at the Greenville NC Wal-Mart East 10 St on Sept 30th, 1300, -1600. Contact Phrog if you would like to support.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commander Sievert recommended that the 11 November meeting be moved to the first Saturday 4 November due the 11th being Veterans Day and the base will be supporting the Veterans Day Ceremony with the Sub float on the 11th at Jack Laughery Park in Rocky Mount. Members agreed. Put both dates on your calendar. Let's have a strong turnout for the Veterans Day ceremony, if you haven't been to one you need to try and be there you'll be glad that you did.
- **Solicit Nominations for 2024 Elections of Officers** (Here is your chance to be in charge and get rid of the clowns in charge now)!

EVENTS:

?? Quarterly Social Dinner – Tentatively 14 October quick meeting and cookout at Connie's and Vince's place.

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)

17-18 May 2024 Moonshine Mtn

20 -24 August 2024 USSVI National Convention (Cleveland OH)

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 1203. Next meeting: Saturday, 14 October 2023 at 1000.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Jack Murray won the 50/50 drawing \$60.00. (Jack tried to get his \$5.00 invested back but Joe claimed he didn't have any change, so Jack gave all his winnings back to the base) **BZ Joe!**