

**USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes
1000 Saturday 4 November 2023
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-292-0044**

AGENDA

6 members had breakfast and fellowship at the IHOP prior to the meeting.

8 ONS Base members attended meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1002 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 October Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month October conducted by commander Vince Sievert who read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 375 shipmates lost during the month of November. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of October in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 8 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 is maintaining taking each day as it comes. His wife gene is struggling with the loss of her eyesight and other health issues. His eldest daughter Judy had surgery on her knee and has six weeks of PT before she can get back on her feet.
- Dennis Loch knee replacement surgery went well, he is working through PT. His wife Cathy still dealing with dementia but is stable.
- Richard Graves wife Lynnette is doing better. Richard's back is still causing him much discomfort.
- Will Iwaniuk's wife Angela is recovering from hip replacement and is starting to do better with PT
- Mike Sears wife Terry had her Thyroid removed because it was cancerous.
- Frans Van Baars has face cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- Jack Murray's wife Crystal is stable and continuing with the lung infection 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 lies, and sea stories were told by various members.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR: Jerry Emerson

- **He confirmed that he is going to resign as the commander. If you are interested in relieving him of the job let him know. We need someone to step up and assume this position, stop hoping someone else will and take it on.**
- 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 Albemarle Sound Base for the Morehead Veterans Day 4 November parade.
- Asheville will be using the Torpedo float in their 11 November Veterans Day parade.

COMMANDER: - Discussed upcoming base schedule and float events.

- **Reminded all members that national and base dues at due NLT 30 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 to the ONS Base Secretary (me) at 621 Cummings Rd., Rocky Mount NC 27804. Make the checks out to USSVI-ONS.**

VICE COMMANDER: AWOL.

SECRETARY

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

TREASURER

- 1 October – 31 October 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 the “KAPS for Kids” will be uploaded to the Web soon. Everyone needs to check it out.

STOREKEEPER – He is also taking orders for the 2024 USSVI Submarine calendars. If you want to get one or more let Dennis or me know and he will get the ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vince discussed the good turn out and support with the Sub Float at the NC State Fair.
- Reviewed the Christmas parade schedule: Bailey 2 Dec @1400, Rocky Mount 2 Dec @1500, Fuquay Varina 3 Dec @ 1600, Tarboro (night parade), Sharpsburg 9 Dec @1100.
- 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 showed the members his picture with one of the children when he made the visit in August that was in the 4th qtr. American Submariner magazine.
- He will be setting up the table at the Little Washington Tractor Supply this month.

- He also will be contacting Tarheel Base about setting up the table at the Pearl Harbor dinner on 9 December. Contact Phrog if you would like to get more involved with this program or support it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Veterans Day Ceremony with the Sub float on the 11th at Jack Laughery Park in Rocky Mount @1100.** If you can be there at 1000 to help set up. Uniform of the day is white shirt, black pants ties hats and vest. 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.
- **New 2024 Election of Officers was conducted.** (All current officers were reelected by a landslide. Guest you'll just have to wait till next year to try and get elected and be one of the cool guys that are in charge.)
- **Approved Annual Plan & Budget**
- **Reviewed Christmas parade schedule.** Members agreed to supporting the.
 - 2 Dec Rocky Mount parade @1500
 - 3 Dec Fuquay Varina @1600
 - 9 Dec Sharpsburg @1100

EVENTS:

11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony (Jack Laughery Veterans Park) breakfast @ 0830 IHOP

9 Dec Pearl Harbor Dinner (Tarheel Base)

17-18 May 2024 Moonshine Mtn

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

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 1135. Next meeting: Saturday, 13 January 2024 at 1000 at the VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Will Iwaniuk won the 50/50 drawing (2 months in a row, smells a little like the sanitariums being venting a little fast) donated \$part of his \$35.00 winnings back to the base) **BZ Will!**