

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 13 January 2024

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

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

10 ONS Base members 1 guest attended meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1010 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 December and January Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month December and January conducted by Commander Vince Sievert and Vice Commander Mike Sears who read the accounts of the 4 submarines and 134 shipmates lost during the month of December and the 5 submarines and 318 shipmates lost during the month of January. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of December and January in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 10 SubVet base members and Guest Tarheel Base Commander Tony Van Schaick 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). Welcome Tony!

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None

BINNACLE LIST –

- Joe Goarck is maintaining taking each day as it comes. He has entered Hospice care. His wife gene is struggling with the loss of her eyesight and other health issues.
- Dennis Loch thanked all the base members for the flower arrangement for his wife Cathy's funeral and all the support and encouragement during this difficult time for him and his family on her passing.
- Will Iwaniuk's wife Angela doing well and continues to recover from hip replacement
- Frans Van Baars has face cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- Jack Murray's wife Crystal is struggling with the lung infection treatment program and other issues.
- **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: Tarheel Base Commander Tony Schaick was the guest speaker and discussed the lost boats presentation that was viewed at the Pearl Harbor dinner. It was an excellent presentation and he said he can provide to members if they provide a flash drive.

Recommended NC USSVI Sub bases provide support to Holly Springs College Summer Base Ball team and attend game as a base on Military appreciation day Friday June 28th.

Also recommended that the NC bases have a secret prize for most attending members from another base distance to travel to other bases meetings to claim the secret prize. This would build fellowship between the NC bases members and provide an opportunity to tell sea stories and lies at other bases and their members who have not heard them yet.

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.

Jerry will be having a Yard Sale for His and Peg's for their son who passed away last year. Will be a large assortment of tools, equipment, and other items at a church in Wilson April 12th – 13th. Contact Jerry if you want at get a table to move some of you extra items you are looking to get out of the attic or shed.

COMMANDER: Vince Sievert - Welcomed members to 2024, Parades, 2023 Donations; VFW and Joe Clark Scholarship fund.

VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears

Moonshine Mtn May 17-19th

National Convention – Independence- Ohio - August 19-25th

SECRETARY

- 4 November meeting minutes approved (distributed via email). Motion made and seconded to accept November meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.
- Updates to Annual Activity Report due to District CDR 15 June.

TREASURER

- 1–31 October and 1 November – 31 December financial report was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion passed. **See attached reports.**

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 – Had 2024 USSVI Submarine calendars and T-shirts for members. Let Dennis or me know if you want to order any T-shirts and he will get them ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Congrats to 2024 Base Officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Financial Audit
- Submit Finance Report to National Treasurer NLT 1 March
- **Discussed to move meeting day and time to evening during the week to open up the second Saturday for members. Members agreed and voted to move our meeting time to the second Thursday of the month starting February 8th at 1730 at the VFW building. See you there!**

- Phrog asked members if they wanted to provide the “Tunnels to Towers” another donation this year. Members agreed and voted to send \$132.00 to the organization again for 2024.
- Phrog also gave an update on the “Kaps for Kids” program and will be visiting the Greenville NC hospital on February 1st. If you are interested in getting involved with this program, contact Phrog.

EVENTS:

Flag Raising – Jack Laughery Veterans Park – volunteers and honorees (3rd Saturday, 1000 summer months & 1100 winter months)

VFW Movie Night – 23 Jan 1800 (4th Tuesday Monthly)

17-18 May 2024 Moonshine Mtn

27 May Memorial Day Ceremony – Jack Laughery Veterans Park @ 1000

4 July Independence Day Celebration/Fireworks – Englewood Baptist Church Rocky Mount

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 1209. Next meeting: Thursday, 8 February 2024 at 1730 at the VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Dennis Loch won the 50/50 drawing of \$30.00 gave his winnings back to the base total of \$60.00. **BZ Dennis!**