### NC SUBVETS ORGANIZATION CHARTER

<u>Purpose:</u> To unify the traditions, efforts, and camaraderie of the members of the Albemarle Sound, Carolina-Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Old North State, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. It is to carry on the tradition started in North Carolina by the former Tarheel Chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II.

#### **Definitions:**

- 1. <u>NC SubVets:</u> Acronym for United States Submarine Veterans of North Carolina, an organization consisting of members from North Carolina's USSVI Bases.
- 2. <u>USSVI</u>: Acronym for the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated, a National Organization.

<u>Membership:</u> Restricted to those members in good standing of the Albemarle Sound, Carolina-Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Old North State, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases of USSVI

<u>Associate Membership:</u> Restricted to those associate members in good standing or any member of a related ladies auxiliary.

<u>Dues:</u> Each NC SubVet Base shall submit annual dues in the amount of \$1.00 per primary member. Dues are to be submitted during the month of February to the NC SubVet Commander currently in office. He will have selected a NC SubVet Base Treasurer to maintain a separate account of dues collected and disburse funds as directed by the NC SubVet Commander. The NC SubVet Commander will provide a quarterly financial report via the "ALL CLEAR" journal of the NC SubVets.

**Positions:** That body of members elected by members or appointed by the Commander(s) to serve in the position(s) specified. That person in that position of each parent organization should fill the Commander's position. Additional positions shall be established, as deemed necessary, by the members. Positions other than Commander may be satisfied by that respective position in participating organizations.

1. <u>Float Coordinator</u>: shall maintain the list of dates for the use of the floats requested by any of the NC SubVets member bases.

#### Rules and By-laws:

1. The officers shall be members in good standing of their respective Local and National Organization.

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- 2. The NC SubVets Commander's term of office is for 2 years. This position is open to all current base commanders and all past base commanders. Any NC SubVet member in good standing can nominate any qualified candidate for the position of NC SubVets Commander providing the candidate agrees to the nomination.
- 3. The current base commanders of those bases in the NC SubVets organization shall vote to accept the qualified nominee. A simple majority is required for acceptance.
- 4. Meeting minutes, if deemed necessary, shall be taken by the host organization.
- 5. An Executive Committee *chaired by the NC Sub Vet Commander* shall consist of the senior elected officer from each of the participating organizations.
- 6. Voting Rights are reserved for those members in good standing (dues paid) in the participating and National Parent organizations.
- 7. Any monies collected and/or generated by the NC SubVets shall be accounted and disbursed by the NC SubVet Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee (verbal or email).
- 8. Any use of the NC SubVets organization float(s) shall be coordinated by the Float Coordinator. The float will be scheduled on a first requested basis. An individual that requests the float must be a member in good standing of an existing base in North Carolina. The member's base will be responsible for the pickup, use, return, and transportation cost for the float. A maintenance and fuel reimbursement funds will be maintained by the Nat Greene Base for the NC SubVets organization. Any North Carolina SubVet Base may construct, maintain and use its own float as it sees fit without interaction with the North Carolina SubVets Organization. In the event that a Base wishes to donate its float to the North Carolina SubVets Organization, it may make a proposal for the donation to the North Carolina SubVets Organization. The North Carolina SubVets Organization may consider the proposal and either accept or reject said proposal.

Governing Documents: This Charter serves as the sole guidance of NC SubVets. The Constitution and By-Laws of USSVI are not to be compromised and shall stand as the directives of both National and Local Organizations. Conflicts shall revert to the National Organization for resolution.

<u>Changes to This Charter:</u> The right to alter, amend or repeal this charter is expressly reserved by and for the membership of NC SubVets upon submission, review and approval by said membership.

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Meetings: Unified meetings when scheduled shall be hosted by one of member USSVI bases at various locations throughout the state as proposed and accepted by the members. Separate (exclusive) meetings of the USSVI Albemarle Sound, Carolina Piedmont, Coastal Carolina, Nathanael Greene, Old North State, Tarheel, and USS Asheville Bases may be held by the groups without concurrence of the others.

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## Approvals:

Frank Jones III, Albemarle Sound Base Commander	Rick Petitt, Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander
Scott Powell, Coastal Carolina Base Commander	Al Zilinski, Nathanael Greene Base Commander
Vince Sievert, Old North State Base Commander	Jim Davis, Tarheel Base Commander
Joe Schmidt, USS Asheville Base Commander	Jerry Emerson, NC SubVet Commander