

USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting Minutes

1730 Thursday 8 February 2024

VFW Post #2057

11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

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AGENDA

9 ONS Base members attended meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1742 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 February Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month February conducted by Commander Vince Sievert who read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 371 shipmates lost during the month of February. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of February in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 9 SubVet base 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. He has entered Hospice care. His wife gene is struggling with the loss of her eyesight and other health issues.
- Jack Murray's wife Crystal is struggling with the lung infection treatment program and other issues.
- Phrog will be having knee surgery this month.
- Jerry Emerson great granddaughter Sophie, give him a Peggy discernment dealing with the state for her care.
- **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: Sea Stories and lies were kept to a minimum.

REPORTS:

NC SUBVETS CDR: Jerry Emerson

- He confirmed that he is going to resign in May as the commander and is looking for a replacement to take over. 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.

Brought up moonshine Mtn weekend in May (see attached) Sign up form. Need to get you hotels reservations, rooms will go fast at Big Lynn Lodge.

NC Sub Vets dues are due, Members voted to have treasurer send in correct amount (\$20.00).

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 your extra items you are looking to get out of the attic or shed.

COMMANDER: Vince Sievert – National awards nominations are open 1 Feb – 3-Apr.

VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears

Moonshine Mtn May 17-19th (see attached form)

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

Talked about world navies Sub Insignia plaque that he is putting together for displayed on the SubVet wall at the VFW.

He visited the Nat Greene and Hampton roads base meetings this past month.

He and shipmate Greg Guy visited at the Greenville NC children's hospital for a "KAPS for Kids," both stated that it went well.

SECRETARY

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

TREASURER

- 1 January 31 January 2024 financial report was reviewed. And the annual 2023 Financial Audit report Motion made and seconded to accept. Motion passed. **See attached reports.**

MEMBERSHIP

- **25 members**
 - 19 Primary
 - 5 Secondary
 - 1 Associate

WEB MASTER - Web site <NCSubvets.org>.

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.

Annual Financial Audit – **completed.**

Submit finance Report to National Treasure (NLT 1 March)

Annual Fund Raiser Kick off in May members voted to have raffle for cash prizes:

1st Place \$500.00

2nd Place \$250.00

3rd Place \$100.00

VFW donation for 2023- **complete \$200.00**

Joe Clark Scholarship fund donation **Status?**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed move March meeting day and time to 17th Sunday afternoon for a meeting work party and social staring at 1400 at Vince and Connie's home. See you there!

EVENTS:

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

VFW Movie Night – 27 February 1800 (Post 2057 Tuesday Monthly)

Mar 17 Sunday monthly meeting, work party and social

17-18 May 2024 Moonshine Mtn

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

29 May – 2 Jun USS Groton Base 60th Anniversary Party

28 Jun Salamander vs Tobbs Baseball (Holly Springs @1830

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 1900. **Next meeting: Sunday 17 March 2024 at 1400 at the Vince and Connie's home.**

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Phrog won the 50/50 drawing of \$55.00 gave half his winnings back to the base total of \$27.50. **BZ Phrog!**