

# USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting Minutes

0800 Saturday 13 April 2024

Connect Church

Wilson NC

Phone 252-292-0044

## AGENDA

6 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 – Dennis Cloutier 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 April conducted by Commander Vince Sievert who read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 367 shipmates lost during the month of April. Shipmate Will Iwaniuk tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of April in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – 6 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 has been placed in Hospice care in the home.
- Phrog's knee surgery went well and back on duty.
- Jerry Emerson great granddaughter Sophie, back in their home and being home schooled.
- Jerry Emerson got his first eye Surgery done, went well, now needs to get the next one done.
- **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 were put on hold due to limited time. (we have heard most of them several times already).

### **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.

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

**VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears- AWOL**

National Convention – Independence- Ohio - August 19-25<sup>th</sup>

### **SECRETARY**

- No March Meeting minutes Secretary was AWOL.
- Updates to Annual Activity Report due to District CDR 15 June.

### **TREASURER**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- **22 members**

-19 Primary

-3 Secondary

-0 Associate

**WEB MASTER** - Web site <NCSubvets.org>.

**STOREKEEPER** – Still has two 2024 USSVI Submarine calendars and T-shirts. Let Dennis if you ordered any so he can get them to you.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100.00

**Vince had tickets at the meeting, need to get your share and start selling them.**

Joe Clark Scholarship fund donation **Status?**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **The May meeting will be the same day as the Nashville Blooming Festival Parade. Base voted not to have an official base meeting in May.**

### **EVENTS:**

**Flag Raising – 20 April- Jack Laughery Veterans Park – volunteers and honorees (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 1000 summer months & 1100 winter months)**

**VFW Movie Night – 23 April 1800 (Post 2057 Tuesday Monthly)**

**11 May Nashville Blooming Festival Parade**

**17-18 May 2024 Moonshine Mtn**

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

**29 May – 2 Jun USS Groton Base 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

**June Quarterly Social**

**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)

19 Oct. Quarterly Social – Cloutier Yacht Club, Washington NC

**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 Jack Murray the prayer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 0858. **Next meeting/Blooming Festival Parade: Saturday Sunday 11 May 2024 TBD.**

**SURFACE THE BOAT:** Three blasts of diving alarm

**50/50 DRAWING:** None