

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 8 June 2024

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

9 ONS Base members and one guest attended the 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 May and June Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month of May was conducted by Shipmate Greg Guy who read the accounts of the 4 submarines and 213 shipmates lost during the month of May. Shipmate Paige Wood read the accounts of the 7 submarines and 402 shipmates in the month of June. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of May and June 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). Prospective member James “Robbie” Robinson provided his sub qualification date and boat. Welcome aboard Robbie.

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.
- Jerry Emerson great granddaughter Sophie, give Jerry and Peggy discernment dealing with the state for her care. Jerry will also be having eye surgery on both of his eyes this month.
- **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

- Jerry resigned as NC SubVets commander at the Moonshine Mtn event. Still have not had anyone step up to take the position. If you are interested in the position let him know.

COMMANDER: Vince Sievert – Holland Club Presentation for Dennis Loch – Postponed due to Dennis not being able to make the meeting this month. Miss you Dennis.

VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears – AWOL (out sick)

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

SECRETARY

- No meeting minutes for April. Secretary AWOL.
- Updates to Annual Activity Report due to District CDR 15 June.

TREASURER

- No report Treasurer AWOL.

MEMBERSHIP

- **22 members**

-19 Primary

- 3 Dual Base membership

- 0 Associates

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.

OLD BUSINESS -

-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

Need to sell those tickets!!

June Social Plan- Jerry is going to look into changing the date due to conflict with Jack's wife Crystal, funeral service scheduled for the same day. **The social has been rescheduled for 6 July (see events below).**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Voted to repeal the NC SubVet organization Charter per Jerry's recommendation.
- Holly Springs Salamanders baseball Game -28 June @ 1830. Vince was going see if the ballpark would have a place to park the Sub Float prior to the game starting

EVENTS:

15 June Flag Raising – Jack Laughery Veterans Park – volunteers and honorees (3rd Saturday, 1000 summer months)

20 June Funeral Services for Crystal Murray – Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1052 South First St, Nashville NC @ 1600. Jack requested that normal uniform of the day and wear Sub Vests.

VFW Movie Night – 25 June 1800 (Post 2057 Tuesday Monthly)

4 July Independence Day Celebration/Fireworks – Englewood Baptist Church Rocky Mount set up float between 1700- 1800 festivities start at 1900, fireworks at dark. Bring your lawn chairs, and bug spray. Bring your own drinks and food and there will be plenty of food trucks and activities for the kids. No alcohol allowed (it is a church function)!

6 July -Vince offered his and Connie's place for the Qtr social on July 6th for a pool party and BBQ TBD

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 Paige Wood led the prayer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1140. Next meeting: Saturday 13 July 2024 at 1000, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Richard won the 50/50 drawing of \$40.00 he kept \$5.00 and gave \$35.00 back to the base. BZ Richard!