

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 10 August 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

1000 CALLED MEETING TO ORDER by Commander Sievert – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of diving alarm.

INVOCATION – Will Iwaniuk 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 July and August Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month of July was conducted by Shipmate Will Iwaniuk who read the accounts of the 3 submarines and 204 shipmates lost during the month of July. Shipmate Vince Sievert read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 251 shipmates in the month of August. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of July and August in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – were deferred by Base Commander Sievert due to the large amount of business that needed to be addressed.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – Joe Goarck 14 Jan 1937 - 15 July 2024. Service was held 24 July 2024.

Keep his wife Jean and family in your prayers.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Jerry Emerson and his wife Peggy are in the process of getting their great granddaughter Sophie into a long-term care facility so, can receive the care she needs. Jerry had his eye surgery and can still see so it went well.
- Nelson Gainey dealing with skin cancer and treatments.
- Will Iwaniuk and Mike Sears will be having surgery the week of 12 August.
- Vince's wife Connie will be having knee surgery in October.
- **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. NC SubVets charter has been rescinded. Funds held by NC SubVets organization have been transferred to the Nat Greene Base for use to maintain the torpedo float.

COMMANDER: Vince Sievert – Holland Club Presentation for Dennis Loch. Congrat's Dennis - welcome to the really old goat's club!

VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears –

- National Convention – Independence- Ohio - August 19-25th
- WWII Memorial weekend will be held at Kings Bay Trident Submarine Base in Oct.

SECRETARY

- Approved meeting minutes for June.
- The Annual Activity Report due to District CDR submitted in June.

TREASURER

- Base Monthly Financial Report for June and July and was approved. See attachment.

MEMBERSHIP

- **22 members**
 - 19 Primary
 - 3 Dual Base membership
 - 0 Associates

WEB MASTER - Web site <NCSubvets.org>.

STOREKEEPER – Will be taking orders for the 2025 USSVI submarine calendars. Let Dennis know how many you want. 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

The drawing is Oct. 18th.

Need to sell those tickets!!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Appointment of new base Chaplain – Dennis Cloutier volunteered. BZ Phrog!

EVENTS:

- **17 August Flag Raising – Jack Laughery Veterans Park – volunteers and honorees (3rd Saturday, @ 1000)**
- **20 -24 Aug USSVI National Convention (Cleveland OH).**
- **19 Oct. Quarterly Social at the Cloutier Yahct club Washington NC.**
- **23 Oct. NC State Fair – Military Appreciation Day**
- **22-27 Oct. WWII Kings Bay Memorial Week/ceremony on 25 Oct. @1000**
- **11 Nov Veterans Day Ceremony – Jack Laughery Veterans Park @1100**
- **01 Dec. Rocky Mount Christmas Parade (don't have a confirmed date yet).**
- **07 Bailey Christmas Parade (has been confirmed).**
- **07 Pearl Harbor Dinner**

- 08 Vuquay Varina Christmas Parade (has been confirmed).
- 14 December Sharpsburg Christmas Parade (has not been confirmed).

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 Will Iwaniuk led the prayer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1155. Next meeting: Saturday 14 September 2024 at 1000, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Phrog won the 50/50 drawing of \$45.00 he donated all back to the base. **BZ Phrog!**