

# USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 14 September 2024

VFW Post #2057

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## AGENDA

8 ONS Base members attended the meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1006 CALLED MEETING TO ORDER by Vice Commander Sears – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.

**DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of diving alarm.**

INVOCATION – Dennis Cloutier led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Base Vice Commander Sears 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 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 September Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month of September was conducted by Shipmate Phrog Cloutier who read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 260 shipmates lost during the month of September. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the months of September in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS – Members stated the date and ship that they qualified on.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None.

**BINNACLE LIST** – Both shipmates Will Iwaniuk and Mike Sears both had successful surgery this past month and are on the mend.

- Jerry Emerson and his wife Peggy have been able to get their great granddaughter Sophie into a long-term care facility in Jacksonville so that she can receive the care she needs.
- 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. Still have not had anyone step up to take the position. If you are interested in the position let him know.

**COMMANDER: AWOL**

**VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears –**

- National Convention – Independence- Ohio - August 19-25<sup>th</sup>
  - o 2025 location Orlando FL.
  - o 2026 location Reno NV.
  - o 2027 Corpus Cristy TX.
- WWII Memorial weekend will be held at Kings Bay Trident Submarine Base on Oct 34-27th.
- Moonshine Mtn. May 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going you need to get your rooms reserved ASAP, they are going fast. Need to call the lodge directly Big Lynn Lodge Little Switzerland 828-765-4257.
- Updated members on the charitable foundation.
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**SECRETARY**

- Approved meeting minutes for August.

**TREASURER**

- Base Monthly Financial Report for August was approved. See attachment.

## MEMBERSHIP

- **21 members**
  - 18 Primary
  - 3 Dual Base membership
  - 0 Associates

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

**STOREKEEPER** – Dennis ordered (12) 2025 USSVI submarine calendars. He also had several challenge coins and discussed approx. cost etc. if we wanted to get a base coin.

## OLD BUSINESS -

-Annual Fund Raiser Kick off in May 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

The drawing is Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at the scheduled base social.

## **Need to sell those tickets!!**

Shipmate Phrog gave an update on Kaps for Kids Visit on 29 August. Said it went well visited 5-6 -patients.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- William Weinstein (E-7) Korean War Submarine Veteran, served on the Von Steuben. 5 Oct 1100 Edgecombe Memorial Park, 2879 US-258, Tarboro NC 27886. (Stepson Russel Weinstein POC 252-903-1770, Clyde Headley Edgecombe Veteran's Military Museum 910-554-5824. Looking to provide at least 7 members for gun salute and flag presentation graveside. (Vince, Jerry, Will, and Jack) have signed up. Let Vince or me know if you can support ASAP. **This is for a SUBVET we need to support!**
- Solicit Nominations for Election of 2025 Officers. **Time to step up people! You know who you are.**
- Recommended no meeting 12 October to be canceled due to the qtr. social being on the 19 October.  
**Approved**
- Head count for support the NC Fair parade and display. Setup 0900, parade 1000, display 1700.  
**Paige, Phrog, Mike S., Robert, Vince and Jack will support.**

## **EVENTS:**

- 21 September Flag Raising – Jack Laughery Veterans Park – volunteers and honorees (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, @ 1000).
- 5 Oct SubVet William Weinstein Graveside @1100.
- 19 Oct. Quarterly Social – Cloutier Yacht Club Washington, NC
- 23 Oct. NC State Fair – Military Appreciation Day
- 24-27 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 (been confirmed).
- 07 Pearl Harbor Dinner
- 08 Vuquay Varina Christmas Parade (been confirmed).
- 14 December Sharpsburg Christmas Parade (has not been confirmed).
- 24 Aug USSVI National Convention (Cleveland OH)

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Check out North Carolina Submarine Veterans website – <https://ncsubvets.org> Joe Peek is looking for a relief.

USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page – check it out, like and share <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198129857025276/?ref=bookmarks>

**BENEDICTION:** Shipmate Phrog Cloutier led the prayer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1155. Next meeting: Saturday 9 November 2024 at 1000, VFW.

**SURFACE THE BOAT:** Three blasts of diving alarm, 1118

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