

USSVI “OLD NORTH STATE” Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 16 November 2024

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

0830 Breakfast at IHOP, 5 base members and one guest.

7 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 – Shipmate Dennis (Phrog) 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 November Followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month of November was conducted by Shipmate Vince Sievert. He read the accounts of the 5 submarines and 375 shipmates lost during the month of November. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectively for the boats and men lost in the month of November in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

RECOGNIZE – WWII SUBVETS-none in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS – Shipmates provided their names, boat and year qualified where you resided. He also welcomed shipmate Ken Nichols the Southeast Region director.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None.

BINNACLE LIST –

- Jerry Emerson stated that his great granddaughter Sophie seems to be slowly improving in the long-term care facility in Jacksonville NC.
- Vince's wife Connie had knee surgery in November, but it was found that she has more damage to her knee and will need to have the full knee replacement surgery this coming year..
- **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: Several Sea Stories and lies were told.

REPORTS:

Shipmate Ken Nichols Southeast Regional Director – Awarded Shipmate Mike Sears with S.E. District award for superior performance as Southeast District One Commander this past year. BZ Mike!

He also gave base members updates on the state of USSVI membership and the need for all members to reach out to non-member submarine veterans to join.

Gave an update of the USSVI Charitable funds that are available and the awards program on how to recognize people and organizations with funds.

COMMANDER: Vince Sievert - Conducted Base business

- Recommended that base provide a \$100.00 gift card to VFW member James Nelms for the large amount of raffle tickets he sold for the base – Approved.
- Dues increase for base/national USSVI. If you want to get the current rates you need to pay up prior to 31 Dec 2024.

VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER: Mike Sears – gave updates on the:

SECRETARY

- Approved meeting minutes for September

TREASURER

- Base Monthly Financial Report for September and October and was approved. See attachment.
- Phrog also provided update on Kaps for Kid's. Next visit 21 Nov (1315-1500).

MEMBERSHIP

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

WEB MASTER - Web site <NCSubvets.org>.

STOREKEEPER – Dennis provided the 2025 USSVI submarine calendars that members ordered.

OLD BUSINESS -

-Annual Fund Raiser Prize winners were awarded to the winners. Estimated base made approx. \$1500.00 on raffle.

NEW BUSINESS:

- USSVCF Ambassador Program
- Nominations/Election of 2025 Officers:
 - Jack Murray Commander
 - Mike Sears Vice Commander
 - Dennis Cloutier Treasurer
 - Paige Wood Secretary
- Annual Plan/Budget- review and approved
- The Annual Finance Audit needs to be conducted in January meeting Shipmates Mike Sears and Richard Graves volunteered to conduct the audit.

EVENTS:

- 07 Dec Bailey Christmas Parade (has been confirmed @ 1400).
- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Dinner (NC State University Club @ 1700).
- 08 Dec Vuquay Varina Christmas Parade (has been confirmed).
- 14 Dec Sharpsburg Christmas Parade (has been confirmed @1100).
- 21 Dec Flag Raising Ceremony – Jack Laughery Veterans Park @ 1100.
- 13-16 Feb SE Region Conference (Charleston, SC).

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 Dennis (Phrog) Cloutier led the prayer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1227. Next meeting: Saturday 11 January 2025 at 1000, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

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