

USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 8 February 2025

VFW Post #2057

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AGENDA

0830 Breakfast at IHOP, 5 base members.

10 ONS Base members attended the meeting.

GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1015 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 months of January and February was conducted by Shipmates Vince Sievert and Jack Murray. The accounts of the submarines and shipmates lost during the months of January and February. Shipmate Richard Graves tolled the bell respectfully for the boats and men lost in the months of January and February 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. Welcomed new shipmate Mark Katona from Roanoke Rapids.

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:

New ONS officers installed. Jack Murray – Base Commander. Paige Wood – Secretary. Photos taken and duties assumed.

COMMANDER: Jack Murray - Conducted Base business

- Vince recommended that base provide a \$106.95 gift card to VFW member James Nelms for the large amount of raffle tickets he sold for the base – Approved.

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

SECRETARY

- Paige Wood assumed duties.
- Approved meeting minutes for November and December 2024.

TREASURER

- Base Monthly Financial Report for November and December 2024, and was approved. See attachment.
- Phrog also provided update on Kaps for Kids.
- Refer to updated report (attached).

MEMBERSHIP

- **20 members**

- 17 Primary
- 3 Dual Base membership
- 0 Associates

WEB MASTER

- Web site <NCSubvets.org>. Revision to November minutes (REV 1).
- Secretary to send reports to officers and web.

STOREKEEPER

- Dennis provided the 2025 USSVI submarine calendars that members ordered.
- Many items available.
- Base Coin to be reviewed (100 order required plus \$300 set up charge).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Bailey Bank Office closed.
- Middlesex Branch new location.
- Jack and Paige assumed new duties.
- Special Election held for Treasurer position – Will Iwaniuk elected with unanimity.

EVENTS:

- May 16-18 Moonshine Mountain
- September - National Convention Orlando, Florida
- Base Social 29 March 2025 – Vince and Connie's home

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 1114. Next meeting: Saturday 8 March 2025 at 1300, VFW.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

50/50 DRAWING: Jerry won the 50/50 drawing (\$50); he donated \$25. back to the base.