

# USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes

1000 Saturday 12 April 2025

VFW Post #2057

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## AGENDA

0830 Breakfast at IHOP, 5 base members attended.

9 ONS Base members attended the meeting.

1000 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1015 CALLED MEETING TO ORDER by Commander Jack – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.

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

WELCOME BY BASE COMMANDER JACK

INVOCATION – Shipmate Will led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Base Commander Jack led base in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

RECITE CREED–By Base Commander Jack:

“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 April Followed by a Moment of Silence

The Tolling of the lost boats for the month of April was conducted by Shipmate Jack Murray. The accounts of the submarines and shipmates lost during the month of April. Tolled the bell respectfully for the boats and men lost in the month of April in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Shipmate Jerry Emerson gave us all an update on being in service during the loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593.

**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 – Base received a “Thank you” note from the family of Dennis “Phrog” Cloutier. Various shipmates made comments about what a good member of the base Dennis was.**

**BINNACLE LIST –**

- Jerry Emerson stated that his great-granddaughter Sophie seems to be slowly improving in the long-term care facility in Jacksonville NC. She will be visiting for Easter.
- 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 all our 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:**

**VICE COMMANDER/DISTRICT COMMANDER:** Mike Sears – not present; no update provided.

**COMMANDER:** Jack Murray – Conducted Base business

**SECRETARY:** Paige Wood

- Approved March meeting minutes; distributed by email.
- Updates to Annual Activity Report – Online June/July
- Vince will send report to insurance company when we carry the float out.

**TREASURER:** Will Iwaniuk

- Base Monthly Financial Report for March 2025, and was approved. See attachment.
- Will gave thanks to the Base Members for their support and trust.
- Gave revised updates for the January and February reports.
- The audit has been approved and signed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Base Commander Jack gave report and updated membership

- **21 members**
  - 17 Primary
  - 4 Dual Base membership
  - 0 Associates

**WEBMASTER: Will stated that the website is up to date.**

### **STOREKEEPER**

- Many items are available for the Base Members.
- Base Coin examples were passed around for members to review. Cost \$7.50 for members and \$10 for non-members.

**USSVCF AMBASSADOR: Vince gave an update**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Annual Finance Audit Completed and signed.
- Nash Central NJROTC – add to schedule. Vince gave update what is required to visit Nash Central and the Base agreed to send Vince, Jack, Will, and Mark to give presentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- USSVI Joe Negri Memorial Clubhouse Financial Support Request
- Motion made and approved for Base to donate \$100
- Next generation USID card – May 7, 2025 deadline. No cost for new card
- Motion made and approved for \$117.68 reimbursement for flowers

### **EVENTS:**

- 19 April – Flag-raising Ceremony – Jack Laughery Veterans Park @1100
- Application required to receive a flag for Joe Goarck. Jack to talk with Jean Goarck to determine if she wants to receive a flag. In the future, a flag request can be made for Dennis.
- 10 May – Blooming Festival (Parade, Nashville). Event taking place of regularly scheduled meeting.
- 16-17 May – Moonshine Mountain Tolling of Boats Ceremony
- 26 May – Memorial Day Jack Laughery Veterans Park – 0900 set up float, activities commence at 1000.
- 1-6 September – USSVI National Convention Orlando, Florida
- 22 October – NC State Fairgrounds – 0900 set up float and tent

### **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 led the prayer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 1204. Next meeting: Saturday 14 June 2025 at 1000, VFW.

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