

**USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes  
1000 Saturday 10 January 2026  
VFW Post #2057 – Auxiliary Building  
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803  
Phone 252-292-0044**

**0830 Breakfast at IHOP, 790 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.  
4 members attended and enjoyed the meal and fellowship**

**AGENDA:**

**1000 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING**

**1000 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – CELL PHONES OFF OR ON VIBRATE.**

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

**INVOCATION – Will**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All participated**

**RECITE CREED – Base Commander Jack Murray**

**“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.”**

**TOLL BOATS FOR AUGUST FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE. 5 Boats and Crew Members were recognized.**

**RECOGNIZE WWII SUBVETS – None present**

**INTRODUCTIONS – State your name, the boat you qualified on, the year you qualified, and where you live. All members present participated.**

**ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL – None**

**BINNACLE LIST – Jerry - MRI scheduled for 20 January. Connie, wife of Vince, improving from her knee surgery.**

## **REPORTS:**

**DISTRICT CDR:** - **Mike Sears** – Not present due to other SubVet commitments.

**COMMANDER:** - **Jack Murray** – Moonshine Mountain 15-17 May, 2026 announcement and applications.

Recommend \$500 Donation to be given to Capital Campaign Fund, St. Mary's Submarine Museum. Motion made by Jerry Emerson to approve. Passed unanimously.

Stressed the importance of recruiting new members and that we should all be recruiting new membership.

**VICE COMMANDER - Mike Sears** – Not present

**SECRETARY - Paige Wood** - Approve Base Minutes. Motion made by Richard Graves to accept; motion approved unanimously.

**TREASURER:** - **Will Iwaniuk** - Monthly Financial Reports for October, November, and December.

Reports signed by Board Officers and available for handout.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Richard Graves, seconded by Vince Sievert, and approved unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP** - 19 Members (16 Primary, 3 Dual Base Membership, 0 Associates) Greg Guy, Andy Piwowarski, Franz Baars base dues in arrears.

**WEB MASTER - Will Iwaniuk** reports there is a US SubVet Login problem. This was discussed by Vince and Will, and resolution was found.

**STOREKEEPER - Dennis Loch** - T-Shirts, ONS Base Challenge coins, and three 2026 calendars remaining for purchase.

**KAPS 4 KIDS - Vince Sievert** passed on all supplies to Jack for safekeeping.

**USSVCF AMBASSADOR - Vince Sievert** informed membership of an educational video. It is a SubVet 501(c) charity foundation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** - Base Financial audit needs to be conducted. Due March, 2026. Audit will be conducted after the February Meeting.

- \$500 Donation for US Submarine Museum King's Bay GA. was approved.

- Marilou Cloutier Associate member form. Base Commander Jack will make contact, and Base Treasurer Will to send follow-up form.

## **EVENTS:**

**Ride of Honor 2025 – Veteran Celebration** 15 January 2026 at 10 AM. ONS SubVets received a check for \$2500 for their contribution to the Veterans. Base Commander Jack made Thank You comments, and ONS was represented by Members Jack, Vince, Will, Mike, and Paige.

**ONS Base Quarterly Social?** – Details to be completed at Meetings in February and March.

**Handout available for 2026 Proposed Events.**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** - 2026 South Eastern Conference Biloxi/Gulfport MS. Hotel discount until 10 Jan.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Check out North Carolina Submarine Veterans website – <https://ncsubvets.org> (up to date)

USSVI – Old North State Base Facebook Page – check it out, like and share

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1198129857025276/?ref=bookmarks>

**BENEDICTION: Will**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Next meeting: Saturday, 14 Feb 2026 at 1000, VFW Rocky Mount.**

**ADJOURN: Adjourned at 11:30**

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

**50/50 DRAWING – Winner Jerry Emerson of \$30. All \$30 donated to ONS.**