

**USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes
1000 Saturday 14 April 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.
3 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 – Base Commander Jack Murray

DIVE BOAT – Two blasts of diving alarm – Member Richard Graves

INVOCATION – Member Will Iwaniuk

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.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TOLL BOATS FOR AUGUST FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE - Base Commander Jack Murray - 7 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 – District Commander Mike Sears at UNC Nash for 3 days, AFib test. Member Jerry Emerson not present, “Not feeling well”.

REPORTS:

DISTRICT CDR - Mike Sears – In Norfolk last Wednesday and informed group of upcoming events.

COMMANDER - Jack Murray – Opened up with various members told sea stories. Announced submarine float needs to find a home. Member Richard Graves made a motion with a second by Member Mike Sears and approved unanimously to make a \$250 donation to “A Touch of the Father’s Love”.

VICE COMMANDER - Mike Sears – Reported as District Commander.

SECRETARY - Paige Wood - Approve Base Minutes. Motion made by District Commander Mike Sears to accept, seconded by Base Commander Jack Murray; motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER: - Will Iwaniuk – per attachment.
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP - 21 Members (17 Primary, 4 Dual Base Membership, 0 Associates).

WEB MASTER - Will Iwaniuk - Site is up to date. <https://ncsubvets.org>

STOREKEEPER - Dennis Loch – T-Shirts, and ONS Base Challenge coins, and hats are available.

KAPS 4 KIDS – District Commander Mike Sears asked for volunteers.

USSVCF AMBASSADOR – Open Position. Asking for Volunteers to serve.

OLD BUSINESS: Group had a good time at 1st Qtr Social. 4 Members and guests attended.

NEW BUSINESS: - Blooming Festival (Parade Float, Nashville) 9 May, 2026. Parade in place of regular May Meeting. USSV did not participate in Nashville Parade due to problems with the trailer hitch. (Problem has now been corrected.)

25 May, 2026 USSV Memorial Day display float cancelled due to rain, event held indoors, and Members Jack Murray, Mike Sears, Vince Silvert, and Paige Wood attended.

EVENTS:

Mar 2026 - Annual Financial Report completed by Members Jack, Will, and Mike - completed

27 Mar - [Quarterly Social Dinner for Vince and Connie](#) - completed

11 Apr - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057 - completed

30 Apr – [Awards Submitted to National Awards Committee Chairman](#) - completed

9 May - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057 - not held, substituted for Blooming Festival

9 May - [Blooming Festival \(Nashville\)](#) - unable to participate due to problem with trailer hitch

15-16 May - Moonshine Mountain Memorial - District Commander Mike Sears and Base Commander Jack Murray planning to attend.

? Jun - Quarterly Social Dinner/Event - to be scheduled

13 Jun - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057

30 Jun - Annual Report Due to SERD

4 Jul - Independence Day Celebration (Englewood Baptist Church) - cancelled

11 Jul - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057

8 Aug - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057

? Sep - Quarterly Social Dinner/Event - to be scheduled

6-11 Sep - USSVI National Convention (Corpus Christi, TX) - Members Mike Sears and Paige Wood plan to attend.

12 Sep - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Solicit nominations for Election of Officers

10 Oct - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Present nominations for Election of Officers
- Develop Annual Plan and Budget for 2027
- Prepare Holland Club Eligibility list for 2027

21 Oct - NC State Fair/Parade (Military Appreciation Day)

Oct/Nov - WWII Submarine Memorial Ceremony (Kings Bay)

11 Nov - Veterans Day Ceremony - Jack Laughery Park

14 Nov - Monthly Meeting @ VFW Post 2057
- Election of Officers
- Approve Annual Plan and Budget for 2027

14 Nov - Submit Holland Club Eligible for 2027 to National Office Manager (due NLT 1 Dec)

5 Dec - Christmas Parade - Bailey (1400-1600)

5 Dec - Pearl Harbor Dinner (Tarheel Base Hosting)

6 Dec - Christmas Parade - Fuquay-Varina (1600-1800)

12 Dec - Christmas Parade - Sharpsburg (1100-1300)

31 Dec - Deadline for USSVI/Base Dues for 2027

*****Events in Red include the Submarine Float***

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Vince Moving-Away event - Celebrate at the 27 March Social - Completed
Continue to discuss future home and shelter for the Club's Submarine Float.

BENEDICTION: Member Will Iwaniuk

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>

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion made by Member Richard Graves, approved unanimously.

ADJOURN: Adjourned at 1145.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm by Member Richard Graves.

50/50 DRAWING – Winner District Commander Mike Sears of \$30. \$30 donated to ONS.

Next meeting: Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 1000, VFW Rocky Mount.