USSVI "OLD NORTH STATE" Base Meeting Minutes
1000 Saturday 3 October 2026
VFW Post #2057
11270 E NC 97, Rocky Mount, NC 27803
Phone 252-292-0044

AGENDA

0830 Breakfast at IHOP, 4 base members attended.

9 ONS Base members attended the meeting.

1000 GET 50/50 TICKETS BEFORE MEETING

1000 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 – All

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 September and October Followed by a Moment of Silence

The Tolling of the lost boats for the months of September and October was conducted by Shipmate Jack Murray. The accounts of the submarines and shipmates lost during the months of September and October. Tolled the bell respectfully for the boats and men lost in the months of September and October 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 - by all.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL –

BINNACLE LIST –

- Shipmate Jerry Emerson informed us of the difficulties associated with his eating issues.
- **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 – Two upcoming events: the State Fair in October and the Pearl Harbor dinner 5 December.

COMMANDER: Jack Murray – Requested all who can help to meet at Vince's home to hook up the Submarine Float for State Fair Parade. Additional time and location will be sent via email.

SECRETARY: Paige Wood

- Approved meeting minutes; distributed by email.

TREASURER: Will Iwaniuk

- Base Monthly Financial Report for September 2026, and was approved. See attachment.

MEMBERSHIP: Base Commander Jack requested that we all try to encourage any known Submarine Veterans to join.

- **22 members**

  -18 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.

USSVCF AMBASSADOR: We need a volunteer to fill this position.

KAPS 4 KIDS: Shipmates Jack and Mike reported we have caps, pens, coins, and certificates on hand, and that we have $3,393.39 in account.

OLD BUSINESS

- Shipmate Jack led a discussion regarding finding a permanent home for the submarine float. We are shopping costs for shelters.

NEW BUSINESS

- Shipmates Jack and Mike are looking into setting up a NROTC Nash Central visit.

EVENTS:

- **21 Oct** NC Fair Parade and Static Display 1000
- **4 - 8 Nov** Kings Bay GA WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Week
- **14 Nov** Sharpsburg Christmas Parade
- **5 Dec** Tarheel Base Pearl Harbor Submarine Ball
- **6 Dec** Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade

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 1145.

50/50 DRAWING: Secretary Paige Wood won $45 and donated $45 back to Base. Shipmate Will transferred safekeeping of the drawing to Paige.

SURFACE THE BOAT: Three blasts of diving alarm

Next meeting: Saturday, 7 November 2026 at 1000, VFW.