MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2017 AT THE

AMERICAN LEGION POST#67

CARY, NC

Before the start of the Base meeting, 10 Subvets met for the breakfast meal at the IHOP in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Dave Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM with two blasts of the diving alarm. In the absence of Base Chaplain Gene Rutter, National Chaplain Butterbean Dixon rendered the opening prayer. Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 28 Subvets and one guest (Daniel Wall's wife Ann) in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill followed by reading the USSVI Purpose:

Our purpose is "To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all Submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. 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.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commander Dave asked all WWII Subvets to stand and introduce themselves. A total of 3 WWII Subvets were present- Marty Kirwin, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. All present gave these HEROES a hearty round of applause. Butterbean Dixon introduced the newest prospective Base member and first time attendee Leslie Harness from Durham. She qualified in submarines aboard the USS Michigan (SSGN-727). All welcomed her "into the fold" as our first lady submariner. Following were introductions by the other 24 subvets present plus COB Daniel Wall's wife Ann.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the months of July and August was conducted by Tom McFadden and Daniel Wall. Accompanied by a slide presentation, Tom read the recounts of the 3 submarines lost in July (includes the North Carolina Lost Boat S-28) and the 5 lost in August. Daniel tolled the bell for each of these 8 lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL

Butterbean told a story about a phone call he had received from former Tarheel Base COB Patch Paciorek. Patch and his wife Wendy were in the after torpedo room of a memorial diesel boat up in the Great Lakes and needed assistance in exiting the compartment. So, Patch called his favorite torpedoman, Butterbean, for help. Go figure!! Also, Butterbean read a letter from Chaplain Gene Rutter. He regrets not being able to attend the Base meetings for a while due to prior commitments. Gene sent along a thank you to the line handlers that attended the memorial services for 3 submariners recently- Henry Hagwood, Joe Morgan, and John Norosky.

BINNACLE LIST (PRAYERS, INFO, ACTIONS--)

Prayers and concerns were voiced for Jerry Leppart and Gene Rutter's wife. Also, Butterbean mentioned that Earl Buffaloe now lives in Leland, NC and he hopes to move back to the Raleigh area soon.

SPEAKER

None were assigned for this meeting. So, it was sea story time! Vice Commander Master Chief Jim Davis told a story about a happening while he was serving on the USS Sea Dragon (SSN-584) in 1962. The boat had just returned from the North Pole and was on an exercise out of Seattle with a PBM aircraft. The aircraft experienced engine trouble and crashed into the ocean. The Sea Dragon crew rescued all 12 men from the PBM in heavy seas before it sank. An additional sea story was relayed by Senior Chief Daniel Wall (Tarheel Base COB). He was aboard the USS Atule (SS-403) when the boat pulled into New Orleans, LA. The CO called Wall to the bridge to decipher a signal originating from the Delta Queen. It turned out to be the Atule's International Call Signal sent in Morse Code that the CO couldn't read.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Holland Club Awards- Jim Davis inducted Keith Bender into the Holland Club. Keith qualified aboard the USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623) in 1966.

REPORTS

Base Commander/ SE District 1 Commander- Dave Campbell- He held his comments for later.

Vice Commander- Jim Davis- Jim stressed the need for Base members to pay their $15.00 Base and $25.00 National dues by December 30, 2017. Tarheel Base goal is 100% retention of members come 2018!

Secretary- Bill Lowe- Approve last meeting minutes from June 3, 2017 meeting as posted on the NC Subvets web site. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve said minutes as posted.

Treasurer Report August 5, 2017- Tom McFadden- Current Balances- Regular Account- $10,457.86- Events Account- $560.16 (unchanged)- Total Balance- $11,018.02. - Previous Balances- Regular Account- $10,264.99- Events Account- $560.16- Total Balance- $10,825.15. Payments for the past period include donations to memorial funds, payments for storekeeper supplies, and payment to National for dues. Notes: Base Financial Policy and Procedures Manual, Rev. A, dated July 17, 2017, has been distributed and received. The primary requirement to consider is the need to conduct an annual financial audit prior to the relief of the Base Treasurer. The audit is to be conducted the beginning of the calendar year prior to the submission of the end-of-year financial report. The manual requires the creation of an Audit Committee consisting of two or more members in good standing to be appointed by the Base Commander. Specific points to review during the audit are outlined in the manual. Per Tom- To adhere to the requirements of the annual audit, I would prefer to conduct the audit in December because our Base EOY Report has been submitted early January. The Financial Policy and Procedures Manual provides guidance for the treasurer's report. To adhere to the requirements in the manual, the meeting notes will include (as is above) the previous reported account balances and will state the primary activity in the accounts for the previous period. As of Wednesday, 8/2/17, the online bank account balance does not show the following outstanding checks: 6/17/17- Payment- Nick Pacioreck- $29.90; 7/22/17- Payment- BC Patch- $127.70; 8/2/17- Payment- BC Patch- $58.28. Dues have been received for the following: 2018 membership dues for 21 members; 2017 membership dues for a new member; Includes 7 National dues and 22 Base dues; Total dues in receipt (not deposited) equals $545. As an added note, Base Commander Dave has appointed Jim Davis and Dick Kanning to serve on the Tarheel Base Audit Committee.

COB- Daniel Wall stated he had copies of an article that was in the Navy Times. This article by the DOD outlines the guidelines for veterans (not retirees) to follow to be able to shop online at Navy Exchanges. You have to be vetted first and this will go into effect on this coming Veteran's Day.

All Clear Newsletter Editor- Moe Moses- Not Present.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Jim has a case of beer glasses and some other memorabilia donated by Ted Hurley- first come first served! Jim covered the upcoming Tarheel Base picnic scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the large Lake Crabtree Beech Pavilion. As it stands now, the meal will be possibly catered by Smithfield Chicken & Barbeque. A picnic planning committee meeting by 4 Base members will be held after the conclusion of today's Base meeting. Also, Jim covered the history of the Adopt-A-Spot service program for the benefit of the new Base member. He hopes to schedule a work day in September at the Cary Veteran's Park. More info will follow.

Base Recruiter- Bill "Butterbean" Dixon- Butterbean told all present to pass along any prospective Base members to him with name, e-mail, and phone # and he will make follow-up contacts- don't just give them your card!!!

NC Subvets Commander- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt- Not in attendance.

District Commander- Dave Campbell- Report on discussion items from current meeting/ e-mail issued with report of status. Dave mentioned the low number of Subvets registered for the USSVI National Convention scheduled for September 1-6, 2017 in Orlando, FL. He urged Base members who haven't made reservations to do so, even though the deadline has passed at the end of July. Also, Dave stated he will be involved in his 5th Eagle Scout presentation very soon.

Regional Commander- Steve Bell- Not Present.

National Officers- Paul Hiser- National Treasurer- Paul stated the 2018 USSVI National Convention is in the planning stages for a cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Also, Paul said the Tarheel Base Website has experienced "a hiccup" and is in a recovery mode at present. A request for funds to support the USS Scorpion (SSN-589) 50th Anniversary Memorial Service to take place in Norfolk, VA on May 25-27, 2018 has been received from National. Each USSVI Base is requested to donate $99 in honor of the 99 crew members lost on Scorpion on May 22, 1968. All monies donated go directly to offsetting the cost of presenting the memorial service and providing a Saturday evening banquet for Scorpion families, former crew, and specially invited guests. Butterbean suggested we "pass the hat" for contributions to this cause and Commander Dave said this will take place during upcoming Base meetings. Hopefully, this will be an item to be discussed during the next Tarheel Base Executive Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Parades & Events Upcoming: Chuck Jensen reported he has no information concerning the annual Old Soldiers Parade held in Newton, NC on the 3rd Thursday in August. Information on this parade is usually relayed by Harold Bazzle. NC Subvets will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade in Asheboro scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2017. Participants need to form up at 1500 with parade starting at 1600. Old North State Base Commander Jerry Emerson has reserved the torpedo float for two parades on the same day- December 2, 2017- one in Wilson, NC and one in Bailey, NC.

July 9th Color Guard at the Durham Bulls Baseball Game: Commander Dave commended Tom McFadden for his leadership in heading up the formation of the Tarheel Base Color Guard. Tom stated the Color Guard was well received and looked sharp at the Bulls game. A total of 14 Tarheel Base Subvets were down on the field (including the 4 Color Guard participants) during presentation of colors and the National Anthem. The Tarheel Subvets group was recognized on the "big screen" during the game.

NC State Fair Booth and Parade Participation; Status: Tom McFadden- Per Tom, NC Subvets will have a booth set up like last year. Torpedo float participation in the parade is questionable at this time due to the availability of a vehicle to tow the float.

Pearl Harbor Dinner; We have reservations for the NC State University Club for December 9th 2017. This date will hopefully get some attendance from the Coastal Carolina Base. The objective this year is to get dinner info out early. We will be going with the same food setup as last year- a buffet. This year's speaker will be the new NROTC Commander Mark Stern.

Annual Tarheel Base Picnic- Chairman of the Picnic Committee Jim Wallace covered picnic details previously.

Off Month Breakfasts: The next breakfast at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. in Raleigh is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 0830.

NEW BUSINESS

Base Challenge Coins; Base Storekeeper Jim Wallace and Base Commander Dave have a supply of these coins. They can be purchased from these folks for $7.00 each.

Loss of tax exempt status due to falling below the required number of war veterans. Per Paul Hiser, USSVI has agreed to allow active duty submariners to join a USSVI Base and pay no dues for the first year.

Nathanael Greene Base raffle of a WWII model of a submarine. The winner was Wayne Marshall from the Old North State Base. He has donated the model to the St. Mary's Submarine Museum. The raffle brought in a total of $1,710 and this money will be donated to the Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial Restoration Fund.

Old North State Base Secretary/Treasurer Vince Sievert announced a fund raiser that his Base is sponsoring for the VFW Post #2057 in Rocky Mount, NC where his Base holds monthly meetings. He is selling tickets to a Carolina Mudcats baseball game to be played on Friday, August 18, 2017 and has them available after today's meeting.

NC Air Museum Patron Membership: The $125 annual fee has been divided up between five NC Subvet Bases as follows- Carolina Piedmont ($35); Nathanael Greene ($35); Tarheel ($35); Asheville ($10); and Coastal Carolina ($10) for a total of $125. This fee is due in August each year. This is a small fee to pay for safe "dry storage" of the torpedo and submarine floats.

JNROTC Support by USSVI Bases- For the Tarheel Base, this would be for the group at Cary High School which we have supported in the past. Paul Hiser asked CAPT. Steve Gillespie about any restrictions on the amount (funds or otherwise) that the Base can provide in assistance to the JNROTC group. He said there aren't any restrictions.

DUES For 2018- Covered by Vice Commander Jim Davis previously.

Dick Kanning suggested the Tarheel Base Executive Board discuss the possibility of setting up a scholarship fund for Tarheel Base member's families. No action taken.

CAPT Gillespie covered the availability of Vietnam Lapel Pins. He said these pins along with a certificate can be awarded to all who were in service during the Vietnam War and should be presented in a formal setting.

Raffle Results: Conducted by: Rich Cimino The big winner of $65.00 was CAPT Steve Gillespie who donated all his winnings to the Base Treasury.

Benediction-National Chaplain Butterbean offered up a prayer for safe travel for all attendees.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn till the next meeting on: Saturday, October 7, 2017 (Base Picnic)- Adjourned at 11:40 AM

COB- Surface the Boat- three blasts of diving alarm