

**Minutes from the NC Subvets Working Meeting
Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC
April 4, 2009**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to convening the working meeting, 21 Subvets met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and a chow-down at 11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the working meeting to order at 1:00 PM followed by Bill "Chaplain" Whelan rendering the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 36 Subvets in attendance. All present introduced themselves with info on the boats and duty stations where they served during their naval careers.

HOLLAND CLUB PRESENTATIONS: Pat Collins presented Holland Club plaques, lapel pins, and challenge coins to 2 Subvets: Jim Davis and Dick Gudis.

SPECIAL GUEST:

All welcomed Tarheel Base charter member Mike Burkholder who was "visiting" from Ft. Wayne, IN. Mike showed members a slide presentation that covered the history of the parade submarine, MK-14 torpedo, and the "grey ghost" bus. Mike donated these presentations to the Tarheel Base.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Base Secretary Bill Lowe read the minutes of the last working meeting held at the VFW "hut" in Cary on 31 January 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Base Treasurer Mike Toomey reported a checkbook balance of \$3,150.19 as of 31 March 2009. Current Tarheel Base membership stands at 193 after dropping 8 Subvets for nonpayment of dues. Motion was made and passed to supply Pat Collins \$108.00 to purchase 24 challenge coins for Holland Club inductees.
3. Chuck Jensen stated the placement of an S-28 plaque in the WWII Museum of the Pacific in Fredricksburg, TX is on hold for now. This item remains open.
4. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. Joe Peek has recently visited the memorial and said the site made it through the winter with no further damage. The owner of the property is still in financial trouble due the market downturn and hope is that he will still be able to pay half of the \$4,300 restoration cost in the future. Joe Peek will make a donation \$850 to the project in memory of his father. To date, a total of \$527 is in the Carolina-Piedmont Base treasury for the Burnsville Memorial Restoration Fund. A bucket was passed around during the meeting and \$126 was collected for this restoration project. This item remains open.
5. All Clear editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek will continue with the same format for the next addition. Patch announced the deadline for submission of articles is Monday, 6 April 2009.
6. Jim Myers covered obtaining a waiver form in lieu of insurance for the parade torpedo trailer. Mike Hubbell will contact Admiral Steve Glass, a former JAG officer, and solicit his help in drafting the waiver form. Jim stated the importance of base members handling any and all safety issues concerning the torpedo and trailer. A good set of steps for getting on and off the trailer was discussed. This item remains open.

7. Jerry Emerson and Jim Myers covered details on the possibility of the NC Subvets hosting the 2012 USSVI National Convention with a proposed location in Wilmington (location not set in stone). Jerry stated a written bid must be submitted to National by this August and he is requesting a vote of confidence to place this bid. Motion was made and passed to submit the bid with the stipulation that all NC Bases are on board to lend a helping hand. This item remains open.
8. Jerry Leppart covered the NC Subvets license plate issue. He passed around an example of the plate. To date, Jerry has compiled a list of 205 names with orders for a total of 296 plates. The bill authorizing this specialty plate along with many others is still stuck in the NC Legislature Finance Committee. This item remains open.
9. Commander Jerry is working on a "volunteer" to step forward and relieve Will Harvey as Base Storekeeper.
10. Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon announced plans for a Subvets breakfast at the Golden Corral on Saturday, 11 April 2009 at 0830 hours. This date happens to be the 109th birthday of the US Submarine Service.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Carolina-Piedmont Base member Mike Hubbell covered the upcoming USSVI Southeast District 1 Annual Meeting to be held in Mooresville, NC on 1-3 May 2009. Host motel will be the Fairfield Inn with a sign-in log at Pat's Veterans Coffee shop located at 1200 Main Street. A Friday night social will take place at the host motel. Saturday events will include visits to the Memory Lane Museum and a brewery with beer tasting. Guest speaker will be Gannon McCall, a former fast attack sub sailor. Several nice items will be raffled off with tickets priced at 3 for \$20. Monies from the raffle will be split between the Burnsville Memorial Fund and Kaps For Kids project. To date, only 23 Subvets have registered. Mike stressed the importance of making your motel reservations ASAP since it is car race weekend.
2. The annual Burnsville meeting will be held on 19-21 June 2009 at the Pinebridge Inn with a former POW Colonel as guest speaker.
3. The next parade for NC Subvets participation will be the Sanford Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, 16 May 2009. Dick Kanning will be the coordinator for this event. Other parades are the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade on Monday, 25 May and the 4th of July Parade in Faith, NC. John Rupertus will head up the Faith Parade.
4. The next business/working meeting will be held at the Cary VFW "hut" at 1300 on Saturday, 30 May 2009 (originally planned and announced as 6 June 2009). As before, NC Subvets will muster for lunch prior to meeting.
5. Base Chaplain gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1518. Afterward, Duane Gow won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$83.50.