

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to convening the working meeting, 14 Subvets and ladies met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and grub at appx.11:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the base working meeting to order at 1:01 PM followed by Bill "Chaplain" Whelan rendering the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 32 Subvets and one lady friend in attendance. All present briefly introduced themselves, stating the name of their qual boat. Pat Collins had no Holland Club presentations to render at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Dick Kanning stated Bob Werner's granddaughter was awarded a \$1,500 USSVI scholarship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Base Secretary Bill Lowe read a brief overview of the minutes from the last working meeting held at the VFW "hut" in Cary on 6 June 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Commander Jerry asked Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon to give a Base treasurer report in the absence of Spencer Combos. Current Tarheel Base membership stands at 197. Checking account balance at the end of 2nd quarter 2009 is \$3,081.98.
3. Vice Commander Dixon covered several items and ideas for info/consideration:
 - a) Keep base roster info updated by advising Spencer of any changes, especially e-mail addresses.
 - b) PAY YOUR BASE DUES.
 - c) Set up a retention team of two Base members.
 - d) Organize a birthday call team.
 - e) Form a quartet of members to sing the Navy Hymn, etc at funerals.
 - f) Butterbean thanked the 42 Subvets that turned out on Saturday 25 July at the Cary Golden Corral to honor Floyd Crisp, Subvet from Durham.
4. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. All NC Subvets present at the Moonshine Mountain Memorial on 20 June were pleased to have finally met with the owners of the property, Linda and Tony Valovich. Per Chuck, Tony is to check on the cost of filling in under the stone decking with possibly gravel to allow for water run-off. As of to date, Chuck hasn't heard back from Tony. This item remains open.
5. Chuck Jensen stated the placement of an S-28 plaque in the WWII Museum of the Pacific in Fredricksburg, TX. will be tabled until such time NC WWII Subvets shut down their organization and use their funds for this plaque.
6. All Clear editor Chief Patch Paciorek was present for the meeting with no change in the publication format and procedures brought to light.
7. Dick Kanning discussed the bid for NC Subvets to host the 2012 National Convention in Wilmington, NC. Dick said a convention center isn't available in Wilmington as of to date-under construction. Also, the Hampton Roads Base has been planning a 2012 bid for the Norfolk area. Jim Myers added his two cents by stating it would be useless for NC Subvets to compete against Reno and Norfolk for this 2012 National Convention now. This item is tabled.

8. Jerry Leppart covered the NC Subvets license plate status. As of to date, Jerry has a list of 236 names with orders for a total of 347 plates. NC Senate Bill #299 was in the finance committee until July 14th. With Senator Basnight's help, the bill has been pushed forward with readings in both houses and in the finance committee. With a bit of luck, the bill containing 54 specialty plates will be passed soon so that the three to four months production period can begin. This item remains open.
9. Commander Jerry introduced John Rupertus as the interim Base Storekeeper to replace Will Harvey. Also, due to job duties, Brian Flynn is in need of someone to take over the position of Base Webmaster. These items remain open.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Chuck Jensen covered two proposed changes in the Constitution & Bylaws of the Tarheel Base. He will make a draft outlining these changes and send it out to base members. Commander Jerry will call for a vote on the proposed changes during the next business meeting.
2. Jim Myers reported a \$100.00 donation will be made to the USS Drum Memorial Boat in Mobile, AL. in memory of Buddy Allen who was the first editor of the All Clear publication. As a footnote, Buddy made four war patrols on USS Drum (SS-228). This donation will include \$50.00 each from NC WWII Subvets and USSVI Subvets.
3. Next parade for NC Subvets participation will be the Old Soldier's Parade in Newton, NC on Thursday, 20 August 2009. Rendezvous point will be in the parking lot of the Prime Sirloin Family Steakhouse at 3:00 PM with the parade starting at 5:00 PM. Additional info/directions will be forthcoming via an e-mail. Gene Rutter will check into details concerning a parade planned for the first week of December in Louisburg, NC.
4. Commander Jerry asked for any base fund raising ideas. No projects were named at this time.
5. Chaplain Bill Whelan covered a proposed motto for NC Subvets - Ex Communi Periculo Fraternitas - which is Latin for "From Common Peril Brotherhood". After some discussion, motion was made and seconded to adopt this as the NC Subvets motto contingent on all NC bases' approval.
6. Distribution of the \$100.00 1st place award check from the 4th of July parade held in Faith, NC was discussed. A motion was approved to give the money to Dick Kanning to help with his fuel costs incurred while hauling the parade torpedo and trailer to the various events. Dick stated he would donate half of the money to the Burnsville Memorial fund.
7. Nominations for the four Tarheel Base officers for 2010 will be held at the next business meeting in October. John Rupertus volunteered to serve as the nomination chairman.
8. Dick Kanning covered the status of the Coastal Carolina Base in Wilmington. In an attempt to boost this base's membership, Dick will send out a letter to the members of the "independent" Cape Fear Base asking them to join the USSVI Coastal Carolina Base. Since Bill Mussel has been laid up due to an automobile accident, no plans have been made for a meeting in that area of the State during the 3rd quarter. Jerry suggested the Tarheel Base formulate plans for a meeting at the S-28 Memorial with a Tolling of the Boats ceremony to be held at the site. Chuck will contact Tarheel Base member Terry Kuhn about setting up a location and date for a meeting in Wilmington in late September. This item remains open.
9. Next business/working meeting will be held at the Cary VFW "hut" at 1300 on Saturday, 17 October 2009. Prior to the meeting, NC Subvets will gather at the Cary Golden Corral for the noontime meal at 11:30 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 1433.