

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to convening the working meeting, 15 Subvets and 1 wife met at the Golden Corral in Cary for fellowship and chow 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. Jerry led 23 Subvets in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. All present briefly introduced themselves stating the name of their qual boat plus other boats where they served. Pat Collins covered a Holland Club presentation that he and Joe Clark rendered this AM to George Gressman at his residence - Magnolia Glen Rest Home in Raleigh.

George Gressman is the oldest Tarheel Base member at 92 years "young" with a qual date back in 1940. Pat reminded Holland Club members that it is time again for a \$1.00 annual donation from each member.

Good of the Order - Commander Jerry presented All Clear Editor Patch Paciorek with a plaque for Class I Newsletter of the Year-First Runner Up Award that was announced at the USSVI Convention in San Diego last month.

Dave Thommarson reported that Subvet Bob Wilson from Durham fell in front of his house and broke his hip yesterday. He was in surgery this AM at Durham Regional Hospital.

Bob Werner thanked all Subvets for the \$1,500 scholarship that was awarded to his granddaughter. Bob said the money is going to good use with 5 As and a B+ on his granddaughter's "report card" this past semester.

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 1 August 2009. Minutes were approved as read.
2. Base Treasurer Spencer Combos reported a checking account balance of \$3,161.42 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Tarheel Base membership stands at 197 with 165 members with an e-mail address. Base dues are owed by 141 and National dues by 56 members. Spencer is now using electronic banking for the Base checking account.
3. Vice Commander Butterbean Dixon reported new member recruiting has slowed to a snail pace. He urged Subvets to pay their dues ASAP. The formation of a Base quartet is a "work in progress" with 7 Subvets showing an interest in participating in the group. Butterbean stated a Cary Golden Corral Breakfast get-together is scheduled next Saturday (24 October) at 8:30 AM.
4. Chuck Jensen reported on the status of the Burnsville Memorial. The property owner, Tony Valovich, will be at the Memorial this month and he is pursuing the idea of placing a concrete base under the memorial. To date, no further erosion has taken place. NC Subvets are still committed to helping with the cost of the Memorial restoration. This item remains open.
5. Jerry Leppart covered the N.C. Subvets license plate status. As of 12 October 2009, Jerry has a list of 247 names with orders for a total of 360 plates. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee will be meeting this month or next month to discuss specialty plate design requirements. Jerry does not foresee any action on plate approval until next May. This item remains open.

6. Commander Jerry stated a volunteer is still needed to fill the position of Base Storekeeper. These items remain open.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Upcoming Parades:
 - Wilson Whirligig Festival, Saturday & Sunday - November 7th & 8th. Per Commander Jerry, the submarine float will be on static display. Subvets will be needed to man the "submarine" to answer questions during the festival.
 - Asheboro Veterans Day Parade will take place on Wednesday, 11 November with a 4:00-4:30 PM form-up time.
 - NC Subvets will participate in the Wilson Christmas Parade on Saturday, 21 November. Jerry Leppart volunteered to tow the torpedo and Commander Jerry will pull the submarine. Time and place to muster will be forthcoming.
 - Commander Jerry will pull the submarine in the Williamston Christmas Parade on Thursday, 3 December with additional details to follow.
 - Chuck Jensen will draft a list of parades the Tarheel Base will commit to participate in each year.
2. Chuck Jensen covered two Tarheel Base By-Law revisions. WWII Tarheel Chapter Subvets in good standing will not pay Tarheel Base dues. No more grace period for USSVI new members that join between October 1st and December 31st. They will have to pay \$5.00 for the 4th quarter and \$20.00 for the following year for their National dues. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt these two by-law changes. Bob Werner will carry a copy of the revised by-laws to Southeastern District 1 Commander Dick Kanning for his signature. A copy of said by-laws will be retained by Base Historian Charlie Cross.
3. Nominations for Tarheel Base Officers were conducted by Nominating Committee Chairman John Rupertus. Those nominated (with no opposition or other candidates) were: Base Commander - Jerry Emerson; Vice Commander - Bill (Butterbean) Dixon; Secretary - Bill Lowe; and Treasurer - Spencer Combos. Recommendation was made to accept the slate of officers by acclamation and a motion to that effect was passed. To make it official, Secretary Bill Lowe cast a vote for each candidate.
4. Commander Jerry went over the details for the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day meeting. The event will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2009 in Wilson, NC. Cost of rooms is now \$98.00 per night but will be reduced to possibility \$89.00 at the end of October. Dick Kanning is lining up a speaker - just maybe the skipper of USS North Carolina (SSN-777). See the registration form on the last page of this newsletter for more details.
5. Piedmont Base Commander Steve Bell would like a head count of the Tarheel Base members who may attend the meeting in Burnsville next year on 21 & 22 May 2010. Notify Commander Jerry if you will be making this meeting.
6. A combined Southeastern District 1 USSVI and Northeast & Southeast USSVI-WWII meeting will be held in Elizabeth City, NC in March 2010. USSVI will be the host and NC Subvets will be the sponsor. Barry Danforth will be lining up the details.
7. Next business meeting will be held Saturday, 5 December 2009 prior to the Pearl Harbor meeting (approx. time 1400).
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1418 with Chaplain Bill offering travelling graces.
9. Henry Hagwood held the 50/50 raffle with Arv Klemp winning half of \$111.00 (\$55.50).