

**Minutes from the NC Subvets Working Meeting
Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC
27 March 2010**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the working meeting, a number of Subvets enjoyed a lunch get-together at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 13:05 with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Jerry Emerson led the 24 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

While stating the name of their qual boat, brief introductions were offered by each Subvet in attendance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Per Pat Collins, Holland Club Coordinator, no presentations are scheduled today. Pat requested an updated Base Roster to facilitate identification of base members eligible for Holland Club. Chuck Jensen will email Pat a current Tarheel Base Roster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Tarheel Base Vice Commander, Bill "Butterbean" Dixon, read the minutes from the February 6, 2010 Base Business Meeting. The minutes were approved without corrections.
2. Vice Commander, Bill Dixon, reminded the base members of the breakfast meeting on April 3, 2010 at the Golden Corral in Cary. He also issued a reminder for Subvets to submit unpaid dues to the Base Secretary, Spencer Combos.
3. Tarheel Base Treasurer, Spencer Combos reported that the End of Year Report will be submitted to USSVI by April 1, 2010 and that the Base funds are currently \$3700.
4. All Clear Editor, Jerry Paciorek, announced that the deadline for submission of items for the Second Quarter All Clear will be sent out by email later this weekend.
5. A discussion was initiated by Spencer Combos, in the absence of Paul Hiser, on the manner in which the charge for hosting the base website is billed and paid. Currently, Paul Hiser covers the hosting charge on a personal credit card and is reimbursed by the base. No motion was made to change this arrangement; however, Jerry Emerson requested that a search for a Web Host with better pricing be conducted.
6. Chuck Jensen read a letter from property owner, Tony Valovich, concerning maintenance of the Burnsville Submarine Memorial. Tony stated that there is no new damage to the Memorial and that he plans to cap the top with a solid pour of concrete making it level and watertight. His next visit will be at the end of April to clean up in preparation for the May 22 Memorial Service. Tony is planning to spend more time this summer working on the Memorial. The Memorial Fund balance is approximately \$2300.
7. COB, Jim Meyers, expressed his concerns over the improper storage of the MK-14 Float following participation at events. He reminded the base that over \$4000 has been spent in outfitting the Float. He discussed the proper method of storing the bunting and flags and also described the proper storage of the sound equipment in a box with labeled

compartments. He also reminded us that that box is not a trash receptacle. Jim reported that Bill Lowe has ordered new small flags for the float.

8. Jerry Emerson read an email from Jerry Leppert, updating the status of the NC License Plate Legislation. Jerry said he had been requested by a member of the Legislator's staff to "back off" in his efforts to "lobby" for the bill.
9. Dick Kanning presented a SED 1 District Commander's Letter of Appreciation to Jerry Emerson recognizing the base's support for his SubLant Sailor of the Year (SOY) Runner-up monetary award that he has been doing the last several years. This year every runner-up received \$200.00 award.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

UPCOMING PARADES

1. Azalea Parade in Wilmington: Chuck Jensen reminded base members who plan on participating in the Azalea parade in Wilmington on April 10, 2010 to notify Terry Kuhn, Coastal Carolina Base Commander, to help him plan logistics. Chuck will email information on lodging, parade details and contact information for Terry.
2. Thomasville Parade: Jim Meyers discussed the upcoming parade in Thomasville on May 31, 2010. Lineup time is 10:00 and the parade starts at 11:00. Jim will send out additional details when they become available.

ADVERTISING IN THE USSVI CONVENTION REUNION BOOKLET

1. Jerry Emerson opened a discussion on advertising in the Joint USSV-WWII and USSVI National Convention Program Booklet. A motion was made to purchase a \$50 advertisement in the booklet, divided equally between Tarheel Base and WWII Chapter. Motion was seconded and passed.

DONATION REQUEST

1. Jim Meyers opened a discussion on whether the Tarheel Base should donate funds to a USSVI Scholarship Fund. There was some confusion over whether this was the Dolphin Scholarship Fund or the USSVI Scholarship Fund. Chuck Jensen suggested that all charitable funds to which the base may donate be identified and donations discussed at the next business meeting.

BB-55 REUNION

1. Dick Kanning reviewed the events and schedule for the BB-55 Reunion to be held in Wilmington on May 5 through May 8, 2010. The Tarheel Base has an open invitation to the reunion and Dick asked that those planning on attending notify him so he can present a head count to the BB-55 reunion coordinator. Chuck Jensen will send out an email with the Reunion Schedule and Registration Form.

NATIONAL ELECTION

1. Jerry Emerson reminded Subvets that USSVI national elections are coming up and encouraged members to read the bios of the candidates in the upcoming issue of American Submariner and urged us all to vote. Dick Kanning advised us that there are 13 resolutions on the upcoming ballot, including resolutions on Holland Club Dues, Formation of a Discipline Committee, and allowing the District Commander of the Year to be a voting member on the USSVI Board of Directors.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

1. Commander Jerry Emerson has scheduled the next Tarheel Base Business Meeting for Saturday May 1, 2010 at the VFW Post "Hut" at 13:00, with lunch at the Golden Corral in Cary at 11:30.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Jerry Emerson made a request for a volunteer to review our Charter and Bylaws to ensure that they are up to date and consistent with USSVI Bylaws. Dick Kanning responded that he had reviewed the Charter and Bylaws currently on file with USSVI and that they are current and up to date.
2. Chuck Jensen announced that the NC Air Museum will be holding their annual Fly-In on Saturday June 5th. It was requested that we have some of our members there to provide information about the parade submarine and Mk-14 torpedo float that are on display at the museum when not at events.
3. Meeting was adjourned at 14:25.