

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the working meeting, 18 Subvets enjoyed the "noon meal" at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Jerry led the 27 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

While stating the name of their qual boat, brief introductions were rendered by all Subvets in attendance.

Good of the Order

Per Pat Collins, Holland Club Coordinator, no presentations are scheduled today. Pat has three presentations pending for Frederick Forst, Henry Hagwood, and Chuck Jensen and will do so upon receipt of materials from National. Also, Pat stated a point of clarification on which Base should handle the Holland Club Award when a Subvet has membership in more than one Base. The Subvet's primary Base should make the presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- 1 - Tarheel Base Secretary, Bill Lowe, read the minutes from the March 27, 2010 Base Business Meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Lowe thanked Jim Davis for filling in as "Base Yeoman" in his absence.
- 2 - Butterbean Dixon, Tarheel Base Vice Commander, stated he has a Subvets breakfast scheduled for 8:30 AM, Saturday May 15th at the Cary Golden Corral. As a note, May 15, 2010 is Armed Forces Day- you all come! Butterbean yielded the "floor" to Gordon Banks and the SS Singers. They (5 present) performed four songs of which one included 4 out of 17 verses from the Navy Hymn. All present enjoyed their "concert".
- 3 - In the absence of Tarheel Base Treasurer Spencer Combos, Bill Lowe gave the following Base checking account report:

Ending Balance 4th Quarter 2009	\$5,187.69
Receipts	\$ 565.00
Disbursements	\$2,224.34
Ending Balance 1 st Quarter 2010	\$3,528.35

Base membership currently stands at 186.

- 4 - All Clear editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek thanked all who sent him items for the Base newsletter.
- 5 - Base Webmaster Paul Hiser was not present.
- 6 - John Rupertus introduced the new Tarheel Base Storekeeper - Jim Wallace. All (especially John) thanked Jim for stepping forward to assume this important Base officer position.
- 7 - Base COB Jim Myers was not present.
- 8 - Commander Jerry passed around a copy of the NC Subvets advertisement that will be in the USSVI National Convention Reunion Booklet.

- 9 - Chuck Jensen gave an update on the Burnsville Submarine Memorial. To date, the restoration fund held by the Carolina/Piedmont Base totals \$1,963.50 with over \$200 pending from an upcoming raffle. Property owner Tony Valovich plans on spending more on-site time this summer and will be present for the annual memorial service on May 22, 2010. The current copy of the All Clear contains a registration form for the Burnsville Subvet meeting to held on May 21- 22, 2010. Chuck urged Subvets planning to attend this quarterly meeting to send in their registration forms ASAP.
- 10 - Jerry Leppart, NC Subvet license plate czar- extraordinary, stated the next session of the NC Legislature will convene on May 12,2010. Jerry hopes action will take place to approve our Subvets license plate, but the specialty plate issue has a low priority on the legislative agenda. If there isn't any sign of progress by the middle of June, Jerry will be "walking" the halls down at the Legislature. At present, there are 259 names requesting a total 376 plates- well over the minimum of 300 plates.
- 11 - Dolphin Scholarship Fund donations were not discussed due to the absence of Jim Myers.
- 12 - Chuck Jensen covered the Saturday June 5, 2010 fly-in event to be held at the Asheboro Airport. The torpedo trailer and submarine float will be on display. Chuck requested Subvet volunteers to man the displays during this one day event. As a note of interest, helicopter rides will be available at a cost of \$30.00.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING PARADES

- 1 - Memorial Day Parade will take place in Thomasville on Monday May 31, 2010. Participants will form-up at the usual spot down east of the Big Chair between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.
- 2 - Other parades: Troutman on Saturday July 3, 2010 and Faith on Monday July 5, 2010. Additional info on these two parades will be forthcoming.

NATIONAL CONVENTION- OTHER ITEMS

SED 1 Commander Dick Kanning covered the following:

- 1 - The Joint WWII & USSVI National Convention is on go for August 31 to September 5, 2010 in Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky. The Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, KY is still slated as the host motel. Boat reunions do not have to stay at the host motel. As of to date, 86 have registered for the Convention. Dick pointed out the Cincinnati Base has dragged their feet with a lack of planning for this convention and are asking for donations from other Bases. For a comparison, the Hampton Roads Base has already put together the plan of the week schedule for the 2012 National Convention.
- 2 - Dick was one of the 100 attendees at the recent SE Regional Convention held in Panama City, Florida. He is proud to report our Base All Clear is an a#1 publication with lots of credit to editor Patch. Also, our MK-14 torpedo float puts other base floats to shame. During the SE Regional meeting, Dick received the Regional Director's Award and the plaque was on display during the business meeting.
- 3 - Dick advised Subvets to send their donations for restoration of memorial boats to USSVI National in order for the funds to be routed properly.
- 4 - Due to Darryl Moyers continuing health issues, he will not be able to relieve Dick Kanning as SED 1 Commander. Dick will continue in this position until such time a replacement comes forward.

- 5 - As of note, SED 1 has been placed in the running for “a pile” of awards to be presented during the National Convention per Dick Kanning. There will not be an extension of the awards submission deadline this year.

NATIONAL ELECTION

- 1 - Jerry continued to urge all members to cast their votes in the upcoming election of USSVI National Officers and to read the candidates bio's published in the latest edition of the American Submariner. Dick stated 10 amendments made it on the ballot. One concerns the formation of a disciplinary committee and one proposes holding the National Convention every other year. Seven out of ten amendments are administrative in nature.

NATIONAL SURVEY- USSVI WEBSITE

- 1 - Commander Jerry announced the availability of a survey on the USSVI website that Subvets can complete. The aim of this survey is to find ways to improve the operation of the organization.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

- 1 - Commander Jerry will hold off on scheduling the next Base business meeting at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1 - Wayne Powell made a motion that reading of the minutes of the previous Base Business meeting by the Base Secretary be ended and minutes distributed to Base members via e-mail. Said minutes would be approved/amended by voice vote during next Base business meeting. Motion was approved. Base Secretary Bill Lowe will forward minutes to Chuck Jensen for e-mail distribution.
- 2 - Also, Wayne requested all Base monetary donations be listed in the All Clear.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT -- 2:19 PM