

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Working Meeting  
Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC  
10 July 2010**

**Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe**

I want to send a "Thank You!" to Jim Davis for recording the minutes of the meeting in my absence.

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

In the absence of the Base Commander, Tarheel Base Vice Commander, Bill Dixon, called the meeting to order at 1255 with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Bill Dixon led the 25 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**LOST BOATS IN HISTORY:**

The names of the three boats lost in the month of July, USS S-28, USS Grunion SS 216, USS Robalo SS 273 were read by John Rupertus.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. While stating the name of their qual boat, brief introductions were rendered by each Subvet in attendance. The base welcomed our newest member Don Wilson. Don was a Lieutenant and qualified Submarine Medical Officer serving aboard USS Gato SSN-615. Don lives in Raleigh.
2. Pat Collins, Holland Club Coordinator, presented Holland Club Awards to Chuck Jensen, Frederick Forst, and Henry Hagwood. Following the meeting, Pat Collins, Chuck Jensen, and Henry Hagwood will travel to Henderson, NC and present Holland Club and Senior Submariner Awards to Robert Harris, a WWII Subvet. With Robert receiving his award, all of our WWII Subvets in the Tarheel Chapter are now Holland Club Members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

- 1- Tarheel Base Vice Commander, Bill Dixon, noted that the minutes from the last business meeting were published in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter issue of "All Clear". The minutes were approved without corrections.
- 2- Tarheel Base Treasurer, Spencer Combos reported that the Base funds are currently \$2500. Base membership stands at 188. He also reported that the Web Host for the ncsbvets.org web page has been moved to a new hosting service. The old service cost was \$12.95 per month and the new service cost is \$19.95 per year.
- 3- All Clear Editor, Jerry Paciorek, announced that the deadline for submission of items for the Third Quarter All Clear is July 15.
- 4- Base Webmaster, Jerry Paciorek, discussed the new and improved NC Subvets Website ([www.ncsbvets.org](http://www.ncsbvets.org)). Jerry stated that with the assistance of his son he is now able to make real time updates to the website content. He also has improved the email process by using a mailbuoy server to send mass mailings in a single batch.
- 5- COB Jim Meyers was absent.

- 6- NC License Plates: Jerry Leppart reported that the State Legislature session has adjourned with the S-116 bill still in the House Finance Committee. His communication with Rep. Gibson indicates there will need to be a new bill and that Rep. Gibson stated "he will take care of it".

### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### **UPCOMING PARADES**

This years Old Soldiers' Parade in Newton, NC will be held on Thursday, August 19. Parade participants should meet at the Western Steer around 1500 in order to be at the designated spot before 1600. The parade starts at 1700. Directions to the meeting site were sent out via email by Chuck Jensen.

#### **NATIONAL ELECTION**

Vice Commander Bill Dixon reminded base members to vote in the USSVI National Election. He encouraged everyone to go to the USSVI website and vote online.

#### **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Vice Commander Dixon announced that the National Convention is organizing a "Wolf Pack" of Submarine Floats and asked if anyone was interested in taking the Float to the convention. There were no volunteers.

#### **ELECTION OF BASE OFFICERS**

As directed by the Tarheel Base Constitution & Bylaws, nominations and election of the next years Base Officers will occur in the fourth quarter of each year. In order to facilitate the voting process for the election of the 2011 Base Officers, Vice Commander Bill Dixon designated Jim Davis "Election Master". Jim will provide All Clear Editor "Patch" with details of the nomination and voting process for inclusion in the next issue of All Clear.

#### **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING**

The date and location of the next business meeting is to be announced. Possible dates are September 18 or 25.

### **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Fred Forst who won \$49.00. He immediately donated his winnings to the Holland Club.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 13:55