

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

**Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe**

Prior to the working meeting, 19 Subvets "chowed down" at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Jerry led the 28 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions and remarks were stated by all Subvets in attendance and included Jim Schenk, Chaplain for the new Nathanael Greene Base.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Holland Club information was provided by Pat Collins. He has been the Tarheel Base Holland Club Coordinator for the past 10 years. Pat stated he will continue in this position and will add the Nathanael Greene Base to his area of responsibility. To date, Holland Club presentations are pending for Subvets Floyd Crisp, John Closson, Royce Simson, and J.B. Hudson. Pat requested assistance in expediting the presentation to Floyd Crisp. There has been a problem with the correct Subvet qualification dates as listed by National USSVI. In order to resolve this issue, a suggestion was made for Subvets to access the National web site and update their information.
2. John Rupertus announced a Walk for Autism fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC. John has a grandson with autism and asked for donations from Subvets present. A hat was passed around resulting in a total of \$100.00 collected for this worthy cause. Also, John, Base Commander of the Nathanael Greene Base, has scheduled their next meeting for Saturday, 2 October 2010 in Winston-Salem.
3. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning presented All Clear Editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek with the First Runner-up (Large Base) National Newsletter Award. All present congratulated Patch on a job well done.
4. Chaplain Bill read a letter from his interim pastor at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church concerning a visit by two Muslim women during the 09/12/10 Sunday morning service- next day after the 9th anniversary of 9/11/01. Even though Chaplain Bill and his wife were alarmed by the presence of these two women in their traditional dress, their purpose, as stated by the pastor, was an effort on their part to reach out to people of another faith.
5. Jim Myers announced he has a pick-up full of submarine/ military books donated by a German fellow. All were encouraged to take any they would like. Some books left will become door prizes during upcoming Base meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

1. Butterbean Dixon, Tarheel Base Vice Commander, attended a Coastal Carolina Base meeting in Wilmington this past Thursday evening. He observed good vibes from this base, even though they have low membership with eight members present at the meeting. Butterbean will push forward with an effort to encourage Subvets that reside in the Wilmington area to join the Coastal Carolina Base.

2. Tarheel Base Treasurer Spencer Combos reported the current base checking account balance at \$2,813. Tarheel Base has a total of 190 members with 55 of these listed as annual members. Also noted, between 40 - 45 have dual base memberships. Spencer urged Subvets to pay their dues for the next year and possibly pay up to five years in advance. As info, annual members pay \$30.00 per year (\$20.00 to National and \$10.00 to their Base). Life members only pay \$10.00 Base dues.
3. All Clear editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek covered a recent call he received from USSVI National Commander Michael Bircumshaw. The reason for the call was an offer extended to Patch to become editor of the American Submariner magazine. He declined the "job offer." Patch passed around copies of his Subvet business card that he will print at a cost of \$12.00 per 100. Webmaster Patch urged Subvets to visit the revised NC Subvets website. Submissions of ideas for improvement of the site are welcomed.
4. Tarheel Base Storekeeper Jim Wallace reported he has been in this position for two months and has had success in rounding up requested items. He has 2011 USSVI Subvet calendars for sale at \$10.00 each along with several other new "goodies."
5. Jim Myers announced he is stepping down from his position as COB for the Tarheel Base. Jim is now the Vice Commander of the Nathanael Greene Base. Tarheel Base Commander Jerry has appointed Jerry "Patch" Paciorek as the COB for the Tarheel Base.
6. Jerry Leppart, NC Subvets License Plate "guru," reported the existing bill is in "dry dock" with the next Legislative secession not scheduled until 26 January 2011. Rep. Gibson will be working on a new bill with the right verbiage. Jerry requested as many Subvets as possible to attend the next meeting of NC House Finance Committee as a means of voicing our support for this long overdue tag. The date of this meeting is forthcoming. Also, Jerry said a bill to put veteran's branch of service on their driver's license is in the works and hasn't been approved yet.
7. Chuck Jensen reported a total of 21 NC Subvets and wives were in attendance at the WWII/USSVI National Convention held in Ft Mitchell, KY. All present gave Dick Kanning an atta-boy for his award of District Commander of the Year. Dick Kanning stated the Drawbridge Inn did not afford ease of access for handicapped people and room rates were not divided out fairly. The use of a military/reunion/planners company by the Cincinnati Base was questioned as a possible source for added cost to attend the convention. Dick reported 23% of Subvets voted in the National Election and all amendments passed - including one for holding USSVI conventions every other year, on even years, starting in 2014. As info, Rochester, MN (home of the Mayo Clinic) will be the site for the 2013 National Convention. Also, Dick said John Kennedy with the Hampton Roads Base is in need of help planning the 2012 Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA.
8. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base Business meeting (held on 10 July 2010) as published in the All Clear. Motion was passed.
9. Parades:
  - a. Wilson Whirligig Festival will be held in Wilson for two days, 6-7 November with 30,000 to 50,000 expected to attend. Commander Jerry is the veterans' coordinator for the event and several veterans groups will be participating. Information will be published shortly detailing who will bring the parade submarine and torpedo trailer.
  - b. Asheboro Veterans Day Parade: Chuck Jensen will be in charge of plans for this annual parade held on Veterans Day (11 November).

- c. Veterans Day Parade: Per Jim Myers, a Veterans Day Parade will take place in Winston-Salem on Saturday, 13 November 2010.
  - d. High Point: Another parade in High Point was discussed with no decision for bases to participate.
10. Commander Jerry announced again his intention not to put his name in the hat for next year's Base Commander. Neither he nor election master Jim Davis have received any nominations to date. Jerry requested current Tarheel Base officers to e-mail him and inform him if they wish to continue to serve in their respective positions.
  11. The Kings Bay WWII Memorial meeting scheduled for the last week of October will go on as planned. After the untimely passing of John Crouse during the recent National Convention, the Kings Bay Base has stepped forward and will head up this meeting.
  12. Commander Jerry reported the annual NC Subvets Pearl Harbor meeting will be held at the Country Inn & Suites in Wilson on Saturday, 4 December 2010. Room rates and other info will be disseminated in due time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

##### WILMINGTON, NC MEMORIAL

Butterbean reported on plans to restore/ add benches around the S-28 Memorial by the Coastal Carolina Base. A fund in the amount of \$4,000 has been allocated for this project.

##### HOLLAND CLUB

Pat Collins made a motion that he combines the \$1.00 Holland Club donations collected from Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Base members and make one payment to National. Motion carried.

As a note, the cost of challenge coins presented to new Holland Club members will be collected from individual Bases.

##### NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Vice Commander Butterbean is in charge of finalizing the date for the next Tarheel Base business meeting - possibly on 16 October 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:58 PM and Jim Wallace won the 50/50 raffle totaling \$66.50.