

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the working meeting, 10 Subvets "answered the call to the noon meal" at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM with Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering the opening prayer. Jerry led the 20 Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Subvets introduced themselves by naming their qual boat, etc. Prospective new Base member Nelson Kick covered his interesting naval submarine career. Subvet Scott Powell was welcomed back to his second meeting of the Tarheel Base.

USS Cochino (SS-345) survivor Joe Morgan displayed a framed picture of him and his dad taken in front of the Cary, NC railroad station in 1930.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Pat Collins announced his decision to give up his position as Holland Club Coordinator for the Tarheel Base and continue on as the coordinator for the Nathanael Greene Base. Commander Jerry asked for a volunteer to replace Pat and Jim Davis stepped forward to take this important and rewarding job.
2. Pat Collins presented Manly B. Hudson with his Holland Club award, plaque, patch, and challenge coin.
3. As additional Holland Club info, Pat Collins, Bill Whelan, Butterbean Dixon, and Bill Lowe will travel to Durham, NC on Tuesday, 19 October 2010 to present Floyd A. Crisp with his Holland Club award.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

1. Butterbean Dixon, Tarheel Base Vice Commander, reported Base Storekeeper Jim Wallace has a total (to date) of 22 qualification year pins on order. Jim was absent during the meeting.
2. Tarheel Base Treasurer Spencer Combos reported the current base checking account balance at \$3,384.73. Tarheel Base has a total of 191 members with 31-35 having dual base membership. Again, Spencer urged Subvets to pay their dues!
3. All Clear editor Jerry "Patch" Paciorek urged Subvets to submit info/articles for the upcoming issue prior to the cutoff date next Wednesday. Patch reminded all present that Base Business Meeting Minutes for all NC Bases are listed on the website and soon Base Storekeeper advertisements will be added to the site.
4. Jerry Leppart - NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" read a letter from Representative Gibson in reference to the lack of a third reading of the license plate bill during the previous legislative session. Jerry requested Subvets in their vests to muster, in force, at next year's meeting of the NC House Finance Committee. The date and time for this meeting will be, hopefully, January 2011. Jerry stated he has 282 names for 407 plates on his list to date.

5. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base Business meeting (held on 18 September 2010) as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was passed with no corrections/deletions noted.
6. Kings Bay WWII Subvets Memorial Meeting is on go for 27 - 30 October 2010. Five Subvets indicated they plan on attending this important meeting that bestows a hearty THANK YOU for the service and sacrifices of our WWII submarine sailors.
7. Parades:
 - a. Wilson Whirligig Festival will be held in Wilson for two days, 6-7 November with hours of operation: 1000-1700 on Saturday, 6 Nov. and 1200-1700 on Sun. 7 Nov. Commander Jerry stated the parade submarine and torpedo trailer will be picked up and delivered to Wilson on 5 November. Jerry is soliciting help to be present to answer questions about the submarine and torpedo during this event.
 - b. Asheboro Veterans Day Parade - Chuck Jensen will be in charge of plans for this annual parade held on Veterans Day (11 November). Chuck was not present during the Base Meeting. Details covering time and place to form up will be forthcoming.
 - c. A Veterans Day Parade will take place in Winston-Salem on Saturday, 13 November 2010. Information on this parade will be disseminated soon.
 - d. The Wilson Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, 4 December. Plans are for Subvets participating in the parade to leave the Country Inn Motel at 1430, form up at 1500, and be ready for a start time of 1600. Parade will be an hour long and will allow sufficient time to return to the motel for the Pearl Harbor dinner at 1900.
8. 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. Registration forms are available on the NC Subvets website and are due back by 1 December 2010.
9. Nominations for Tarheel Base Officers for 2011:

Commander Jerry announced the following nominations:

- Base Commander: Gordon Banks
- Base Vice Commander: Bill (Butterbean) Dixon
- Base Treasurer: Spencer Combos
- Base Secretary: Bill Lowe

With no additional nominations for each office, Jerry announced the nominations closed and asked Base Secretary Bill Lowe to cast a vote to elect each Subvet to the office for which they were nominated. Tarheel Base Officers for 2011 will be sworn in during the Pearl Harbor meeting on 4 December 2010.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

The next Tarheel Base Business meeting will be held during the social at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner on Saturday, 4 December 2010.

KAPS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Commander Jerry has deferred any action on this matter to the new Base Commander.

VETERANS DAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Chaplain Bill covered a flag raising ceremony to be held at the Apex Middle School at 0745 on Wednesday, 10 November 2010. He stated veteran groups - like Subvets - have been invited to attend the ceremony. A list of names of those who would like be "present and accounted for" at that early hour needs to be turned into the school. A sign-up sheet was circulated around to collect Subvet participant names. Chaplain Bill will send out an e-mail with the complete details about this event.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS OR DISCUSSIONS

1. Vice Commander Butterbean made a motion to raise base dues to \$15.00 per year in order to be in step with other bases in NC. After some discussion, Commander Jerry tabled the motion until such time input could be obtained from more of our base members.
2. M.B. Hudson made a motion to have 10 base business cards printed for each member. This motion was tabled and agreement was reached for Jerry "Patch" Paciorek to print up some examples of generic base business cards.
3. M.B. Hudson covered his attendance at an Apex football game and the sloppy manner fans saluted during the playing of the National Anthem. He urged veterans to render a hand salute and tell people why veterans are allowed to hand salute verses hand over heart.
4. Chaplain Bill thanked the eight Subvets who attended the funeral for Subvet Ben Burnside in Southern Pines recently. A Book of Remembrance was presented to his family and they were most appreciative of the Subvets thoughtfulness.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1406 PM.