

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Working Meeting
Held at VFW Post #7383 in Cary, NC
02 April 2011**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the Base meeting, 18 Subvets "chowed" down for a 0830 breakfast at the Golden Corral in Cary.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 1002 with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer. Gordon led the 34 Subvets and 6 guests present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

COB Patch Paciorek and Treasurer Spencer Combos conducted a reading of the names and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost during the months of March and April.

INTRODUCTIONS:

All Subvets and guests introduced themselves with Subvets stating the name of their qualification boat. A hearty welcome was extended to the lady guests and to a first time Subvet attendee LCDR Dan Eddinger II. Dan retired from submarine service on 1 January 2011 and is joining the Tarheel Base today. A thank you was rendered to Paul Hiser for "steering" this Subvet our way. Julie Daw, a home schooling mom from Apex, was among the guests present. The scuttlebutt was that she came on a fact-finding mission to see what this group of Subvets was all about after her husband made contact with Vice Commander Butterbean during last month's St. Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis honored 2 Subvets with induction into the Holland Club. New members of this prestigious group are Allen Ashdown and John Crosson. Allen's wife and four members of John's family were present for the ceremony. Allen and his bride reside in Pinehurst, NC.

REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks reported on Tarheel Base participation in events during the past few weeks such as the UNC-TV Telephone Fund Raiser. Gordon commended the continued outstanding job performed by the slate of Base officers he inherited upon his appointment as Base Commander.
2. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon presented Henry Hagwood with the first Vice Commander's Award (shoulder patch) for his great job of handling various raffles and supplying refreshments during Base meetings. Butterbean suggested calls be made to Subvets that aren't present for Base meetings and other events. Also he made his usual appeal for recruitment of new members and emphasized the importance of obtaining the name and e-mail address of potential new members. Butterbean called for all to pay Base and/or National dues in a timely manner.

3. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on 05 February 2011. Minutes are recorded by Base Secretary Bill Lowe and published in the All Clear plus posted on the NC Subvets website.
4. Tarheel Base Treasurer and Record Keeper, Spencer Combos reported a Base checking account balance of \$4,400 at the end of the first quarter and a current balance of \$4,110. Tarheel Base membership stands at 172 with 2 listed as associate members. This total includes Dan Eddinger who joined today.
5. All Clear editor Patch Paciorek stated he had received a \$20 donation to the newsletter from Charles Stevenson. This money will be applied to the cost of mailing out 71 condensed copies (bulletins) of the All Clear. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning congratulated Patch on his appointment to the judging committee for the National Newsletter of the Year Award.
6. NC Subvets License Plate "Czar" Jerry Leppart covered the latest news on the "stagnation" in the North Carolina Legislature of the bill for the Subvet plate. The bill, S24, is still in the Senate Finance Committee's hands. Jerry plans on spending a considerable amount of his time down at the Legislature pushing this bill along as soon as he retires from his "second job". To date, he has a total of 300 names and 427 applications for the plate. Also, Jerry stated the bill that authorizes the DMV to include a veteran's branch of service on their driver's license is close to passing.
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace thanked the 23 Subvets and family members for volunteering to help with the UNC-TV Fund Drive held on 26 March. All who participated had an enjoyable time and a "repeat performance" will be planned before year's end. Also, Jim stated he has a list of requested "ship's store" items that are not in stock. He hopes to get these items in soon. Some qual date pins were passed out during the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Parades - 09 April 2011 - Azalea Festival in Wilmington - Info on this parade scheduled for next Saturday has been posted on the website and sent out via e-mails. Other upcoming parades are:
 - Monday, 30 May - Memorial Day- Thomasville- "Uncle Sam" will be riding on the sub.
 - Saturday, 02 July - Iredell County (Troutman)
 - Monday, 04 July - Faith 4th of July
2. 2011 NC Subvets Burnsville Memorial meeting is scheduled for 20-21 May 2011. A pre-registration form has been published in the 1st Quarter copy of the All Clear. In order to obtain the special room rate, reservations must be made by 02 May 2011 at the host motel - the Skyline Village Inn in Spruce Pine, NC.
3. Commander Gordon stated the two Subvets, Dave Campbell and Wayne Powell, who volunteered to head up the service projects committee, were not present. Gordon, along with Jerry Emerson and John Rupertus, covered a list of 9 possible projects for Base participation. The general consensus was in favor of a "hands on" project such as the Adopt a Highway Program. It would involve cleaning up litter on the sides of a section of highway four times a year and will afford public exposure of the NC Subvets name on road signs. Information on this project will be forthcoming. Also, it seems clear, participation in the UNC-TV Fund Raiser will continue as a Base project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Subvet Wolfgang Friedrich has agreed to be the Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator. He requested Base members to bring books and videos to the next meeting to share with fellow Subvets.
2. Commander Gordon reported MIA Table committeeman Scott Powell has procured most of the items for this display.
3. Gordon offered the following two motions for approval and both passed as read:

Motion – To amend Base Bylaws, ART. II – Dues, SEC. 1 to read:

“Annual Base dues will be \$15.00, effective 1 January 2012.”

“Members, as of 5 February 2011, who paid dues for future years will have such dues payments honored at the original amount.”

Motion – To amend Base Constitution, ART. VIII – Meetings to read:

SEC. 1. “The Base shall meet a minimum of four times per year. The Base Commander will strive to give reasonable advance notice to members.”

SEC. 2. “Members will be advised of meetings through the All Clear Newsletter and use of e-mail.”

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Jerry Emerson covered an upcoming event, Wings Over Wayne 2011, to take place at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro on Saturday, 16 April and Sunday, 17 April 2011. The Base parade submarine and torpedo will be part of a static display. Jerry requested Subvets assistance in manning this display to field questions. Patch will send out an e-mail with all the info on this event.
2. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning passed along a thank you from the family of WWII Subvet Jim Tobin to the NC Subvets who attended his memorial service on 05 March 2011.

Also, Dick stated \$800.00 was contributed by the Bases in District 1 for the COMSUBLANT Sailor of the Year Runners Up Fund. Dick displayed a plaque awarded to USSVI District 1 in recognition of this endeavor and read a letter of appreciation to the Tarheel and Nathanael Greene Bases for their monetary support of this worthy project.

SPEAKER:

Commander Gordon introduced the guest speaker for the meeting - CAPT Buddy Puryear, USN (Ret) from Wake Forest, NC. CAPT Puryear covered happenings during the final deployment of the USS Spadefish (SSN-668) under his command. All present enjoyed his presentation and he was invited to future Base meetings.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, 04 June 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 1158.

Duane Gow (lucky scoundrel) was the winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing in the amount of \$73.00.