

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting  
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC  
04 February 2012**

**Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe**

Prior to the Base meeting, 19 Subvets, 2 wives, 1 daughter, 1 son, and 1 guest enjoyed the morning meal at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM with Chaplain Bill Whelan rendering the opening prayer. Gordon led the 47 Tarheel Base Subvets present and their guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:**

COB Patch Paciorek and outgoing Base Treasurer Spencer Combos conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 10 US Navy submarines lost during the months of January and February - a total of 5 boats were lost during each of these two months during WWII.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commander Gordon asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they qualified, the name of their qualification boat, plus any other pertinent comments. First introductions were afforded to guests Ginny - Bill Wood's wife; Rebecca - Arv Klemp's daughter; and Chaplain Bill's guest Dr. James D. Crowther who was a Navy doctor at the Sub Base and the Coast Guard Academy up in Connecticut. Next were introductions by Subvets attending a Base meeting for the first time. All six WWII Subvets present were asked to stand and were honored for their service with a hearty round of applause by all in attendance.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

HOLLAND CLUB

Jim Davis, Holland Club Coordinator, inducted 3 Tarheel Base members into the Holland Club - Ted Hurley, Dick Kanning, and Bill Wood. Jim stated the Tarheel Base has a total of 82 Holland Club members. Every year, he solicits a \$1.00 donation from each Holland Club member to help pay for the Holland Club Breakfast held during the USSVI National Convention. Bottom line - pay Jim your \$1.00!!

REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks covered the \$185.00 price-tag for a full page ad in the 2012 National Convention program. If each of the 7 Bases in SE District 1 contributes \$30.00 for this District ad, the cost would be covered. Motion was made and duly passed for the Tarheel Base to pay the \$30.00 toward this ad. After a lengthy discussion and tabling of a motion, the hat was passed for donations to cover the Tarheel Base's part toward another full page ad sponsored by the NC Subvets in the 2012 Norfolk National Convention program. A total of \$84.00 was collected and will more than cover the Tarheel Base's obligation. Also, Gordon read a letter of appreciation from National thanking the Base for a \$300.00 contribution to the USSVI Scholarship Fund.
2. Base Vice Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon continued to urge members to recruit - recruit - recruit!! Also, he stated year 2013 dues are due and need to be paid ASAP. Butterbean suggested that help could be rendered to the Base Treasurer by including a note on your check as to what the amount of the check covers.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on October 1, 2011 as published in the *ALL CLEAR* and posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.
4. Outgoing Tarheel Base Treasurer and Record Keeper Spencer Combos reported a checking account balance of \$4,761.94 as of December 31, 2011. Spencer is working with incoming Base Treasurer Dave Campbell on turnover of the "books" and the task is 80% complete. To date, 1 Base member hasn't paid his National dues and 3-4 haven't paid their Base dues for 2012. The Tarheel Base has 169 regular and 2 associate members. As an added note, the Tarheel Base checking account balance stood at \$4,801.89 on January 30, 2012.

5. COB / *ALL CLEAR* editor Patch Paciorek has set a deadline of Tuesday February 7, 2012 for submitting items for the next issue of the *ALL CLEAR* and has already received a lot of material to date. Jerry urged all Base members to visit the NC Subvets website where he does a post of the minutes for 4 out of the 5 NC Bases. Due to a space restraint, the minutes of the current Base meeting will not be in the upcoming issue of the *ALL CLEAR*, but will be posted on the website soon.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace had several new items in stock including various patches and (6) 2012 USSVI calendars.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Parades - Jerry Leppart covered the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade scheduled for 12 noon on Saturday, March 17, 2012 in downtown Raleigh. The submarine and torpedo floats have been officially registered for participation in this parade. Chuck Jensen covered a St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 18, 2012 in Nags Head (first time for Subvets in this parade). N.C. Subvets were urged to participate in these two parades with info on both posted on the website. Chuck also listed places and dates for other North Carolina parades scheduled for year 2012; 1- Azalea Festival - Wilmington - Saturday, April 14; 2- Memorial Day - Thomasville - Monday, May 28; 3- Troutman 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Saturday, June 30; 4- Faith 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Wednesday, July 4; 5- Newton Old Soldier's Parade - Thursday, August 23; 6- Asheboro Veteran's Day - Sunday, November 11.
2. Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich continues to do a fine job with his extensive "library" set up on a table during the Base meeting.
3. Service Projects
  - Wayne Powell thanked all for the \$160.00 and items collected for the Military Missions in Action Program during the last Base meeting. Wayne took the cash donation to Ft. Bragg and purchased items for the MMIA "back pack" program for front line troops. It was noted that MMIA has recently experienced a turnover in their staff.
  - Jim Wallace thanked the 11 Subvets plus family members along with the Boy Scouts that helped with the second Adopt- A-Spot Project event on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Bond Park in Cary. All had "fun" spreading mulch on areas of the ropes course. Jim stated two more Bond Park work days are on the calendar - March 10<sup>th</sup> - painting the entrances and April 21<sup>st</sup> - a continuing mulching detail. Two Subvets signs are now posted in Bond Park - one at the entrance to the ropes course and one near the boathouse. Jim also covered the Volunteer Support for UNC-TV Program scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Last year 24 Subvets and family members participated in this event. A minimum of 20 people are needed in order to qualify for two 20 second on-air spots to promote the NC Subvets organization. Patch Paciorek will be posting info on this project via the website and e-mail shortly. Wear your vests to this event since you could be "on TV."

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jim Myers went over the list of NC Subvets quarterly meetings planned or being planned for 2012. The first meeting will be held by the Coastal Carolina Base in Wilmington aboard the Battleship North Carolina on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after the Azalea Festival Parade. The next meeting will be hosted by the Carolina Piedmont Base in Burnsville/ Spruce Pine (site of the Chief Flowers / NC Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain Rd.) on May 18-19. Information for these two quarterly meetings can be found on the NC Subvets website. Two other meetings are in the works - one in Elizabeth City, NC and the Pearl Harbor meeting in Clemmons, NC.
2. Bob (Hoppy) Hopkins extended an invite for all Subvets to attend a get-together on March 31, 2012 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway titled - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans. The event is sponsored by the USO and the Broadcasters of North Carolina.

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

1. SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning displayed a large magnetic copy of the patch for the 2012 National Convention. He said the patch may be redesigned because the "Hot, Straight, and Normal" gal riding the "fish" isn't wearing a "politically correct" outfit! GEE! Maybe the nice patch will be approved, without any changes, since Dick is serving on the National Convention Planning committee.

2. Newly appointed Reservations Desk Czar Jerry (Spots) Leppart covered the three two man teams set up to man the Reservation Desk for the Tarheel Base on Thursday, September 6, 2012 during the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk, VA. He has a list of several Subvets that will be available at various times during the day to fill in as needed.
3. John Cunningham displayed an August 1950 edition of the All Hands magazine. He wanted to give the magazine away and it was suggested that he pass it on to the Base Historian, Charlie Cross. This magazine is now part of the Base archives.

**SPEAKER:**

Commander Gordon announced the scheduled speaker, Jim Kinney Capt. USN (Ret), had to cancel his talk due to the death of his mother-in-law in Minnesota. He has been rescheduled for the June Base meeting. In lieu of a speaker, Gordon opened the floor for funny sea stories. Several Subvets stepped forward to tell about "happenings" during their naval careers. A sampling follows: Dave Campbell - Dummy in chain locker aboard a SRV and sub deep dive streakier; Scott Powell - Seasick officer and oysters plus hand in the drawer from behind panel; Ted Hurley - Shark attacks box of garbage; Ray Kilduff - Pigs in motel room and placed in trunk of a car; Wayne Powell - New doctor aboard - freezing his bunk and calls on the growler; Dick Kanning - Midshipmen sent on searches for sky hooks and relative bearing grease; Butterbean Dixon - spent 5 hours looking for a Fallopian tube; Patch - Geek Officer of the Boat (GOOB); Jim Wallace - Duty cook and secret bug juice. Even Arv Klemp's daughter, Rebecca, got "in the act" by telling that, as a little girl (Navy brat), she was afraid her daddy's submarine could possibly turn over after watching the movie Poseidon Adventure.

**BENEDICTION:**

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with travelling graces.

**NEXT BASE MEETING:**

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Lucky Joe Clark was the winner of the \$81.00 prize. Joe, being the generous fellow that he is, donated \$41.00 of his winnings to the Tarheel Base Holland Club Fund. Thanks Joe!

**TARHEEL BASE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Submitted by Outgoing Base Treasurer Spencer Combos**

Membership is currently 166 regular and 2 associate members = 168

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2011	\$ 4,225.22
Receipts	\$ 4,897.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 4,360.28</u>
Ending Balance 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2011	\$ 4,761.94

The Tar Heel Base financials are in good order. This will be my last report as your Treasurer. It has been a pleasure serving a great organization and a fine group of shipmates! This position is best served by a shipmate who is in retirement full time.

The turnover process is complete and Dave Campbell is our new Base Treasurer for 2012. Please update your base records to reflect this information and note Dave's contact information below:

Only outstanding item is the 2011 EOY report that needs to be filed to National USSVI by April 01, 2012. Action item for Dave and I to perform in the next month.

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