

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC
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Prior to the Base meeting, 8 Subvets had breakfast chow at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Gordon Banks called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the invocation. Gordon led the 26 Tarheel Base Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

COB Patch Paciorek and Base Treasurer Dave Campbell conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 11 US Navy submarines lost, over the years, during the months of May and June. 4 in May and 7 in June.

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. The first introductions were afforded to the six WWII Subvets present who were each honored for their service with a hearty round of applause by all in attendance. All welcomed first time Base meeting attendees Dick Vopelak, Martin Kirwan, and Jim Kinney.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB None.

Arv Klemp arrived late to raise our attendance to 27 Subvets ... and he claimed that he was at the meeting to take notes as Secretary for the AWOL Bill Lowe.

REPORTS

1. Base Commander Gordon Banks announced that the newest USSVI base would be added to our roster on June 5th as the USS Asheville Base has their first meeting.
2. Base Vice Commander Bill "Butterbean" Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on April 7, 2012 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.
3. Base Treasurer Dave Campbell reported that our base membership was now at 171 (169 regular and 2 associate members) and offered the following:
 - Full operations at PNC Bank are now established. Expect delays of at least five-seven days for electronic payment-issuing the check. This process has been used once to date with PNC and it appears to working fine
 - The only problem is that all the previous names and addresses established with RBC are not in this bank's database and will have to be entered by the Treasurer at that time of initiating electronic payment
 - The base checking account:

➤ Balance at the beginning of the quarter	\$5083.24
➤ Receipts:	\$ 188.50
➤ Disbursements:	\$ 310.75
➤ Ending Balance:	\$4960.99
Overall cash flow status:	-\$ 122.25
4. COB / *ALL CLEAR* editor Patch Paciorek claimed all was running straight and normal.
5. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace presented the opportunity to purchase coffee mugs which stated "I love the smell of diesel in the morning" and "Diesel Boats Forever."

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parades:

- The Azalea Festival Parade was held in Wilmington on April 14
- The Thomasville Memorial Day Parade was held on May 28

2. The First Quarter NC Subvets Meeting was held in Wilmington on April 14 following the Azalea Festival Parade.

3. The annual Burnsville meeting was held May 18 and 19.

4. Tarheel Base Book and Video Exchange Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich made a call for new materials to keep the inventory fresh.

5. Chuck Jensen offered a reminder concerning the NC Subvets being the Grand Marshall on June 30th for the Independence Celebration Parade in Troutman.

6. Service Projects

- Jim Wallace the conclusion of the Adopt-A-Spot commitment at Bond Park in Cary. He voiced his appreciation for the ~14 Tarheel Base members who supported the projects that were completed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Base Officers: Since our Election Master Jim Davis was not able to attend the meeting, Gordon briefed the details of the upcoming elections to the attendees. The same election process that was used last year will be implemented this year with voting completed by the end of October.

2. Chuck Jensen highlighted the fact that the USSVI National Election started online yesterday and the ballot will be included in the *American Submariner* magazine. Chuck included a reminder that our current South East Region Director Bill Andrea and our current SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning are on the ballot.

SPEAKER:

Commander Gordon introduced the guest speaker – Jim Kinney, one of our Tarheel Base members who lives in Durham, and teaches a course at Duke University named “*Unusual Submersibles*.”

Jim has taught that this course four times and he briefly highlighted the support he has received from other submariners and offered any submariner interested in participating in these courses the opportunity to do so.

Jim’s presentation included some of the course information, going “way back:”

- Turtle: Designed by David Bushnell was the first American submarine authorized by the Continental Army in 1775. It made the first attack on an enemy ship, the HMS Eagle, September 7, 1776. It was unable to attach a bomb to the hull but did escape
- In 1797, Robert Fulton offered to build a submarine for the French to use against the British. The Nautilus was completed in 1800 and attempts to attack British ships failed because the sub was observed by the target and simply moved out of the way
- In 1853, Wilhelm Bauer built a 52 foot submarine for Russia which was used during the Coronation of Tsar Alexander the II which carried a brass band which could be heard from the shore while the sub was submerged
- In 1863, the confederacy built its first submarine and after two unsuccessful prototypes built the CSS H. L. Hunley. In 1864, the Hunley became the first submarine to attack and sink an enemy ship, the USS Housatonic February 17, 1864. The Hunley swamped and sank while leaving the scene of battle
- In 1897, John Holland designed and built the first gas powered submarine
- In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first president to ride a submerged submarine, the A-1 USS Plunger, and was so impressed with hazard and hardship that he instituted submarine pay
- Many unusual submarines were developed. The British K class was steam power with 3 screws and 10 boilers. The German cargo submarine used in WWI was used to run the Allied blockade and was named the Deutschland. The British built the M-1 sub which featured a 12” naval rifle and the M-2

aircraft carrier which sank when the hanger door was opened before the sub was fully surfaced. The US S-1C class which had an aircraft hangar. The Japanese I-class, also had an aircraft hangar, and the I-400 carried two planes and was used to bomb the US mainland. Also built were submarine cruisers that carried two 8" guns

- The next big development was the Albacore hull in 1956 which was for submarines that spend the majority of their time at sea submerged
- A question and answer period followed his presentation

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Reservation Desk Czar Jerry "Spots" Leppart listed the remaining manning needs for the Reservation Desk during the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk, VA. He still needs Subvets to fill slots for Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8, 2012.
2. Base Commander Gordon offered some statistics from recent USSVI national elections:
 - 2010 - 23% of USSVI members voted.
 - 2010 - 24% of Tarheel Base members voted.
 - 2011 - 42% of Tarheel Base members voted!

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with thoughts for Ed and Pauline Stank and by offering up a prayer for safe travel home.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood was not present and a 50/50 raffle drawing was not conducted.