

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the Base meeting, 12 Subvets and 1 wife had morning chow at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM. Scott Powell almost missed the last call to the morning meal.

Tarheel Base Vice Commander Bill "Butterbean" Dixon called the meeting to order promptly, at 10:00 AM with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer and asking all to remember Ed Stank in their thoughts and prayers upon the passing of his beloved wife Pauline this past Tuesday afternoon. John Cunningham led the 27 Subvets and one spouse present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Jim Davis and Bill Lowe conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 9 US Navy submarines lost over the years, during the months of July and August. 3 in July and 6 in August.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Vice Commander Butterbean asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they completed quals, the name of their qualification boat, plus any other pertinent comments. The first introduction was afforded to first time base meeting attendee, Dan Lafiette, who ended his submarine duty in 1998 after 13 years of service. The next introductions came from six WWII Subvets present followed by a hearty round of applause for this group from the "Greatest Generation."

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis stated he has rocker patches for Holland Club members that qualified in 1957 or earlier. He passed some out at breakfast prior to the meeting. Jim also covered this past year's collection of funds for the Holland Club. He turned in a total of \$80.00 a couple of weeks ago. There are 61 Holland Club members who are primary members of the Tarheel Base and they are asked to contribute \$1.00 each year to this fund. Of the \$80.00 contributed, \$67.00 came from 4 Subvets and that included a \$42.00 donation from Joe Clark. Jim urged all Holland Club members to pay the dollar each year. As stated previously, these monies are used to pay for the Holland Club breakfast held during the USSVI National Conventions.
2. Tarheel Base Library Coordinator Wolfgang Friedrich brought forth the idea of raising some funds by selling non-sub related books. These funds would be used to purchase new books for the library. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for Wolfgang to proceed with this endeavor.

REPORTS

1. Since Base Commander Gordon Banks could not be present, the floor was turned over to Chaplain Bill Whelan to read a note from Gordon covering his treatment schedule for non-Hodgkins T-Cell Lymphoma. As part of, or side effect of his treatment, there will be a 100 day - no visitor period - starting in September. Gordon stated he will miss all the Subvets during the following months and will not be able to attend the October Base meeting or the December Pearl Harbor meeting. After Chaplain Bill covered Gordon's note, Scott Powell informed the group that he is undergoing the same treatment as Gordon. As plans unfold, Gordon and Scott may be at Duke Hospital for stem cell treatment at the same time.
2. Following Chaplain Bill, SE District 1 Commander Dick Kanning asked for a show of hands of the Subvets present that had not voted in the USSVI National election. Up went 5 or 6 hands. Dick urged all to vote!! Paper copies of the ballot were distributed to those that had not voted. Presently, a paltry 24% of the Tarheel Base members have cast ballots in this election. Dick is running unopposed for SE Regional Director and Steve Bell is running for SE District 1 Commander. Dick stated the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk is scheduled to kick off in about 4 weeks. The torpedo float will be going to Norfolk and will be on display in the valet parking area. Jim Myers will be transporting the torpedo float. John

Cunningham passed the hat to take up fuel money for Jim and a total of \$151.00 was collected. Chuck Jensen noted that WWII Subvet Don Small had made a \$100.00 contribution to the torpedo trailer maintenance fund. In addition, Dick announced the awarding of a \$950.00 USSVI scholarship to Bob Werner's granddaughter Stephanie L. Everard. This is the 5th year that she has received this particular scholarship. To top it off, Bob's grandson, Robert D. Everard, won the Joe Henry Senft Memorial Scholarship Award - \$4,000.00/\$1,000.00 per year. Bob wanted to be present for the base meeting but is on his way to Michigan for a memorial service for his wife Joyce.

3. Base Vice Commander Bill "Butterbean" Dixon called for Subvets to submit names of people that would be willing to be guest speakers during base meetings. During this discussion, a couple comments/suggestions were voiced - the topic of the speaker should be submarine related and keep politics out of the talk.
4. Base Secretary Bill Lowe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on June 2, 2012 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.
5. In the absence of Base Treasurer Dave Campbell, Bill Lowe covered the treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2012 was \$4,761.94, receipts totaled \$2,431.78, disbursements and commitments were \$2,336.12, and ending balance as of July 31, 2012 was \$4,857.60. Currently Tarheel Base membership is comprised of 169 regular and 2 associate members.
6. COB / *ALL CLEAR* Editor Patch Paciorek was not in attendance. Rumor has it, he is up in Yankeeville searching for a new "adult beverage."
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace passed around his storekeeper catalog and asked Subvets to list any non-stocked items they would like him to order. Also, Jim thanked Jerry Leppart for the suggestion to order the diesel boats forever coffee mugs. As it stands, Jim will not have any of these coffee mugs to carry home!

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Service Projects:

- Wayne Powell was not present to report on the Military Missions In Action Project.
- Adopt-A-Spot Project - Jim Wallace thanked all who participated in the projects at Bond Park this past year and also for completing the survey. Highlights of the survey: Saturday morning was the preferred time slot and the mulching detail was the leading work detail choice. As info, the Subvets group must be involved in 4 Bond Park projects per year in order to maintain the two Subvets signs displayed in the park.
- The UNC-TV Fund Drive Project will be scheduled for March 2013.

2. Upcoming Parades:

- Newton Old Soldier's Parade on Thursday, August 16, 2012.
- New addition to parade list: Veteran's Day Parade in Lexington, NC on Saturday, November 10, 2012 with barbeque meal to follow after the parade.
- Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, November 11, 2012.
- Per Chuck Jensen, info on the parades will be posted on the NC Subvets website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Base Officers: Election Master Jim Davis stated nominations for base officers will close in October and then balloting will take place. Butterbean Dixon will be running for Base Commander and John Cunningham for Vice Commander.
2. Dick Kanning made a motion that the Tarheel Base make a one-time donation of \$500.00 to the USSVI Scholarship Fund in memory of Bob Werner's wife Joyce. Motion was tabled for further consideration.

SPEAKER:

No speaker was scheduled for this base meeting

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Reservation Desk Czar Jerry "Spots" Leppart is in need of someone to step forward and fill Gordon Bank's Thursday, 3:00 PM slot at the Reservation Desk during the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk, VA. He has a list of Subvets that stated they may be available to help out if event scheduling permitted.
2. Subvet John Link covered an event that was brought to his attention by a lady during breakfast this AM at the Golden Corral. She extended an invitation to Subvets to attend a meeting at the Waltonwood - Cary Parkway Nursing Home on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Subvets would be meeting with vets that are in residence at this nursing home - some of them are inflicted with the Alzheimer's disease.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting by reciting the WWII Subvets Chapter prayer.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Gary Lew was the big winner of \$51.00.