

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

**Submitted by Temporary Base Secretary Jerry Leppart**

Note: Jerry L standing in for Bill Lowe as Secretary...he's an ICman, not a Yeoman so here goes;

Secretary Lowe's Mom fell and broke her wrist so Bill was in TN. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Current TB Cmdr. Gordon B at home getting his strength back...sorely missed his now skinny frame.

Prior to the Base meeting, 10 Subvets had morning chow at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

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....28 Subvets were present along with Guest Speaker, Capt. Douglas Wright.

**TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:**

Treasurer Dave Campbell and COB Jerry Paciorek conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost over the years, during the months of September. and October.

**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.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

REPORTS

1. Newly appointed District SED1 Commander spoke to the group and said he was "Here to Serve."
2. Region Director Southeast Dick Kanning reported that SED1 was the best in the USSVI voting. Also SED1 received the most Awards (6 of 12 Robert Link Awards went to NC Subvets and Newsletter of the Year), AGAIN. A Golden Anchor award went to Coastal Carolina and VA Haddo Bases. He presented Appreciation Plaques for their involvement in the Convention to Steve Bell (CP Base), the CP Base Subvette Ladies and Butterbean (Tarheel Base). Also presented Steve Bell, Butterbean, Jerry Paciorek and Jerry Leppart with Regional Director Challenge Coin recognition. Jerry Leppart also received a "Convention BZ" Challenge Coin for bird-dogging volunteers for the Registration Desk at the Convention. He also floated the idea of Coastal Carolina or any NC Base to join the BB55 association and vice versa.
3. Vice Commander Dixon called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting, held 4 August, 2012 as posted on the NC Subvets' website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed. He also read a letter of appreciation from District SED2 Commander Paul Viering for the support of Ed Stank and spouse Pauline during Pauline's extended hospitalization.
4. Base Treasurer Dave Campbell reported The Treasurers Report for the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting...

Tarheel Base Membership:

- Base Membership – 171
- Regular Members – 169
- Associate Members – 2

Tarheel Base Checking Account

Beginning Balance CY 2012:	\$4761.94
Receipts:	\$2740.06
Disbursements & Commitments:	\$1482.75
Ending Balance Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 2012	\$6059.25
Overall cash flow status	\$1297.31

Our Treasurer also reported:

- Base and National Dues for 2013 are “Due”
- \$550 of National Convention seed money provided by Tarheel Base has been returned
- USSVI dB indicates 38 Tarheel Members owe National Dues and 130 owe Base dues

5. 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. He has 12 Diesel Boat mugs left ... GREAT for the coffee or hot chocolate on these coming cold mornings.

#### **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. 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. He announced two dates of Saturday, 20 October 2012 and Saturday, 01 December 2012. There will be two dates announced in the future for 2013.
- The UNC-TV Fund Drive Project will be scheduled for March 2013.

2. Upcoming Parades:

- New addition to parade list: Veteran's Day Parade in Lexington, NC on Saturday, 10 November 2012 with a barbeque meal to follow after the parade.
- Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, 11 November 2012.
- Per Chuck Jensen, information and maps 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 at the adjournment of this meeting. Ballots will be coming shortly. Butterbean Dixon will be running for Base Commander and John Cunningham for Vice Commander ... other offices have no challengers.
2. Dick Kanning's previous motion (from our August meeting) 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, was changed to \$400.00 by Dick. Discussion ensued but the new figure was defeated. A new motion was made in the amount of \$200.00 which passed.
3. It was reported that there was a balance \$568.00 from the \$\$\$ collected for Jim Myers to haul the Torpedo Float to the Convention. There is also \$370.00 in the Trailer Maintenance fund. It was voted and approved to hold the balance(s) for the 2014 parade in Washington, DC as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USSVI. (I have the letter from Steve Bell on this).
4. A \$100.00 Sailor of the Year (SOY) award was voted and approved.
5. Changes affecting the Qualification of Associate Members was discussed, voted and approved ... Changes will be made to the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws (C&B).
6. The hat was passed for the Carolina Autism Walk ... information on this event is posted on the NC Subvets' website ... \$140.00 was collected and given to Steve Bell.
7. Other:
  - Kaps for Kids .... Bill Lowe to run with this
  - Eagle Scout Program ... Dave Campbell to run with this
  - Boat Sponsor Program ... Butterbean to run with this
  - Tarheel Base Elections ... Jim Davis to run with this

**SPEAKER:**

Due to much discussion on topics that took time, Capt. Wright has graciously agreed to reschedule his presentation to our April 2013 meeting. Kudos to the Captain!

**OPEN FLOOR:**

1. Clif Snow has 8 DVD's on the TV Series of the late 50's & early 60's. All come in a protective media case. He can make copies of the entire set for \$20.00 / set. He's done a GREAT job on this. Contact Clif if you're interested at snow613@msn.com.
2. Jerry "Spots" Leppart reported that Legislative House Bill 159 (HB159) did pass last year when our Subvet plate passed. This is the Bill that will put your Military Designation (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, and "shallow water" Coast Guard on your Driver's license. NCDMV is in the process of design of the next generation of NC Drivers Licenses which more than likely won't appear before next year. An applicant for a new license when they become available, MUST produce a copy of his / her DD214. Jerry will keep an eye on this. If you wish to read the Bill, you can Google NC House Bill 159.
3. Chuck Jensen spoke about raising \$\$\$ for the "Carolina Field of Honor, Remembrance Brick Program" at Triad Park. He's inquiring as to the particulars.
4. No raffle was held as Raffle Czar Hagwood was not in attendance.

**BENEDICTION:**

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting @ 11:40 AM

**NEXT BASE MEETING:**

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, 04 February 2013 ... there will be no Tarheel Base meeting in December 2012 as this is when the Pearl Harbor will occur in Clemmons, NC. Please contact Jim Myers (sublobo@triad.rr.com) if you plan to attend.