

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC
01 June 2013**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Prior to the Base meeting, 16 Subvets and 1 "first mate" chowed down on breakfast at the Golden Corral in Cary at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Bill "Butterbean" Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM prompt with Chaplain Bill Whelan offering the opening prayer by reading from the Holy Bible, Revelations, Chapter 21 Verse 1. Commander Dixon led the 33 Subvets and 1 wife present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commander Butterbean asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they earned their dolphins, the name of their qualification boat, plus any other pertinent comments. First, introductions were afforded to the 5 WWII Subvets present followed by a hearty round of applause for this group from "the greatest generation."

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Patch Paciorek and Jim Davis conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, and tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the 11 US Navy submarines lost during the months of May and June - 4 in May and 7 in June.

SPEAKER - RADM Steve Glass:

Subject: Snap-Shot of the Future

Past Base Commander Gordon Banks introduced the speaker, retired RADM Steve Glass. He served in the JAG Corps, length of service was from 1967 to 1997, was an Eagle Scout, serves on the BB-55 commission, and is involved in the Wounded Warriors Program.

RADM Glass talked about the veterans that have served our country and the problems these servicemen and women are encountering, both physical and mental, upon their return from combat. He recommended participation in the Wounded Warriors Program as a means to lend a helping hand to these veterans.

RADM listed future concerns for America:

1. U.S. doesn't know what to do about Syria! The Russians are back and are possibly planning on arming Syria with their S-300 anti-aircraft missile system.
2. U.S. superpower status will be questionable in 10 years if the current military drawdown continues. Due to the sequestration debacle, the cost to the military could be 50 billion dollars after 10 years. It's all about dollars and nonsense.
3. The Chinese are and will be the largest threat in the Pacific theater and also in the western hemisphere. As the Japanese did with their empire building in the Pacific during WWII, the Chinese are after natural resources in areas in South America through friendship techniques.
4. The greatest threat to the U.S. from China is their cyber warfare- hacking into our computer systems!!

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis inducted two Subvets into the Holland Club - Martin Kerwin and Fenton Wells. Jim stated the Tarheel Base has a total of 91 Holland Club members. The cost to the Base for each induction is \$7.00 and voluntary contributions aren't covering this bill. Therefore, Jim made a motion to have the Base part of the 50/50 raffle money go toward funding the Holland Club expenses with

any excess going into the Base general fund. The motion was seconded and approved. As of note, donations to the Holland Club during the meeting totaled \$101.00.

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean in an unprecedented move, did not have any comments!!
2. Base Vice Commander John Cunningham was not in attendance.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on April 6, 2013 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.
4. In the absence of Base Treasurer Dave Campbell who had to depart to attend 3 Eagle Scout presentations in Goldsboro, Bill Lowe covered the treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2013 was \$7,133.48, receipts totaled \$2,235.03, disbursements and commitments were \$1,965.65, and ending balance of \$7,405.86 with overall cash flow status of + \$269.38. Currently Tarheel Base membership stands at 157 regular and 2 associate members.
5. COB/ All Clear Editor Patch Paciorek covered a problem with All Clear mailings. Two have been returned due to the Subvets moving with no forwarding address. Patch urged all Subvets to keep their info up to date and, if an update is needed, contact Patch or Dave Campbell. A total of 31 mail-outs of the All Clear are currently done by Patch. The next issue of the All Clear will be available in mid-July and inputs are still solicited.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer, Jim Wallace was not present. Commander Butterbean passed along a thank-you from Jim to the Subvets that participated in the two recent Adopt-A-Spot work details at Bond Park - spreading mulch and policing the pine cones and sweet gum balls from the ropes course.
7. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning was not in attendance.
8. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers was not present. Gone fishing???

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Service Projects - Wayne Powell was not present to report on the Military Missions In Action Project.
2. Report on Upcoming Parades etc:
 - Saturday, June 8: Fly-in at the Asheboro Airport. Volunteers are needed to man the static display of the sub and torpedo floats. Per Chuck Jensen, let him know if you can help out and he will add your name to the list of volunteers. That way you will not have to pay to park at the event.
 - Saturday, June 29th: Iredell County 4th of July Parade in Troutman, NC.
 - Thursday, July 4th Parade in Faith, NC.
 - Thursday, August 15th: Old Soldiers Parade in Newton, NC.
 - According to Chuck, e-mail info will be forthcoming on these parades. Also, Chuck said plans for participation in the 4th of July Parade in Southport, NC are in the works for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commander Butterbean announced he has volunteered the Tarheel Base to host the S.E. Regional Subvets meeting in Raleigh during the second week of April next year. Details are to follow.
2. Butterbean extended an invitation to RADM Glass to join the NC Subvets during the annual Pearl Harbor Dinner to be held in Raleigh on Saturday, December 7th.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Gene Rutter stated he has been approached by the widows of two Subvets that recently went on their Eternal Patrols. The ladies are wondering what to do with their husband's collection of submarine

memorabilia. One suggestion was to contact the Submarine Museum in St. Mary's, GA to see if they have any room for the material. Tarheel Base Librarian Wolfgang Friedrich said he would gladly take any books and add them to the Base "Library."

2. Chaplain Bill thanked the 9 Subvets that tended the lines for his neighbor, Subvet Chuck Evans, this past Thursday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cary. Chief Hospital Corpsman Chuck was the COB on Scamp SSN-588.
3. Jerry Leppart said the bill to add your branch of service to your driver's license has passed but implementation is very slow coming.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill closed the meeting by rendering travelling graces.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2013 and our guest speaker will be CAPT Gary Davis USN (Ret)

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:38 AM

Raffle Co-Czar Jerry Leppart conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Gene Rutter was the big winner, again, of \$84.00.