

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC
01 February 2014**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before start of the Base meeting, 13 "chow hound" Subvets gathered 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 and Chaplain Bill Whelan rendered the opening prayer. Vice Commander John Cunningham lead the 26 Subvets and one guest present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commander Butterbean asked all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves with the usual pertinent comments. First introductions were afforded to the three WWII Subvet in attendance – Joe Clark, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. All welcomed former Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson along with his first mate, Peggy; permanently back from their "Bed & Breakfast" assignment in Philadelphia, PA.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Patch Paciorek and Dave Campbell conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss, along with a great slide presentation, and followed by tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the 10 US Navy submarines lost during the months of January and February- 5 in January and 5 in February.

SPEAKER - Retired CDR Dave Campbell

Subject- Basic Deep Submergence Operations

Dave covered, via slides and videos, the different deep submergence vehicles and their various uses from salvage operations, H-bomb recovery, and ocean floor mapping. He went over the operations of the NR-1 and support ship, USS Tringa (ASR-16). All thanked Dave for his very interesting presentation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. In the absence of Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis, Gordon Banks presented Holland Club membership to Subvets Harold (Butterbean) William Dixon. Jr., Joseph (Joe) W. Goarck, Girard (Gary) T. Lew, and Alvin Wayne Powell.

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean made his plea for Subvets to pay their dues and he stated he isn't going to call the dinks any more - i.e., 5 reminder calls to some folks is enough!! Also, Butterbean covered the following items:
 - A. The next Tarheel Base meeting on April 5, 2014 will be brief with no speaker scheduled.
 - B. The S.E. Regional meeting planned for Monday April 7 through Friday April 11, 2014 in Cary, NC is coming together.
 - C. Butterbean announced he will not run for Base Commander next year and is soliciting someone to step forward and take his place.
 - D. No one is heading up the Kaps-For-Kids Program for the Tarheel Base. Butterbean stated the Carolina-Piedmont and Nathaniel Bases have very good Kaps-For-Kids Programs in place. He suggested any Subvets that want to support this worthwhile project should make donations to these Bases for this program.

2. Base Vice Commander John Cunningham had no comment other than “the job he has done as Base Vice Commander”.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on October 5, 2013 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as distributed.
4. Base Treasurer Dave Campbell covered the treasurer’s report. Beginning balance CY 2013 was \$7,133.48, receipts totaled \$8,713.64, disbursements & commitments were \$5,415.17, and ending balance of \$10,431.95 with overall cash flow status of + \$3,298.47. These figures include the newly developed Tarheel Base Events account. This Base account received a transfer of \$1,735 from the Charleston Base responsible for last year’s SE Regional Convention. Overview of this account is: Receipts - Beginning balance: \$1,735; Receipts from Pearl Harbor dinner registration fund raising: \$2,461.00; Total receipts: \$4,196.00; Debit: Cost of event account startup including checks: \$37.39; Debit: Pearl Harbor dinner final bill: \$2,248.30; Total debits: \$2,321.69; Ending balance” \$1,874.31. Dave noted “seed money” will be passed along to the Base hosting next year’s SE Regional Convention. Currently Tarheel Base membership stands at 148 regular and 2 associate members.
5. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek is soliciting inputs for the next publication of the *All Clear* and needs them by this coming Friday, February 7, 2014. Patch thanked all the Subvets that have sent him items for the *All Clear*.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer, Jim Wallace passed around his book of items in his inventory. Jim stated he has 5 caps with Tarheel Base on the back for sale at \$5.00 each. The National Storekeeper donated the caps to the Base due to an error on the front of them - no US Submariner on it!! Also, Jim would like to sell the remainder stock of 2014 USSVI calendars at a \$10.00 bargain price today! Jim gave an update on the Cary Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project. The last work event back in November 2013 was rained out and the Base still needs to do 4 projects at the Park during 2014. This is the requirement in order to maintain the two Subvets signs in the Park. Gold and silver dolphins have been added to these signs. As a note, the Cary Veterans Memorial Revitalization Project on North Harrison Ave. is under construction.
7. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning covered the following:
 - A. The COMSUBLANT Sailor of the Year Recognition Program started in 2005-2006 and District 1 Commander Steve Bell is serving on the selection board. Dick suggested the Tarheel Base donate \$200.00 to the Sailor of the Year Runners- Up- Fund. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$200.00 to this fund this year.
 - B. The election of USSVI National Officers is forthcoming. Nominations for the positions of National Secretary and National Treasurer are needed. Tarheel Base member Paul Hiser may put his name in the hat for National Treasurer.
 - C. Nomination forms for the USSVI awards program are available on line. Dick urged Subvets to submit the names of Subvets that need to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the organization.
 - D. Dick gave an update on his wife Marge. She is using a cane now and has her health issues under control.
 - E. There are 166 Bases in USSVI that are required to submit end of the year reports. Dick thanked the Base treasurers in District 1 for their timely submission of these reports. This makes the National Treasurer’s IRS reporting job go much smoother.
 - F. As of note, the “new” American Submariner magazine is now available online.
8. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not present.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers was not in attendance due to moving his residence in Walkertown brought on by road construction in the area. In his absence, Chuck Jensen reminded Subvets of the annual Burnsville meeting scheduled for May 15-17, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Upcoming Parades etc. – Chuck Jensen covered the upcoming schedule of parades and events:
 - Saturday, March 15, 2014 - St Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh
 - Sunday, March 16, 2014 - St Patrick's Day Parade in Nags Head, NC at 1:00 PM
 - Saturday, April 12, 2014 - Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington
 - May 15-17, 2014 - Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial meeting
 - Saturday, May 24, 2014 - USSVI 50th Anniversary Plaque Dedication in Washington, DC **
 - Monday, May 26, 2014 - National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC **

** Jerry Leppart will be in charge of collecting the names of Subvets making this trip, and he can be contacted via email: jleppart@mindspring.com.
2. Jerry Leppart passed around his NC driver's license with a branch of military sticker on the back. For a charge of \$10.00 Subvets can get this added to their replacement driver's license or request the addition when renewing your license with no added charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chuck Jensen and Joe Clark covered the construction of a veterans park in Colfax, NC (on the county line between Guilford and Forsyth counties) called Carolina Field of Honor at Triad Park. This Park has in excess of 200,000 visitors each year. The memorial is being funded through the sale of Remembrance Bricks. Chuck and Joe handed out information sheets and forms to purchase bricks. After hearing their presentation, Commander Butterbean asked for a motion for the Tarheel Base to purchase a brick (paver) in the amount of \$200.00. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase a brick honoring NC Subvets. Butterbean suggested the Base Treasurer, Dave Campbell, collect donations from the assembled Subvets to cover the cost of the brick. By the end of the Base meeting, a total of \$180.00 had been donated.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Jerry Leppart stated he has made copies of a map of downtown Raleigh that will be available at the SE Regional meeting. It will be an aid for the out of town attendees to navigate the Capitol City.
2. Gene Rutter mentioned the upcoming 150th anniversary of the loss of CSS Hunley in Charleston harbor – February 17, 1864. The first 150 attendees to the memorial service will be given a replica of LT Dixon's 20 dollar gold coin.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with a prayer for safe travel for all.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:50 AM

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. COB Patch was the big winner of \$68.50. Patch donated a portion of his winnings to the Remembrance brick fund.