

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before start of the Base meeting, 11 Subvets met at the Golden Corral in Cary for the morning meal at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM sharp and Chaplain Bill Whelan rendered the opening prayer. Commander Butterbean lead the 29 Subvets 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 six WWII Subvet in attendance – Joe Clark, Bill Edwards, Marty Kirwan, Joe Morgan, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. As an added note, Joe Clark wore a different “uniform of the day” to the meeting. In tribute to the WWII Subvets who shipped out of Australian ports for WWII war patrols, he was dressed in an “Aussie” outfit.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Patch Paciorek and Dave Campbell conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss and followed by tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the 13 US Navy submarines lost during the months of March and April - 8 in March and 5 in April.

SPEAKER - No speaker due to rescheduling Base meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis stated he had two presentations in the works but Subvets Nelson Gainey and Scott Spinka were not in attendance.
2. Jim is still collecting the annual \$1.00 donation from Holland Club members.
3. Also, Jim has 5, 10, and 15 year rocker patches for Holland Club members.

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean thanked all the folks that keep the Tarheel Base afloat!! Butterbean stated the planning for the upcoming Southeast Regional Convention in Cary scheduled for the week of April 7th through April 11th has all fallen into place. He urged Subvets to attend the meeting and at least make the dinner on Thursday evening. In addition, Butterbean called for Subvets to pay their dues for year 2015.
2. Base Vice Commander John Cunningham was not present.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on February 1, 2014 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 2014 was \$8,557.64, receipts totaled \$1,283.50, disbursements & commitments were \$1,144.41, and ending balance of \$8,696.73 with overall cash flow status of + \$139.09. 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: 2014 beginning balance: \$1,874.31; SE Regional Convention Registration deposits: \$5,215; Convention Disbursements and Commitments: \$0.00; Event Account balance: \$0.00. Currently, Tarheel Base membership stands at 142 regular and 2 associate members.

5. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek is, again, soliciting inputs for the next publication of the All Clear and needs them by Friday, April 18, 2014. Patch urged Subvets to visit the NC Subvets website where they will find a lot of fun things including newsletters from the Coastal Carolina Base, the Carolina-Piedmont Base, and, of course, 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 copies of a Naval Cookbook published by the Farragut Base and is selling them for \$25.00 apiece. He has 2014 USSVI calendars for a reduced price of \$9.00. Also, Jim has a CD of Naval Verbiage for sale and Patch he said he would buy it. Jim gave an update on the Cary Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project. One or two workday events such as spreading mulch may be scheduled for the month of April. Keep an eye out for an e-mail concerning these events. As a note, the Cary Veterans Memorial Revitalization Project on North Harrison Avenue is coming right along.
7. SE Regional Commander Dick Kanning covered the following:
 - A. The COMSUBLANT Sailor of the Year Recognition Program now has 4 sailors nominated from 3 Bases and thus more runner's up. The funds for these runner's up sailors had to be spread a bit thinner this year but they were all rewarded.
 - B. The election of USSVI National Officers is coming up. Tarheel Base member Paul Hiser has put his name in the hat for National Treasurer and Dick is running for SE Regional Director. Bio's of all the candidates will be in the American Submariner Magazine and Dick urged Subvets to vote for the best qualified candidate.
 - C. There is one month left for submission of names/ Bases for awards and the nomination forms are not coming in at a very good pace.
 - D. Dick wishes all who plan to attend the upcoming SE Regional, a great enjoyable time together.
 - E. Also, Dick stated the selection of the NC Subvets Torpedo Float to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC just highlights the outstanding quality of our float.
8. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not present.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers was not in attendance. Chuck Jensen stated Jim's new house is coming along with the pouring of the footings recently.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Upcoming Parades etc. - Chuck Jensen covered the upcoming schedule of parades and events:
 - Participation in the Nags Head St Patrick's Day Parade scheduled for Sunday March 16, 2014 was scuttled due to rainy weather.
 - Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington on Saturday April 12, 2014 with a block of rooms reserved at the Extended Stay Motel. Jerry Leppart and Chuck will be taking the torpedo trailer and the sub down on Friday. A quarterly meeting/ lunch hosted by the Coastal Carolina Base will take place on the fantail of BB-55 after the conclusion of the parade.
 - Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial meeting May 15-17, 2014.
 - Participation in the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled this year due to the parade in Washington, DC.
 - Saturday, May 24, 2014: A bronze Subvets plaque will be dedicated at the US Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC
 - Monday, May 26, 2014: The Washington DC Memorial Day Parade. Jerry Leppart continues to be in charge of collecting the names of Subvets making this trip.
 - Saturday, June 7, 2014: The annual Fly-In at the Asheboro Airport.
 - Steve Bell has put in the application for NC Subvets to participate in the Iredell County 4th of July Parade in Troutman, NC.
 - Chuck announced anyone who wants to individually purchase bricks/ pavers to be placed at the Carolina Field of Honor at Triad Park in Colfax, NC need to do so soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Anyone going to the May 26th Washington, DC Memorial Day Parade that desires room reservations needs to contact Al Singleman, Jr., National Junior Vice Commander. His telephone # is 518-355-2119 and his e-mail address is al@ssbn657.com.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with a prayer for all Subvets everywhere - land and at sea.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at: 10:55 AM

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Jim Wallace was the big winner of \$56.50.