

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before start of the Base meeting, 7 Subvets and 1 guest, Andreas, son of Spencer Combos, met at the Golden Corral in Cary for morning chow at or about 8:30 AM.

Tarheel Base Commander Bill (Butterbean) Dixon called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 AM and Chaplain Bill Whelan rendered the opening prayer. Vice Commander John Cunningham lead the 27 Subvets and 1 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 the guests invited by Chaplain Bill Whelan - Ben L. Smith Jr (Chaplain Bill's shipmate on the USS Brill (SS-330) during WWII) and his son Ben Smith II. All welcomed the two Bens and invited them back for our next Base meeting. This was followed by introductions by five WWII Subvets: Robert Andrews, Bill Edwards, Joe Morgan, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. Subvet Perry Taylor was the newest Tarheel Base member present and in attendance at his first Base meeting.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Patch Paciorek and Dave Campbell conducted a reading of the names, recount of the lost boats, and a picture slide presentation. Following was a tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the 11 US Navy submarines lost during the months of May and June, four in May and seven in June.

SPEAKER - CDR Dave Campbell

Subject- Floating Drydock Submarine Docking Evolution

Dave presented a very interesting program on floating drydocks. He stated the #1 priority for a floating drydock is mobility. You have to be able to move it to where it is needed. The different types of drydocks were shown during a slide presentation along with a description and use of the keel blocks. Dave thoroughly covered procedures required to dock a submarine in a floating drydock. All present thanked him for an informative program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis stated he had no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean is soliciting singers for the Tarheel Base Choral Group. Anyone qualified to "carry a tune" please sign up with Gary Lew. As a note (no pun intended), the Tarheel Base is the only one in USSVI with a singing group. Butterbean urged Base members to cast their votes in USSVI National Election. Voting opened on June 1st with two Tarheel Base members running for offices: Paul Hiser for National Treasurer and Dick Kanning for reelection as S.E. Regional Commander. As far as the Tarheel Base officers go, there may be a need for a Base Commander and definitely one for the position of Vice Commander for the next year.
2. Base Vice Commander John Cunningham announced his resignation as Tarheel Base Vice Commander immediately. He will be moving to Bainbridge, Georgia. All present wished John "smooth sailing and following seas!"
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on March 29, 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 Base Treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2014 was \$8,557.64, receipts totaled \$1,888.06, disbursements and commitments were \$1,377.98, and ending balance of \$9,067.72 with overall cash flow status of +\$510.08. 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 - Receipts: 2014 beginning balance was \$1,874.31; SE Regional Convention Registration deposits were \$6,811.50; Convention Disbursements and Commitments were \$5,649.27; Event Account balance is \$3,036.54. Currently Tarheel Base membership stands at 146 regular and 2 associate members.
5. COB/ *All Clear* Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek stated he is currently performing a web search for crew members of the S-28 - the State of North Carolina's Memorial lost boat. Patch is soliciting S-28 info for the website. As of note, the remains of the S-28 may be located off Hawaii, possibility this year. A deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of the *All Clear* will be about mid-July.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer, Jim Wallace passed around his book of items in his inventory. Jim stated he still has 2 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 continued reduced price of \$6.00 and a new item - patches for the 50th anniversary of USSVI. Jim gave an update on the Cary Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project. Two workday events are tentatively scheduled - one on June 21 (0900-1200) and also on July 19 (0900-1200). The work projects could involve pruning trees or spreading mulch in the park. The Cary Veterans Memorial Park on North Harrison Avenue was formally dedicated on Thursday, May 22, 2014. All Subvets and family members were encouraged to visit this outstanding Veterans Memorial Park with a 90 foot high spire as the centerpiece. Jim introduced Tarheel Base member Tom McFadden with a new way for Subvets to order items via a website. Tom has set up the website - www.subvetsonline.com - for items such as polo shirts with a Tarheel Base logo for \$20.00 each. He will have the ordered items shipped to his company address, handle the sales tax, and bring items to the next Base meeting.
7. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning was not in attendance.
8. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not in attendance.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Upcoming Parades etc. – Commander Butterbean covered a list of upcoming events and parades:
 - A. Dedication of the War on Terror Memorial at the Holly Springs Veteran Park on Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 AM (Flag Day)
 - B. Saturday, June 28th: Iredell County 4th of July Parade in Troutman, NC
 - C. Friday, July 4th: July 4th Parade in Faith, NC
 - D. Thursday, August 21st: Old Soldiers Parade in Newton, NC

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commander Butterbean discussed the subject concerning the amount of the positive cash flow to be passed along as a result of the recent S.E. Regional meeting held in Cary, NC. Per consultation/advice from S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning, the Tarheel Base will add \$550.00 to the original "seed" amount of \$1,735. A total of \$2,285 will be sent to the Snug Harbor Base in Melbourne, FL for the 2015 S.E. Regional event.
2. Subvet Earl Buffalo has requested an expenditure of \$300.00 for the purchase of several WWII books. Since Earl was not present, his request was tabled until he is in attendance with further information.
3. Gene Rutter covered the Burnsville - Moonshine Mountain meeting held on May 15-17, 2014. About 25-30 Subvets and their wives were in attendance at the event hosted by the Asheville Base. A highlight of the meeting was the tolling of the lost boats at the Chief Flowers Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain. The ceremony was outstanding with an honor guard wearing white vests and a fellow in a kilt playing bagpipes.

4. Jerry Leppart gave a run-down of the Memorial Day Parade held in Washington. DC. He showed slides of the NC Subvets Torpedo Float along with submarine floats from other Bases. There were 18 Subvets marching ahead of the floats in the parade that drew at least 350,000 spectators.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Subvet Joe Morgan recounted a Memorial Day event that took place at his church. Joe was honored by a young boy who had, at Joe's suggestion, read a book about the loss of the submarine USS Cochino (SS-345) in the Norwegian Sea on August 26, 1949. Joe was a crewmember on this boat and was washed overboard during the incident.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with a reading of a submariner's version of the 23rd Psalms.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Jim Davis was the big winner of \$64.50. Jim donated his winnings to the Holland Club Support Fund.