

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before start of the Base meeting, 7 Subvets and M.B. Hudson's First Mate mustered 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 9:57 AM and Chaplain Bill Whelan rendered the opening prayer. Commander Butterbean led the 28 Subvets 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 5 WWII Subvets present - Joe Clark, Marty Kirwan, Joe Morgan, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. No new Base members were present.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Patch Paciorek and Ted Hurley 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 eight US Navy submarines lost during the months of July and August - three in July and five in August.

SPEAKER - CAPT Perry Taylor

Subject - Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Cary Area

CAPT Taylor qualified in submarines aboard the Casimir Pulaski (SSBN-633) Gold Crew in 1974 and retired from the U.S. Navy in 1998. He now works with the Cary Area Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary which was established by the US Congress in 1939.

CAPT Taylor gave an interesting presentation, with slides, covering the primary mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary - promoting recreational boating safety. He listed the Auxiliary's specific programs along with 2012 boating statistics. All present gave CAPT Taylor a round of applause for an informative program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis presented Nelson Gainey - Subvet from Rocky Mount, NC - with his Holland Club Award. He qualified on the USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623).

REPORTS

1. Commander Butterbean, as usual, urged all Subvets to pay their 2015 dues. He stated speakers are needed for the October Base meeting and the annual Pearl Harbor Dinner (Tarheel Base will host the Pearl Harbor meeting this year). The word is - VOTE IN THE NATIONAL ELECTION!! The Tarheel Base will be nominating officers for next year during the October 4th Base meeting. As it stands right now, Jerry Emerson is running for Base Commander, Dave Campbell as Base Vice Commander, Tom McFadden as Base Treasurer, and Bill Lowe as Base Secretary.
2. Base Vice Commander Gordon Banks was not in attendance. He is visiting family in Illinois.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on June 4, 2014 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as posted.
4. Base Treasurer Dave Campbell was not present and Bill Lowe covered the treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2014 was \$8,557.64, receipts totaled \$2,385.56, disbursements and commitments were \$2,023.51, and ending balance as of June 30th was \$8,919.69 with overall cash flow status of + \$362.05. 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: \$6,811.50; Convention Disbursements and Commitments: \$5,649.27; Funds forwarded to Snug Harbor Base as seed money for next year's Regional: \$2,285.00; Event Account balance: \$3,036.54. Currently Tarheel Base membership still stands at 146 regular and 2 associate members.

5. COB/ *ALL CLEAR* Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek said he is in the process of finalizing the next issue of the *ALL CLEAR*. Any additions to this issue need to be forwarded to him ASAP. Patch urged Subvets to visit the updated website. As an added note, Patch will be "incognito" for a while on pressing family business starting next week.
6. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace - As usual, 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 \$5.00. Other items available are patches for the 50th anniversary of USSVI at \$5.00, pins with I Support Vets at \$4.00, and this year's SE Regional pins at \$3.00. Jim gave an update on the Cary Bond Park Adopt-A-Spot Project. Several Subvets and family members showed up for a ball field dugout frame painting job on July 19th and all enjoyed participating in the task. Two workday events are tentatively scheduled – one on September 13th (0900-1200) and also on October 25th (0900-1200).
7. SE Regional Director Dick Kanning asked the question - How about the idea of the NC Subvets hosting a National Convention? After a bit of discussion, all agreed that Charlotte would be the only city that could handle it. A possible cruise during the National Convention was and had been previously mentioned. If it were to take place, it would happen a while "down the road." Dick stated the # voting in the USSVI National Election is very poor for the Tarheel Base at 24% and that is with two Base members running for national offices. B-Z's to Steve Bell for his leadership in finalizing the paperwork for a permanent easement for the Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Submarine Memorial site. The Asheville Base will assume the job of caretaker for this State Subvet Memorial. Dick also extended B-Z's to Jim Wallace for his outstanding job of heading up the Bond Park Project. A USSVI Scholarship was recently presented, by Dick, to the son of Gene Ipox, Base Commander of the Asheville Base. Dick praised the USSVI Scholarship program and stated that .01% of the funds donated to this program go toward administrative costs. There was a disappointing number of nominees for the USSVI Awards Program this year. All any Subvet has to do is write up a deserving shipmate for an award. Dick awarded Butterbean with "a job well one" patch for his leadership in heading up the planning and execution of this year's SE. Regional meeting in Cary.
8. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not in attendance.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Jim Myers stated North Carolina is the only state in USSVI that has a position of Subvets State Commander. Jim said our state can be proud of the fact that we have two Subvet memorials - the S-28 Memorial at the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington and the Moonshine Mountain Memorial outside Burnsville with its permanent easement. A plea for Subvets to vote in the USSVI National Election was voiced by Jim.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Upcoming Parades: Thursday August 21st – Old Soldiers Parade in Newton, NC. Per Chuck Jensen, Subvets will be forming up at the same restaurant parking lot with additional info forthcoming.
2. Request by Earl Buffalo for funds to purchase some WWII books was tabled again due to Earl's absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Davis covered the following two proposed Tarheel Base Constitution amendments that are being submitted to base membership at least 21 days prior to the October 4, 2014 meeting and will be presented at that meeting for a vote. These changes have been checked against the USSVI C&B and are not in conflict with that document.

Proposed amendment in order to provide a timely process for filling a vacant Elected Office and for the removal of a non-performing Elected Officer it is necessary to amend the Tarheel Base Constitution and Bylaws.

Constitution Article VII, Executive Board, Section 4, add paragraphs D and E.

D. In the event the Commander's office is vacated, the Vice Commander shall assume the duties of the Commander. Any other vacated office will be filled by appointment by the Executive Board to fill the balance of the term of that office. At the end of the term the appointee is eligible to be elected to and serve his own term of office.

E. The Executive Board may remove any officer not fulfilling the duties of his office. That officer may appeal his termination to the Regular Base Members. The appeal will be by secret ballot and will be determined by a majority of votes received.

Proposed amendment concerning the requirement for 8 members of the Executive Board to constitute a quorum could, under certain circumstances, be unattainable. Currently several Appointed Offices are held by one person who only has one vote. At times an appointed office could be vacant. The combination of these circumstances could make it difficult, if not impossible, to convene an 8 member quorum.

Constitution Article IX, Quorum, section 2, change to read:

Section 2. Two thirds of the Executive Board eligible to cast 1 vote each, two of whom must be elected Base Officers, shall constitute a Quorum for approving Executive Board actions.

2. Tarheel Base Librarian Wolfgang Friedrich stated he is carrying the same 30 books to Base meetings and urged members to read some of these great books. In order to add "new blood" to the selection of books available, Wolfgang requested \$50.00 to purchase books at a reasonable price. Motion was made and passed to allocate these funds for Wolfgang to buy additional books for the Base Library.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Chaplain Bill Whelan gave an update on the Bonefish Grill project. To date, presentations of framed pictures of the USS Bonefish (SS-223) to managers of 10 out of 12 NC Bonefish restaurants has been accomplished. Tarheel Base Plank Owner Dave Thommarson tried, unsuccessfully, to arrange a presentation at the Durham Bonefish Grill. Chaplain Bill will try his luck and charm with this location's manager. Jim Wallace stated he makes regular trips to Greenville, NC and will, along with Subvets Joe Doarck and Nelson Gainey, check on setting up a presentation at this remaining NC Bonefish Grill. As a note, a recent discovery was made by a Subvet while eating at the Asheville Bonefish Grill. The framed picture of the USS Bonefish presented to that restaurant's manager back in 2013 could not be found. The restaurant changed managers this past January and it is believed that manager took the picture with him. Asheville Base Commander Gene Ipoix will make arrangements to replace the picture.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting with a prayer for safe travel on land and sea.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:45 AM.

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Tom Richey was the big winner of \$59.50.