

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC
07 February 2015**

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before the start of the Base meeting, 20+ Subvets and guests shared a breakfast meal at the Holiday Inn in Cary, NC.

New Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM sharp and Chaplain Bill Whelan offered the opening prayer. Commander Jerry led the 39 Subvets and 2 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Commander Jerry asked all WWII Subvets to stand and introduce themselves. A total of 8 WWII Subvets were present - Robert Andrews, Joe Clark, Bill Edwards, Marty Kirwan, Dick Lewis, Joe Morgan, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. All present gave this group of "Greatest Generation Heroes" a hearty round of applause. Jim Wallace stated 4 first timers were present - Chuck Brown, Rich Cimino, Dick Lewis, and Scott Wade. Jim asked each of these Subvets to render an introduction. Afterwards, the remaining Subvets introduced themselves with pertinent info such as the name of their qualification boat, etc. Guests present were Arv Klemp's two daughters, Rebecca and Rhonda.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Prior to the Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony, Tarheel Base COB Jerry "Patch" Paciorek went over the reason for and history of this event for the benefit of new Subvet attendees present. Patch and Tarheel Base Treasurer Tom McFadden conducted a reading of the boat names, recounts of their loss, as well as a picture slide presentation. Following was a tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of each of the 5 US Navy submarines lost in January, and the 5 lost in February.

SPEAKER - David Corbett, CAPT, MC, USN Retired

Commander Jerry introduced the guest speaker, Dr. David Corbett, who retired from the Navy in 2001 as a Captain after 24 years of service in the USN Medical Corps. He now has a dermatology practice in Jerry's hometown of Wilson, NC.

Dr. Corbett gave an interesting and informative talk relating to the different types of skin cancer. He advised all present to protect themselves from the sun and to steer clear of tanning beds. Also, he stated most skin cancers can be cured by a dermatologist when detected in the early stages. This can be accomplished by skin self-examination and full body scans. Pamphlets with info on skin cancer were made available for all present. Following a question and answer session, all Subvets thanked Dr. Corbett for a helpful presentation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis presented Bob Govern, Jim Kinney, and Arv Klemp with their Holland Club awards.
2. Jim stated he has two more awards pending for this year for Hugh Andrews and Thomas VandenHeuvel. Neither could attend due to travels out of the area or being "under the weather."
3. Jim reminded all Holland Club members that a \$1.00 donation per member per year is now due. This donated money goes toward funding the Holland Club Breakfast held during the USSVI National Convention.

REPORTS

1. Commander Jerry stated he is glad to serve as the Tarheel Base Commander again and thanked Butterbean Dixon for "twisting" his arm to take the job again. As a reminder, Jerry said he and his wife travel extensively due to the demands of their job. During his absence, Dave Campbell or Tom McFadden will be in charge of the base meetings.
2. Base Vice Commander Dave Campbell said he is aware of his responsibility to back up Commander Jerry or Treasurer Tom during their possible absences.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on October 4, 2014 as posted on the NC Subvets' website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as posted.
4. Base Treasurer Tom McFadden covered the treasurer's report. Beginning balance CY 2014 was \$8,557.64, 2014 year and end balance was \$12,790.08. 2014 annual cash flow was +\$4,232.44. January 2015: Regular Account: beginning balance: \$9,706.54; Ending January balance: \$10,186.54. Events Account: beginning balance: \$3,083.54; ending January balance (after Pearl Harbor Dinner Expenses) was \$950.52; and Combined January ending balance was \$11,092.06. Currently, Tarheel Base membership stands at 142 regular and 2 associate members for a total of 144 members. Roughly 50 members haven't paid their 2015 dues!! GEE!
5. Commander Jerry has appointed Bill "Butterbean" Dixon as the Recruiter/Membership Chairman for the Tarheel Base. Butterbean urged Subvets to pay their 2015 dues. He voiced (no pun intended) the need for singers to step forward and join the Base Choir. Also, he needs the following bits of info - name, telephone #, and e-mail address for any and all non-member Subvets you may meet along the way.
6. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Jerry "Patch" Paciorek is in need of inputs for the next edition of the **All Clear** by Saturday, February 14th. Also, he would like some more pictures from the 2014 Pearl Harbor dinner forwarded to him. For info, he shared news that the search for the wreckage of the NC Memorial Lost Boat, S-28, has been further delayed to due operational issues during the most recent attempt to locate her. He asked the first time Subvet meeting attendees to give him their e-mail addresses so he could add them to the roster.
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace passed around his updated storekeeper catalog and urged Subvets to make him aware of items that need to be added to his inventory. Jim displayed 2015 WWII and USSVI calendars for sale and hoped to sell all of them all that day. As a Subvets Base meeting promotional medium, Jim will check into advertising upcoming Tarheel Base meetings in the town events section of the Cary News. The Subvets Adopt-A-Spot has been moved from Bond Park to the Veteran's Memorial Park on North Harrison Avenue. Two work details were completed in 2014 with three more planned for 2015.
8. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning congratulated S.E. District 1 for leading in submission of End of Year reports for the third year in a row!! Dick made the presentation of a framed picture of the WWII USS Bonefish (SS-223) to the Bonefish Grill in Fayetteville, NC. The management of this restaurant was very appreciative and gave Dick a free meal. With this presentation, a 100% completion rate for the Chaplain Bill Whelan initiated project in North Carolina has been achieved. Dick mentioned the USSVI Scholarship Program and the Subvets who have had grandkids who were awarded these scholarships. The deadline for submission of paperwork for this year is March 15, 2015. Nominations for S.E. District 1 Commander are needed since Steve Bell is stepping down. Dick stated the 8 runner's up for COMSUBLANT Sailor of the Year Award will each receive \$175.00 this year. Also, Sanford, NC Tarheel Base Subvet Roy Hall has turned in his driver's license and will not be attending very many Base meetings. Age catches up with all us, eventually!!
9. S.E. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not present.
10. NC Subvets State Commander Gene Ipox was not present.
11. USSVI National Treasurer Paul Hiser urged all to turn in names of deserving Subvets for National awards. He thanked the bases for their timely submission of EOY reports. It makes his job as National Treasurer stay on an even keel.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request by Earl Buffalo for funds to purchase some WWII books was tabled again due to Earl's absence.
2. Commander Jerry thanked Gordon for planning the 2014 Pearl Harbor Dinner and making the reservations at the NCSU University Club for the 2015 meeting to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 (Note: Saturday and not Friday this year).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Parade Torpedo Float is not available until the trailer is registered in someone's name other than Jim Myers. NC Subvet State Commander Gene Ipoix is compiling a list of Subvets who have vehicles capable of towing the Torpedo Float.
2. Jerry Leppart stated this year's St. Patrick's Day in Raleigh may be the last one due to lack of funds for the police.
3. The next parade will be the Thomasville Memorial Day Parade with participation questionable at this time.
4. Southeast Regional Meeting is scheduled for April 20- 23 (Monday-Thursday) at the Radisson Resort Hotel in Cape Canaveral, FL. All who are planning on attending need to send in their registration forms shortly.
5. Burnsville Memorial Meeting will be on May 15-16. Chuck Jensen will be taking the submarine to this event. More info will be forthcoming.
6. Kings Bay WWII Subvets Memorial Service will be on November 6. Four or five Subvets indicated, by a show of hands, that they plan on attending this event.
7. USSVI National Convention Bid: A convention bid for the 2017-2018 National Conventions by NC Subvets was not discussed. Dick Kanning and Paul Hiser covered the financial problem that took place last year at the convention in San Francisco. USSVI has solved the problem by the formation of dedicated USSVI Convention Committee with the responsibility of handling all the finances for each national convention.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Chaplain Bill brought up the point that Jim Myers needs to be compensated for any financial losses as a result of the accident that occurred while he was towing the submarine torpedo trailer to the Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade. After some discussion, Joe Clark and Chuck Jensen volunteered to check with Jim and determine the amount of the increase in his vehicle insurance due to this accident.
2. Gordon Banks covered care packages for two deployed sons of church members. Items needed are jerky, nuts, and non-chocolate (energy) bars. One of the Subvets present added wool socks to the list.

BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill Whelan closed the meeting by rendering a prayer for safe travel.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on April 4, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at: 12:05 PM

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Guest speaker Dr. David Corbett pulled out the winning ticket - his own ticket?? He donated his winnings in the amount of \$102.50 to the base treasury.