

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

Submitted by Base Secretary Bill Lowe

Before the start of the Base meeting, 12 Subvets enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at the IHOP in Cary, NC.

Tarheel Base Vice Commander Dave Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and Chaplain Bill Whelan offered the opening prayer. Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 24 Subvets and 1 guest in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPEAKER - BRIG. GEN. GARY PENDELETON USA (RET)

Vice Commander Dave announced a change in the meeting agenda because of time restraints on the part of our guest speaker, Brig. Gen. Gary Pendeleton. He had a trip to make up to Virginia due to a death in his family.

Jim Wallace introduced Brig. Gen. Gary Pendeleton, a retired 26-year US Army veteran. Jim covered Gen. Pendeleton's Army career from commanding a tank battalion to induction into the US Army OCS Hall of Fame in Ft. Benning, GA. Also covered were his other notable contributions such as committee member of Homeland Security - Military and Veterans Affairs and service as a member of the NC House of Representatives.

On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of D-Day, Gen. Pendeleton gave an interesting talk on the landings at Normandy on June 6, 1944. He covered what went right as planned and what was a disaster. US Rangers were required to climb sheer cliffs at Omaha Beach with the Germans firing down on them. Some of the Rangers were saved by US destroyers coming in close to shore and firing on the German gun placements. Out of 54 M4 Sherman tanks, only 3 made it to shore due to debarking in deep water. Gen. Pendeleton displayed a drawing of the 5 beachheads at Normandy. American troops came ashore at Utah and Omaha; the British at Gold and Sword; and the Canadians at Juno. He recalled a sobering trip to Normandy and walking on that very beach area. A question and answer session followed Gen. Pendeleton's presentation. All present thanked Gen. Pendeleton for a very timely and interesting program along with an invitation to attend future Subvets meetings

INTRODUCTIONS:

Vice Commander Dave asked all WWII Subvets to stand and introduce themselves. A total of 6 WWII Subvets were present: Robert Andrews, Bill Edwards, Marty Kirwan, Joe Morgan, Don Moyer, and Bill Whelan. All present gave this group of "Greatest Generation Heroes" a hearty round of applause. Jim Wallace introduced the newest Tarheel Base member and first time attendee, Jeremy Thomas from Siler City, NC. Afterwards, the remaining Subvets introduced themselves with pertinent info such as the name of their qualification boat, etc.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:

Prior to the Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony, Patch Paciorek gave the reason for and history of this event for the benefit of our first time Subvet present. Patch Paciorek and Jim Davis conducted a reading of the names, recounts 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 - 4 in May and 7 in June.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

HOLLAND CLUB

1. Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis inducted Thomas J. VandenHeuvel and Richard Vopelak into the Holland Club via presentation of certificates, patches, pins, and challenge coins.
2. Jim stated collection of a \$1.00 donation from Holland Club members per year is going well. This donated money goes toward funding the Holland Club Breakfast held during the USSVI National Convention and also for purchase of supplies, i.e. – certificates, etc.

REPORTS

1. Commander Jerry Emerson was not in attendance due to job obligations.
2. Base Vice Commander Dave Campbell passed along a request from Chuck Jensen. Volunteers are needed on Saturday June 13th at the Asheboro Regional Airport during the annual Fly-In event. Subvets will be manning the static display of the torpedo trailer and submarine float with the duty of fielding questions from the public.
3. Base Secretary Bill Lowe entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on April 4, 2015 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for approval of minutes as posted.
4. Base Treasurer Tom McFadden was not present due to family matters. In his absence, the treasurer's report was covered by Bill Lowe. First item covered was: The USSVI National Treasurer, Paul Hiser, sent a message recommending the use of a monthly report template. The current tracking process used by the Tarheel Base is sufficient for accurate tracking and reconciliation. However, in an effort to ensure records are not lost, Tom will periodically forward a current version of the spreadsheet to the Secretary and the Vice Commander for retention and backup purposes. Regular Account: Ending March balance: \$10,359.92. Ending May balance: \$10,601.57. Events January balance: \$938.52; Ending March balance: \$902.52 and Combined May (06-01-15) ending balance was \$11,504.09. As of 06-01-2015, balance change since last report was +\$205.65. Outstanding checks processed (not in balances): \$50.00 to Trailer Maintenance Fund and \$50.00 to Burnsville Memorial Fund. Currently Tarheel Base membership stands at 133 regular and 2 associate members for a total of 135 members. A total of 26 members have not paid National dues.
5. Recruiter/Membership Chairman Butterbean Dixon was AWOL.
6. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek is working on the next edition of the All Clear and is soliciting inputs.
7. Tarheel Base Storekeeper and Public Relations Officer Jim Wallace, as usual, passed around his updated storekeeper catalog and urged Subvets to make him aware of items that need to be added to his inventory. Base meetings are still advertised in the online version of the local sections of the Cary News with the hope that meetings will be eventually included in the printed version. Eight Subvets showed up for a work detail of trash pickup and weeding at the Cary Freedom Veterans Park on North Harrison Ave on Saturday, May 30, 2015. After completion of the work, the participants enjoyed brunch/lunch at the Cary IHOP. Two more workdays are scheduled for this year: one on Saturday, July 11th and one on Saturday, September 26th.
8. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning was not present.
9. District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not present, but relayed the following: If you haven't done so, cast your ballot for District Commander. Make your plans to attend the next USSVI National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA .during the week of September 7-12, 2015.
10. North Carolina Subvets Commander Gene Ipox was not present.
11. National Treasurer Paul Hiser was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request by Earl Buffalo for funds to purchase some WWII books was tabled again due to Earl's absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hickory Subvet Harold Bazzle has signed up the NC Subvets for the Old Soldier's Parade in Newton. The parade will be on Thursday, August 20, 2015. Hopefully, drivers will be available to pull the torpedo trailer and submarine float.
2. The annual Fly-In at the Asheboro Air Museum is scheduled for June 13, 2015.

OPEN FLOOR:

1. Gene Rutter reported on the Burnsville Memorial meeting held on May 15-16, 2015. A total of 80 Subvets and wives were in attendance. USSVI National Commander Al Singleman was present and participated in a skit as "Elvira." A great time was had by all in attendance.
2. Bill Lowe mentioned a website that has over 1,100 pictures from the SE Regional held in Cape Canaveral, FL back in April 2015. After the meeting, Patch sent out an e-mail with the following:

To view pictures from the 2015 Southeast Regional Conference ...

Navigate to <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000314374#login>

Type in your email address

Gallery Password = dive

Click on the **All Images** button to view all available pictures.



BENEDICTION:

Chaplain Bill rendered a prayer for the safety of all submariners who are out in the depths drilling holes in oceans around the world.

NEXT BASE MEETING:

Raffle Czar Henry Hagwood conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing. Robert Andrews was the big winner of \$55.00. He generously donated his prize money to the Base treasury.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:57AM.

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on August 1, 2015.