

**Minutes from the USSVI Tarheel Base Meeting  
Held at American Legion Post #67, Cary, NC  
1 August 2015  
Submitted by Base Assistant Secretary Jerry Leppart**

Before the start of the Base meeting, 13 Sub Vets + 1 Spouse enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at the IHOP in Cary, NC.

Tarheel Base Commander Jerry Emerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and Chaplain Bill Whelan offered the opening prayer. Cmdr. Jerry led 34 Subvets and 1 guest in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Tarheel Base welcomed Chuck Fletcher and his Spouse, Joy...Chuck is the Coastal Carolina Base Cmdr.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Base Commander Jerry asked all WWII Subvets to stand and introduce themselves. A total of 7 WWII Sub Vets were present: Joe Clark, 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. The remaining Sub Vets 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 Tom McFadden 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 8 US Navy submarines lost during the months of July and August - 3 in July, S28 (SS133), USS Robolo (SS273) and Grunion (SS216). 5 were lost in August, USS Bullhead (SS332), S39 (SS144), USS Flier (SS250), USS Harder (SS257) and USS Cochino (SS345).

**SPEAKER**

**Mr. Craig Lloyd, Executive Director, *North Carolina National Guard Association***

Craig is a native of Efland, NC, where he lives with his wife and three daughters and can trace his family roots back 10 generations in Orange County. A graduate of Campbell University, Craig has served as statewide director of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Director of Corporate Relations with the American Cancer Society, led several Chambers of Commerce and started his career in Corporate Communications with Carolina Power & Light (now Duke Energy). Craig assumed the position as Executive Director of the North Carolina National Guard Association in May 2014 and has quickly made a positive impact on the organization.

Chartered in February of 1960, the North Carolina National Guard Association is a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation governed by an elected Executive Council whose members are voted in annually. The headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard Association has a full-time staff of four. These professionals are responsible for the economical and efficient administration of the Executive Council's mandates and serving the members' needs.

The objective of the North Carolina Guard Association is to seek and support programs that are beneficial to the members of the North Carolina National Guard. The Association also promotes the public relations with North Carolina Army and Air National Guard and their communities while developing friendship, understanding, and cooperation between the active armed forces and all reserve components. The general membership is comprised of current and former members of the North Carolina National Guard. Current Association Membership is approximately 16,000.



## WHAT WE DO

### Dual-Role Federal and State Missions

**Provide Ready Forces:** Organize, man, equip, train and deploy globally in support of Federal missions as directed by the President and Secretary of Defense

**Support to Civil Authorities:** Organize, man, equip, train and deploy statewide as directed by the Governor of North Carolina in support of State missions

**In Our Communities:** Participate in local, state and national programs that add value to our communities



## GOOD OF THE ORDER

### HOLLAND CLUB

Holland Club Coordinator Jim Davis stated there were no Inductees for this meeting.

Jim stated the Tarheel Base National goal was met for the collection of a \$1.00 donation from Holland Club members. 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. Vice Commander---Dave Campbell spoke on a report on the number of Sailors dying from illness related to the additive DBNP to the TEP oil. A flash traffic report has been sent to the Tarheel Members.
2. Assistant Base Secretary Jerry Leppart entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the last Tarheel Base meeting held on June 6, 2015 as posted on the NC Subvets website. Motion was made by Gene Rutter, seconded by Chuck Jensen, and passed for approval of minutes as posted.
3. Base Treasurer Tom McFadden presented the following Treasurers Report:

### August 1, 2015

*National has advised that dues will increase from \$20 to \$25 for 2016. Dues paid before the end of 2015 will be accepted at the \$20 rate. Total for 2016 – base dues \$15, national dues \$25; total \$40 (if paid after December 31*

### Membership Report:

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| Base Membership   | 134 |
| Regular Members   | 132 |
| Associate Members | 2   |

## Financial Report:

### Regular Account

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Ending May Balance  | \$ 10601.57    |
| Ending July Balance | \$ 10378.59 ** |

### Events Account

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| Ending May Balance  | \$ 902.52 |
| Ending July Balance | \$ 890.52 |

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| <b>Combined July Ending Balance</b>      | <b>\$ 11269.11</b> |
| <b>Balance Change Since Last Report:</b> | <b>-\$ 234.98</b>  |

### \*\* Outstanding Checks Processed (included in balances above)

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| \$ 50.00  | Burnsville Memorial Fund |
| \$ 168.83 | National SK              |
| \$ 74.15  | National SK              |

4. Recruiter/Membership Chairman Butterbean Dixon addressed updating your Profile on the USSVI website and also his old retort of "Pay your Dues, Dues, Dues." Also stated the Base has picked up 2 new members and 1 new "Singer."
5. COB/ All Clear Editor/ Website Extraordinaire Patch Paciorek has all inputs for the All Clear newsletter and expects to publish it next week. He is also soliciting "**HELP**" for the Web Site.
6. 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. He has also been in communication with the Raleigh N&O to publish the Base "Who we are, where/when we meet," etc. Two more cleanup sessions are planned for the Cary Freedom Park...Jim will publish the dates..
7. S.E. Regional Commander Dick Kanning announced "Kudos" to National Treasurer Paul Hiser for his outstanding work since being elected to this post. Also congratulated incoming District 1 Commander Dave Campbell..."Couldn't have elected a more capable person to this Post." Dave will be a Guest Speaker at the National Convention speaking on "Drydocking" which he presented at a Tarheel Base meeting....VERY INTERESTING subject. Also, to Bill "Butterbean" Dixon for stepping up to assume the post of National Chaplain. Dick also encouraged Members to receive the "National Submariner" on line as 42% of the dues paid to USSVI are taken up by the printing of the magazine. He also recognized Chaplain Bill Whelan for initiating the portrait presentations of the USS Bonefish to cities/towns that have a Bonefish Grill. Dick presented portraits to the Fayetteville and Southern Pines Grills. A large portrait of the USS Bonefish was presented by a Florida Base to the Bonefish Grill Corporate Headquarters in Tampa Bay.
8. Current District 1 Commander Steve Bell was not present but was recognized by Regional Director Kanning for his work on getting a permanent easement for the Memorial at Burnsville.
9. North Carolina Subvets Commander Gene Ipoix was not present.
10. National Treasurer Paul Hiser addressed the fact that the \$5.00 dues increase **DOES NOT** affect Lifetime Members.

## OPEN FLOOR

Dick Kanning or Jerry Emerson made the statement that Tarheel Base will have 4 National Officers...  
Regional Director, Dick Kanning  
District 1 Cmdr., Dave Campbell (Incoming)  
National Treasurer, Paul Hiser  
National Chaplain, Bill "Butterbean" Dixon

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Torpedo Float:** Chuck Jensen addressed the fact that we need a lighter version of the Mk.14 Torpedo Float as there are only a couple Sub Vets that we know of who have a vehicle capable of towing the weight of the Trailer (900 lbs. tongue weight without riders)...Float weight empty is approx. 4500 lbs. If we could have a lighter one fabricated we could then possibly place the current Torpedo at a permanent site and participate in more parades with more Sub Vets stepping up to tow with a lighter GVW vehicle..

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Nomination of Officers for 2016....**Base Cmdr. Jerry Emerson announced that he will not run again as he lives too far out and is unable to make some meetings. Stated that some "young blood" is needed.

**Pearl Harbor Dinner.....**Gordon Banks is handling.....Being held again at the NC State University Club on Sat. Dec. 5, 2015.

## **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...\$156.00. Gary Lew was the big winner (again) of \$78.00.

Meeting was adjourned at: 11:32AM.

The next Tarheel Base meeting will be held on October 3, 2015.