MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

 HELD ON APRIL 7, 2018 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST#67

 CARY, NC

Prior to the start of the Base meeting, 7 Subvets and 1 wife enjoyed breakfast and a time for socializing at the IHOP in Cary, NC.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Base Commander Dave Campbell after COB Daniel Wall "dived the boat with two blasts from the diving alarm". Base Chaplain Gene Rutter offered up the opening prayer. Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 24 Subvets and 3 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A reading of the USSVI Purpose by Bill followed:

Our purpose is "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country."

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, we shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment.

The Organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacifice.

 INTRODUCTIONS

Commander Dave asked the one WWII Subvet present to stand and introduce himself and Marty Kirwin did as so ordered. All gave this hero from the "Greatest Generation" a hearty round of applause. Next came an introduction by a guest and friend of Subvet Ted Hurley- Jack Mandock- a skimmer sailor who served on the USS John Rogers from 1944 to 1945. Following were introduction by 24 Subvets present plus 2 wives- Mike Runkle's wife Cookie and COB Dan Wall's wife Ann.

 TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the months of March and April was conducted by Tom McFadden and Daniel Wall. Accompanied by a slide presentation, Tom read the recounts of the 8 submarines lost in March and the 3 lost in April. Daniel tolled the bell for each of these 11 lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ulitmate sacrifice for our country.

 ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL

Per Chaplain Gene, no NC Subvet Eternal Patrol notices were received since the last Base meeting in February.

 BINNACLE LIST (PRAYERS, INFO,ACTIONS)

Chaplain Gene covered a list of those in need of prayers and support- Jerry Leppart is getting treatment for his leg problem; Rich Cimino's wife Cindy is ok.; Mel Denis requested his name be removed from the list of the ailing since he has recovered from his health issue; Chaplain Gene is recovering from a shoulder problem brought on by overdoing a mulch shovelling job.

 SPEAKER

Commander Dave introduced the speaker- CAPT Bruce W. Cavey. CAPT Cavey was the CO of the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN-629) Blue Crew; US Naval Academy Alumni; and a member of the SSN-777 Association. He covered the objectives and goals of the SSN-777 Association. One of the long term goals of the Association is to bring the SSN-777 to Wilmington as a memorial boat when it is decommissioned. They have started pushing this plan now- well ahead of that decommissioning date since a lot of "red tape" is involved. CAPT Cavey fielded questions and one related to women serving on US submarines. He said the women officers now seving on the TRIDENT boats are very well quatified sailors and it would be a shame not to take advantage of this pool of talent.

 GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Holland Club Awards - Jim Davis inducted three Tarheel Base members into the Holland Club. Indutees were Bruce A. Fensley (qualified on USS George Bancroft (SSBN-643) in 1968); Ralph M. Jones (qualified on USS Sailfish (SS-572) in 1967); and Michael Runkle (qualified on USS Trigger (SS-564) in 1967). Jim stated that there are now a total of 74 Holland Club members in the Tarheel Base. Also, Jim collected a total of $15.00 from Holland Club members during the Base meeting. (Annual dues for Holland Club members are $1.00 per year).

 REPORTS

Base Commander/ SE District 1 Commander - Dave Campbell- He made his comments later in the meeting.

Vice Commander Jim Davis - No comments noted.

Secretary- Bill Lowe - Approve last meeting minutes from February 3, 2018 meeting as sent out on the tarheel email buoy. Meeting minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

Treasurer - Tom McFadden - Membership Report - Base membership still stands at 107 as of April 7, 2018. Financial Report: Current Balances- Regular Account- $10,965.14; Events Account- $483.56; Total Balance- $11,448.70. Previous Balances (reported February 2018)- Regular Account- $11,288.67; Events Account- $493.56; Total Balance- $11,782.23. Notes- Slight drop in operating account reflects the following two month transactions: Whelan memorial; insurance; SOY contribution; St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; and general operating expenses (dues and SK costs). No dues in-hand and not deposited and no outstanding payments. The Base Financial audit was completed successfully and the Base annual financials were submitted and accepted.

COB - Dan Wall- Dan stated he has a flatbed trailer and truck that can be used in a future parade- such as a Christmas Parade in Archers Lodge.

ALL CLEAR NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Commander Dave is still soliciting a vouunteer to replace Moe Moses as ALL CLEAR Newsletter editor. Dave will talk to Moe about keeping the job.

STOREKEEPER/PR OFFICER - JIM WALLACE - Jim passed around his new catalog of available items. He has one item at a reduced price- 2018 USSVI Subvet calendars for $5.00.

COMMENTS BY JACK MANDOCK, A WWII "TIN CAN" SAILOR- Jack served on the USS John Rodgers (DD-574) from 1943 till 1945 as a "snipe". He stated the US Navy lost a total of 70 destroyers during WWII. Also, Jack recommended a book that he has ordered-" A Tale of Two Subs". Jack had several copies of related DD stories available for the taking. All thanked him for attending the Base meeting.

BASE RECRUITER - BILL "BUTTERBEAN" DIXON - Butterbean repeated his "marching orders"- get the name, phone #, and email address for prospective new Base members. Send the info to him and he will follow up with those Subvets.

SUBVETS COMMANDER - CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE COMMANDER RICK PETITT - Not in attendance.

DISTRICT COMMANDER - DAVE CAMPBELL - Dave gave SE District 1 a "Bravo Zulu" for being the first USSVI District submitting their reports on time.

REGIONAL COMMANDER - STEVE BELL - Not present

NATIONAL OFFICERS - Paul Hiser - National Treasurer - Not in attendance.

 OLD BUSINESS

PARADES & EVENTS UPCOMING: See New Business Long Term Planning item.

RALEIGH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE- Good participation, has been better with10 Subvets present at this year's event. We followed the Fleet Force Band. Per Dave- I gave out a wooden challenge coin at the parade to a Subvet, but didn't have the opportunity to get his info. We may need to consider having some walkers to support this activity and talk to Subvets along the parade route.

BREAKFASTS - GOLDEN CORRAL ON GLENWOOD AVE. - Next one is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 0830.

JNROTC SUPPORT BY USSVI BASES - For Tarheel Base, this would be at Cary High School which we have supported in the past. Paul Hiser is the lead on this. As a note, Base Commander Dave has a presentation he provides for high school level introduction to submarine force and nuclear power. The Base needs to get more involved in supporting the JNROTC.

USSVI Charitable Foundation- A $1,000 donation by the Base to the USSVI Charitable Foundation for a schholarship fund in the name of Joe Clark was requested for consideration. Executive Board is recommending that we use "passing the hat" during Base meetings to support this activity and for other chatitable funding. A history of the Joe Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund was voiced. Joe had donated $5,000 to this fund. This amount was ear marked for support of a $1,000 scholarship per year for 5 years. This Scholarship would be awarded to dependants of NC Subvets. As a means of building up this fund, Dick Kanning made a motion that the Tarheel Base donate $1,000 to the Joe Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund via the USSVI Charitable Foundation. The motion was approved.

 NEW BUSINESS

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Support for next Christmas. (National Cemetaries or Base/State Vet Events). For next Christmas/ Memorial Day/ etc. Commander Dave will look into this.

SE REGIONAL CONFERENCE - The scheduled April 27-29,2018 SE Regional Conference in Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by the Hampton Roads Base, had to be cancelled due low number of sign-ups- lack of interest???

MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL MEETING- This event is scheduled for Friday, May 18 thru Saturday, May 19, 2018. As a related note, phase one of the Memorial Restoration Project has been completed. Dave has gotten the author of "Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots" to donate 3 books for the raffle with the money going to the Memorial repairs. Also, a District Commander's meeting will be held during the morning of May 18th.

SOY DONATIONS AND SUPPORT- Our Base contribution this year is $50 due to changes in the program. Old North State Base came on board for $50- Bravo Zulu!!. New COMSUBLANT SOY Program (eliminated Jr. SOY) and thus cost reduced to 50%.

NEXT PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER- It will be held at the NCSU University Club on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

2018 LONG TERM EVENT PLAN- Per Dave- After a Old North State Base visit and a review of their 2 year event plan, a list of possible Tarheel Base activities for cosideration and future planning are as follows:

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade - May 28th

Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade - November 11th

Old North State Base has reserved the torpedo float for two Christmas parades in December.

Expect Asheville Base for 2 Christmas parades. Note- This means the submarine float will be available during this time frame.

Tarheel Base for Raleigh's St. Patrick's Day Parade- next year.

4th of July and Christmas Parades- Look at local parade support- like a parade in Archers Lodge- use Dan Wall's flatbed trailer to haul the Base banner.

Memorial Day Parade - Look at local parade support.

Annual Tarheel Base Picnis - September this year? Jim Wallace will check on making resevations for September 29th.

Birthday Ball/ Golf Tournament. Questionable??

Base Meeting Dates (publish)

Annual Report - Base Secretary to tally.

NC State Fair - Participate this October.

Quarterly Socials - Dinners/Lunches (Old North State Base has success with this activity- their wives are pushing this).

Base Annual Budget/Audit - completed and reported by Jim Davis.

Base/Color Guard support for Navy - Air Force baseball classic in Kinston, NC and possibly the ECU - Navy football game in the Fall (if ECU home game). We will need to look at supporting these events next year.

Durham Bulls Baseball Game - like the Base did last year. Dave asked for a show of hands of the Subvets that would attend this game this year and 12 hands went up. Tom McFadden will look into getting a block of 30 tickets like he did last year.

KAPS FOR KIDS-The Carolina Piedmont Base has an active Kaps for Kids Program and it was agreed that Tarheel Base donations should go to support CP Base and this very worthwhile program.

BACKUP CHAPLAIN- Chaplain Gene has asked if we could have a backup chaplain volunteer. Gene is 82 and possibly could use some help "down the road".

COLOR GUARD VOLUNTEERS - Commander Dave stated we currently have 6 in the Base Color Guard and could use some volunteers as a backup crew. No volunteers noted.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMING UP- Steve Bell is running for the office of National Junior Vice Commander and Ken Nickols will probably be running for SE Regional Director. VOTE!!

NATIONAL AWARDS- Per Dick Kanning, the time to submit Subvets for National Awards is right around the corner. Check on line for the details.

NC WEBSITE EDITOR - Joel Sparnon is getting additional School of the Boat on "How To"'s.

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Wayne Powell was the big winner of $50.00. Wayne donated $25.00 of his winnings to the Base Treasury.

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene rendered the closing prayer.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: Saturday, June 2, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

COB - Surface the boat with 3 blasts of the diving alarm!

ADDENDUM TO APRIL 7, 2018 BASE MEETING MINUTES- As for the Annual Tarheel Base Picnic this year, Jim Wallace discovered all Saturdays in September are booked up at the Lake Crabtree Park pavilions. After checking with Commander Dave, Jim booked the Dogwood Pavilion for Saturday, October 13, 2018. He checked out the Dogwood Pavilion and found it to be suitable for the Base picnic. It is smaller than the Beech Pavilion- seating capacity of 50 verses 100. The Dogwood Pavilion is closer to the lake and beach volleyball and has easy access to plenty of parking. Regarding the schedule change to October 13th, it appears this date will not interfere with any other planned Subvet events, including the USSVI National Convention Cruise. The picnic is now scheduled for October 13th- one week after the Base meeting on October 6th.