

MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2019 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST#67

CARY, NC

Prior to the start of the Base meeting, 9 Subvets and Subvet Dan Wall's wife Ann joined for the breakfast meal and a time of socializing at the IHOP in Cary, NC.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Base Commander Dave Campbell after COB Dan Wall "dived the boat with two blasts from the diving alarm". Base Chaplain Gene Rutter rendered the opening prayer. Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 27 Subvets and 1 guest in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following, Bill Lowe read the USSVI Purpose-

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 sacrifice.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commander Dave asked the two WWII Subvets- Marty Kirwan and Don Moyer for the first introductions. All gave these "heroes from the greatest generation" a hearty round of applause. Following were introductions by the other 25 Subvets, 1 guest, and Dan Wall's wife Ann. During his introduction, Base Secretary Bill Lowe read a thank you note from Subvet Lester Skelley. He lost his home and all of his

possessions during the devastating forest fire in Paradise, California. He wanted to thank NC Subvets for their kindness and generosity. A new prospective Tarheel Base member was present- Ken Cleary. All urged him to sign up right away.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the months of January and February was conducted by Tom McFadden and COB Dan Wall . Accompanied by a slide presentation, Tom read the recounts of the 5 submarines lost in January and the 5 lost in February. Dan tolled the bell for each of these 10 lost submarines in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL

Base Chaplain Gene Rutter stated he isn't aware of any Tarheel Base members sailing on Eternal Patrol recently. There was one Eastern North Carolina Subvet- Arran Lee Bray that passed away recently. He was not a member of USSVI or a Base.

BINNACLE LIST (PRAYERS, INFO,ACTIONS)

Chaplain Gene covered the history of National Chaplain Butterbean's bout with 4 heart attacks plus recovery. He experienced his first heart attack at home on November 29, 2018 and 3 more over a period of a couple days while in the hospital. Following this, he went through about 2 months of rehab at a facility in Durham and another one located in Raleigh. The good news is he is now at home as of February 7, 2019. Gene read a note from Chaplain Butterbean thanking all for their well wishes and especially their prayers. Also, Chaplain Gene mentioned other Subvets with medical issues: Al Ashdown fell and broke his ankle; Duane Gow's wife has a cold; M.B. Hudson is doing "Pretty Good" with his counseling;

and Don Moyer is now doing Aquaerobics at the Wellness Center to aid in his recovery from surgery. Prayers are requested all on the Binnacle List!

SPEAKER

Guest speaker was Les Parker, a former Town of Cary Youth Baseball coach. He had worked with the Cary Rec Department for 24 years. He covered the Spring Baseball season that runs from April 1st until July 4th with games played on Bond Park Field #5. The game schedule will be posted on the Cary Parks and Rec Website. Les stated there is a no reservations shelter at the entrance to the fields suitable for a barbeque/picnic get-together for the team and Base members. The Tarheel Base will be sponsoring a team of 15-17 year old players in the Colt League. Base Treasurer Tom McFadden has paid the sponsorship fee for the next two years- a total of \$300.00. A motion was made and passed for the Base to pay for support of the team by possibly purchasing hats for team members with NC Subvets.Org logo on them. Tom passed around a copy of a proposed logo to go on the front of the team uniforms. Commander Dave urged Base members to support our sponsored team by attending games when the season kicks off.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Holland Club Awards Chairman Jim Davis had no awards scheduled for this meeting. He will have one presentation on the agenda during our next Base meeting in April for Ken Cleary- pending his completion of paperwork to join the Tarheel Base. Jim stated he has the supply of Longevity Pins ready to pass out and will do so after the Base meeting ends. As an added note, Jim distributed a total of 20 Longevity Pins following the meeting.

REPORTS

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

Vice Commander Jim Davis - No comments.

Secretary- Bill Lowe - Approve last meeting minutes from October 6, 2018 meeting as sent out on the Tarheel email buoy and posted on the Website. Meeting minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

Treasurer - Tom McFadden - Membership Report - Base membership stands at 102 members as of February 16, 2019. Financial Report: Current Balances- Regular Account- \$3,504.74; Savings Account- \$6,000; Total Balance- \$9,504.74- Previous Balances (reported October 2018)- Regular Account- \$9,268.09; Total Balance- \$9,268.09. Notes- The 2018 Annual Financial Report was submitted and accepted. All expenses for the Pearl Harbor Dinner were paid in December. Final dinner financials are as follows: Income from Reservations - \$3,040; Income from Raffle - \$520(after paid Sheriff \$160 cash); Payment to NCSU University Club - \$2,908.92. A Business Savings Account was setup and funded with Live Oak Bank with an interest rate of 1.1% APR. The initial deposit was \$6,000. Unique expenses during the previous period include \$230.70 to the National Storekeeper for Longevity Pins and \$300 to the Town of Cary for the baseball team sponsorship (2 years paid \$150/year).

COB - Dan Wall had no comment.

STOREKEEPER/PR OFFICER - JIM WALLACE - Jim passed around his catalog of items for sale. He had 2 jackets (extra large) on display (designed/decorated by Tom McFadden) with a sale price of \$25 each. More jackets are in the works. Jim stated he has one 2019 Subvet calendar left and doesn't want to carry it home!

ADOPT-A-SPOT- No comments on this Base project.

BASE RECRUITER - BILL "BUTTERBEAN" DIXON - He was not present. In his absence, several recruiting ideas were discussed by the Subvet group.

DISTRICT COMMANDER - DAVE CAMPBELL - He visited the Redstone Base during his recent trip to Huntsville, Alabama. Dave stated there is an ongoing problem getting Subvets to join USSVI.

TARHEEL BASE LIBRARIAN WOLFGANG FRIEDRICH- Wolfgang brought several boxes of books to the meeting and urged the Subvets present to check them out, read them, and return same.

NC Subvets Commander- Jerry Emerson - Not present.

REGIONAL COMMANDER -Ken Nichols - Not present.

NATIONAL OFFICERS - Paul Hiser - National Treasurer - Paul said the roll out of the new website is still "a work in progress".

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PARADES & EVENTS UPCOMING: See new business long term planning.

1- The next Tarheel Base breakfast at the Golden Corral is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8:30 AM (note-start time was changed after a bit of discussion).

2- Quarterly Socials- Dinners/Lunches - First one for 2019 is planned for Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 PM at the Lugano Ristorante in Cary (same location as the previous dinner held last year). Reservations are required so commitments will also be required!

3- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh - Tarheel Base has signed up, with waiver sent, to participate in this parade to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Jerry Leppart is waiting for the "official word".

4- The Old North State Base has scheduled the launching ceremony for their new submarine float for Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Pamlico Plantation Clubhouse in Aurora, NC. Start time for the ceremony was changed from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in order to allow participants in the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade

enough travel time to attend this event. After the launching ceremony, a Veteran's Dinner will be served at a cost of \$25 per person. The commissioning ceremony for the submarine float will be held on May 4, 2019. More info will be forthcoming.

5- A Southeast Regional Conference is on the agenda for April 29th to May 2nd in Cape Canaveral, FL. The meeting will be hosted by the Snug Harbor Base. This is the same location as the 2015 Southeast Regional Conference. Commander Dave suggested this meeting would be a good alternative for Subvets that can't attend the USSVI National Convention in Austin, Texas this year.

6- The Moonshine Mountain Memorial Meeting is scheduled for May 17th and May 18th. If you plan on attending this meeting, make your reservations very soon. There are a limited number of rooms still available at the host Hotel- the Big Lynn Lodge!

Pearl Harbor Dinner Report - Tom stated this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019. This date was finalized with the NCSU University Club after clearing up some scheduling conflicts with a bridal party.

Joe Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund - Several questions have been voiced about this fund: Who is eligible to be awarded this \$1,000 scholarship each year? Answer- It is to be awarded to only children of NC Subvets and is administered by the USSVI National Scholarship Committee. How are we (all Bases in NC) funding this scholarship? This will be an item to be discussed during the next Board meeting and Base meeting. As an added note, the 2018 winner of this scholarship was Kathryn Flax, granddaughter of Coastal Carolina Base Subvet Jim Brincefield.

Color Guard Report: Tom McFadden was happy to report two Tarheel Base members have told him they are interested in joining the Base Color Guard- Wolfgang Friedrich and Gary Lew. Thanks are extended to you two for stepping forward.

OLD BUSINESS

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Per Commander Dave, we missed participating back on the 15th of December. Butterbean's heart attacks and the heavy rain predicted for that Saturday resulted in my not making any announcements for support. We'll try again this year!

NEW BUSINESS

SOY Report: Commander Dave-COMSUBLANT did not show up again! Dave attended the SOY ceremony at the Pennsylvania House on the Norfolk Naval Base. The top selectees were DC1(SW) Monique Carawell, based at RSG Groton and MMA1(SS) Stephen Fuhr of USS San Juan. District One contribution for shore and sea SOY candidates (runners-ups) was \$500 (\$125 for each of the 4 candidates).

USSVI WEBSITE UPGRADE ROLL OUT - Status- Per Paul Hiser, there is an ongoing problem of downloading data from the old to new systems.

EDITOR FOR ALL CLEAR/WEBSITE- Our present editor, Joe Peek, will be putting out quarterly reports. He is in need of inputs, narratives, and images. Currently, Joe has participation from 3 NC Bases. The next issue of the All Clear will be out in March.

NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM IN SOUTHPORT - Additional presenters are needed for 2019. Dave will be in communication with the director of this initiative and will keep the Base updated. Dave has already volunteered to be a presenter.

WELLNESS PROGRAM - The goal of this program is to check on the senior Base members (80+) on a regular basis. Base Chaplain Gene Rutter heads up this program. Gene made phone calls to several senior members in November and February and most of those contacted appreciated the call. In addition, he drafted and sent a letter as a way to personally contact 26 of our older members. Gene was disappointed with the lack of replies- zero! He noted that there is a need for Subvets to update their USSVI Profile info.

BASE PICNIC FOR 2019 - The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Dogwood Shelter in Lake Crabtree Park (same location as last year). The plan is to combine the Base Picnic and the October Base meeting as approved by the Executive Board.

APRIL BASE MEETING - For our April meeting, we are looking at a Thursday night- possibly at a pizza place- time would be 6:00 PM with dinner followed by the meeting. Discussion will also include the idea of bringing wives to our meeting and doing a pot-luck type dinner followed by the meeting. Base leadership will also be looking to get some outside speakers to provide entertainment and information of interest. As an update- Jim Wallace and Rich Cimino checked out several pizza restaurants and could not find one that would be suitable for holding a meeting. Rich suggested holding the meeting and dinner at the American Legion facility. To make a long story short, Jim contacted Rich Spyrisson with the American Legion and got the okay/reservations to hold the meeting/pizza dinner at the Legion Hall on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM. For the meal, pizza would be ordered and Base members and wives would pitch in \$5 each . Our reservations for the American Legion facility run from 4:00 to 11:00 PM. This will allow sufficient time to set up and clean up.

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Ted Hurley was the big winner of \$55.00

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene offered up the closing prayer for the blessing of a productive Base meeting followed by safe travel for all.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: Thursday evening April 4,2019 at the American Legion Bldg. Meeting
adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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