

MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

HELD ON JUNE 1, 2019 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST#67

CARY, NC

Prior to attending the Base meeting, 10 Subvets and 1 first mate gathered for breakfast and some socialization 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 offered up the opening prayer. Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 28 Subvets and 1 wife in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by Bill Lowe reading 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 stated no WWII Subvets were in attendance at today's meeting. First introductions were afforded to the following: Anthony B. Van Schaick- first time attendee and prospective new Base member and John Torrico-USSVI At Large Base member attending his first meeting. John will be a Tarheel Base member as soon as the paperwork is completed. Following were introductions by

the other 26 Subvets as they stated the date they qualified and the name of their qual boat. Subvet Dan Wall's wife Ann was also present.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

Tom McFadden conducted the Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony by reading the names and hull numbers of the lost boats along with a slide presentation- 4 in May and 7 in June. COB Dan Wall rang the bell for each of these 11 lost boats in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL

Base Chaplain Gene Rutter stated he was aware of 3 Subvets going on Eternal Patrol since the last Base meeting: (1)-John (Jack) Crosson, Jr- Jack was a former member of the Tarheel Base and 5 Tarheel Base members tended the lines for him on May 3, 2019; (2) Former Coastal Carolina Base Commander Chuck Fletcher. Three Tarheel Base Subvets attended Chuck's memorial service in Southport, NC on May 10, 2019. (3)- David Holm- Former Tarheel Base member. Carolina Piedmont and USS Asheville members tended the lines for David. Chaplain Gene read a thank you note from David's family.

BINNACLE LIST (PRAYERS, INFO,ACTIONS)

Chaplain Gene covered the following Tarheel Base members: Al Langston is recovering from a broken ankle. M.B. Hudson is trying to get his medications at a more suitable level.

SPEAKER

No speaker was scheduled for this Base meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Holland Club Awards Chairman Jim Davis- He had no awards pending for this meeting. Jim presented (5) Longevity Pins during the meeting.

REPORTS

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

Vice Commander- Jim Davis- As Election Master, Jim announced ballots will be forthcoming this month for the election of a District 1 Commander. Dave Campbell is running unopposed, but Jim urged Subvets to vote. You can do a write-in vote, if you so desire. As a bit of info, Jim stated the Tarheel Base has only 27 members under 70.

Secretary- Bill Lowe - Approve last meeting minutes from the Thursday evening April 4, 2019 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 still stands at 102 members. Financial Report: Current balances are- Regular account- \$4,014.28; Savings account- \$6,014.95- Total balance- \$10,029.23. Previous balances (reported April 2019- Total balance- \$10,188.62. Notes: No unique expenses during this period. Reimbursed expenses for last meeting dinner (\$206.51). Outstanding: Joe Clark fund deposit- sent request to USSVI for account specifics. Holland Club- Jim Davis gave approval to send annual payment/dues. Payment for Town of Cary baseball jerseys. Reimbursement for 06/01 lunch.

COB- Dan Wall- Nothing to report.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Jim has tee shirts available with the logo for our Base sponsored Cary League Baseball Team for \$20.00 each. No report on the Adopt-A-Spot Program.

Base Recruiter- Bill "Butterbean Dixon- Per Butterbean, he sends out info to prospective Base members as soon as their names and info are passed along to him.

Comments by (If Present)

NC Subvets State Commander- Jerry Emerson- Jerry urged Base members to read the ALL Clear Publication and send pictures and articles to Joe Peek for upcoming editions.

District Commander Dave Campbell- Dave stated he attended the Southeast Regional Conference held last month in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The Snug Harbor Base did a fine job of hosting the event. It was announced that, going forward, SE Conferences will be held every other year and they will be assigned to a region or district. As for North Carolina, it will be a State Bases event. Also, on the subject of recruiting new members, that problem has been pencil whipped to no end!!

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Present.

National Office Information- Paul Hiser- National Treasurer- Paul covered the locations for upcoming National Conventions; this coming August in Austin, Texas; next year in Tucson, Arizona; back in Orlando, Florida in 2021 at the same hotel where the convention was held two years ago (with the same room rates as charged two years ago). Paul announced the USSVI National Office has purchased a card printer that can be used to print convention name tags and other items like Holland Club membership cards. This will end up saving National about \$6,000 per year.

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, July 13, 2019 at 8:30 AM at the location on Glenwood Ave. in Raleigh.

2- The Moonshine Mountain Memorial Meeting was held on May 17th and May 18th- Report by Bob Govern- There were a total of 40 Subvets in attendance representing 13 Bases from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. The Tarheel Base had 8 members present. The Memorial Service on Moonshine Mountain was well handled and a fitting tribute to the 65 Lost Boats and their crews. Bob added a note from the business meeting: SE Regional Commander Ken Nichols floated the idea of holding a SE Conference in the Mississippi or Louisiana region.

3- Pearl Harbor Dinner Report - Tom stated this year's Pearl Harbor Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the NCSU University Club.

4- Color Guard Report: Tom McFadden - The Color Guard has been busy presenting colors at two Duke baseball games and a ACC baseball game. Tom stated he is in the process of working in two Base members as part of the Color Guard crew- Wolfgang Friedrich and Gary Lew. Also, plans for participating in this year's NC State Fair will be forthcoming.

5- Tom McFadden made a recommendation that the Base make a donation to the American Legion for the use of their facility. After some discussion, a motion was made and passed to make a \$200.00 donation this year and future amounts will be approved on a year by year basis.

6- Dick Kanning reported Frank and Charles Hood, the authors of the Sub book Poopies Suits and Cowboy Boots, have published their third revision of the book. To date, they have donated \$19,000 to the USSVI Scholarship Fund from the sales of their book.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1- Wellness Program: Goal is to check on the senior Base members (80+). Gene Rutter is accomplishing this on a regular schedule. As info, 4 more of our Tarheel Base members will be turning 80 soon.

2-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.

3- Per Chuck Jensen, the annual Fly-in at the Asheboro Air Museum is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019. There is a need for Subvets to be present to answer questions about the torpedo float and model submarine.

4- As stated previously, future SER Conferences will be held every two years.

5- E-Mail Buoy- Split into two groups due to number limits by various Internet Service Providers (action- Patch). Need to notify members to check trash and junk folders.

6- 2021 National Convention back in Orlando, FL- same room rate- need to promote this location this time around.

7- Kings Bay WWII Memorial Service is scheduled a bit earlier this year- October 22nd.

8- 4th quarterly dinner- After considering several locations, Rich Cimino came up with The Village Grill of Lafayette Village in North Raleigh. The address is 8470 Honeycutt Road, Raleigh, NC 27615 and wives and guests are invited. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:00PM. The room will seat 40 and you can order off the menu. Per Rich, they have great hamburgers!

9- EX-BD also discussed combined events with the Old North State Base. Jerry Emerson announced the next Old North State Base social dinner will be at the

Pups Steakhouse in Wilson on Friday evening June 7th at 5:30 PM. Tarheel Base members are invited.

10- Bill Lowe urged the Base to purchase an ad in the magazine for the upcoming USSVI National Convention to be held in Austin, TX and have the NC Subvet State Commander Jerry Emerson be in charge of this venture. In the end, a motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to send in the order form for a half page ad at a cost of \$150.00. Jerry agreed to come up with a design depicting the patches for the 7 NC Subvet Bases and submit the order. He will solicit contributions from the other NC Bases to help cover the \$150.00 price tag.

11- COB Dan Wall's wife Ann thanked members of the Tarheel Base for their support and prayers during her recent surgery and recovery.

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Butterbean was the big winner of \$68.00. He donated his winnings back to the Tarheel Base.

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene rendered the closing prayer for safe travel for all present.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: August 3, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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

Pizza lunch for members after Base meeting!!

