

## MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2019 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST#67, CARY, NC

Prior to attending the Base meeting, 7 Subvets, 1 first mate (Ann Wall), and Subvet Elvie Jackson's grandson Mark enjoyed breakfast and some socialization at the IHOP in Cary, NC.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Base Vice Commander Jim Davis after COB Dan Wall "dived the boat with two blasts from the diving alarm". Base Backup Chaplain Rich Cimino offered up the opening prayer. Temporary Fill-in Base Secretary Jerry Leppart led the 19 Subvets and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by Jerry Leppart 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

Vice Commander Jim Davis asked the one WWII Subvet present-Don Moyer- for an introduction. One new Base Subvet was welcomed- CDR. David Caccamo. He qualified in 1976 aboard the USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623). This was followed by introductions all around by the other 17 Subvets in attendance.

### 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- 3 in July and 5 in August. COB Dan Wall rang the bell for each of these 8 lost boats in solemn remembrance of our shipmates who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

## ETERNAL PATROL MEMORIAL

Rich Cimino covered the passing of retired Subvet Capt. Earl Lee DeWisPelaere in Chapel Hill, NC.

## SPEAKER

Impromptu speaker was Ray Martin, American Legion Adjutant. He gave a presentation on the Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC). A flyer was passed out detailing an event scheduled for September 12; 13; and 14th at the Herbert Young Community Center in Cary, NC. All veterans and family members of veterans are invited. Per the flyer, veterans and dependents will be assisted by a combined team including Veterans' Benefits and Health Administrators, Vet Center, and Veterans' Service Officers. Also, Mr Martin covered a bill (HB641) that is currently in the NC General Assembly for consideration. This bill is titled "Green Alert Bill" and it's purpose is to put out the word when a Vet is missing- similar to a Amber Alert and a Silver Alert. Mr Martin urged all Subvets to contact their NC House and Senate Representatives and asked them to support and pass this bill.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Holland Club Awards Chairman Jim Davis- He has no awards pending for this year. No Longevity Pins were presented during the meeting.

## REPORTS

Base Commander/ SE District 1 Commander- Dave Campbell- Dave was not present.

Vice Commander- Jim Davis- He reported on the results of the SED1 election. The Tarheel Base had a total of 43 Subvets that voted . To date, the District 1 results have not been posted by the Regional Commander Ken Nichols. Also, Jim spoke on the importance of all Subvets updating their information on the USSVI Website.

In the absence of Base Secretary Bill Lowe, Vice Commander Jim Davis entertained a motion to approve last Tarheel Base meeting minutes from the June 1, 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 now stands at 104 members. Financial Report: Current balances are- Regular account- \$3,865.81; Savings account- \$6,025.59- Total balance- \$9,891.40 Previous balances (reported June 2019)- Total balance- \$10,029.23. Notes: Unique expenses include reimbursement for meeting lunch (\$121.67); annual Holland Club dues (\$75); and USSVI ad (\$150). Received \$25 from Asheville Base, Nat Greene Base, and Carolina Piedmont Base for USSVI ad.

COB- Dan Wall- Nothing to report.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Not Present

Base Recruiter- Bill "Butterbean" Dixon- Not Present

#### Comments by (If Present)

NC Subvets State Commander- Jerry Emerson- Not Present

District Commander Dave Campbell- Not Present

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Present.

National Office Information- Paul Hiser- National Treasurer- Not Present

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Wellness Program: The goal is to check on the senior Base Members (80+)- Report- Chaplain Gene Rutter was not present but has been calling Base members. Gene and Jim Davis visited 95 year old WWII Vet Dick Lewis last week. Dick served on the USS Lionfish (SS-298), made 3 War Patrols, and sank a Japanese submarine. During their visit, they presented Dick with a Holland Club cap, lapel pin, and a challenge coin. Those items were not given out quite a while back when he was inducted into the Holland Club.

2. Binnacle List (Prayers, Information, Actions-- ) Rich Cimino stated Tarheel Base Subvet Al Ashdown is in need of our prayers and support.

3. Color Guard Report- Tom McFadden- He has received a request from Vince Sievert for the Tarheel Base Color Guard to present Colors at the August 24, 2019 Carolina Mudcats Baseball Game.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tarheel Base breakfast at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. in Raleigh- Scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

2. Next quarterly dinner will be held at the MEZ Contemporary Mexican Restaurant on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Restaurant is located at 5401 Page Rd.- right off I-40.

3- Base picnic for 2019- Scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at the Dogwood Shelter in Lake Crabtree Park (same location as last year). Plan on combined Base Picnic and October Base meeting. PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO JIM WALLACE OR RICH CIMINO TO LET THEM KNOW IF YOU'RE ATTENDING.

4. Kings Bay Memorial Service- Scheduled earlier this year- from Wednesday, October 23 through Sunday, October 27, 2019. Memorial ceremony for WWII Submarine veterans will be held on Friday morning October 25th at 10:00 AM.

5. NC State Fair- October 17- October 27... Military Appreciation Day on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Vince Sievert will have the ONS Base Submarine float at the Fair. Tom McFadden is the coordinator for this event.

6- Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade- November 11, 2019- 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM.

7- Pearl Harbor Dinner- December 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM- NC State University Club- 4200 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27606.

8- 2021 USSVI National Convention- Back in Orlando, FL- Same room rates- Need to support; The resort is providing rooms at the rate they did in 2017.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business items were discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

1- Report on the Tarheel Base Sponsored Cary Youth Spring Baseball Team and the Season- Jim Davis- Jim read a letter from the Town of Cary thanking the Tarheel Base for our support.

2- Members emergency contact information- This is needed to maintain contact with members. Update the USSVI website with this information or provide it when you sign the attendance log book at the next meeting.

3- Open forum: What do you, as a member, want out of membership? Are you getting it? Recommended changes? Per Vice Commander Jim, think about it!

4- Vince Sievert brought a beautiful Dolphin Cribbage Board that he crafted to be presented to Base Secretary Bill Lowe who was not present. Bob Govern took custody of it to give to Bill.

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Keith Bender was the big winner of \$47.50. Keith is donating all of his winnings to the UNC Childhood Cancer Oncology Department.

BENEDICTION- Rich Cimino rendered up the closing prayer for safe travel for all present.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: October 5, 2019. (Base Picnic)  
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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

