

## MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING

HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2019 DURING 3RD ANNUAL TARHEEL BASE FAMILY  
PICNIC AT LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK IN MORRISVILLE, NC

Plans for a brief Tarheel Base business meeting prior to chowing down on a meal supplied by Smithfield's Chicken & Barbeque were changed when the food arrived early at the Dogwood Shelter. Chaplain Gene Rutter offered up a prayer of blessing for the meal and the 19 Subvets along with 17 "first mates" enjoyed a delicious spread.

Meeting was called to order at about 12:15 PM by Base Vice Commander Jim Davis after COB Dan Wall "dived the boat with two blasts from the diving alarm". Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 19 Subvets and their guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by Jim Davis 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 stated no WWII Subvets were present. Introductions were rendered by the 19 Subvets present- not forgetting to mention their spouses!

## TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

Vice Commander Jim conducted a "short version" of the Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony by reading the names and hull numbers of the lost boats - 5 in September and 9 in October.

## REPORTS

Vice Commander Jim Davis entertained a motion to approve last Tarheel Base meeting minutes from the August 3, 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 103 members. Financial Report: Current balances are- Regular account- \$3,982.21; Savings account- \$6,036.98- Total balance- \$10,019.79 Previous balances (reported August 2019)- Total balance- \$9,891.40. Notes: Final balance does not include savings account interest for October. Received \$25 from Old North State Base for USSVI ad. Have received only a couple 2020 dues. NC State Fair- 10/23; need volunteers for Military Appreciation Day and Parade. Pearl Harbor Dinner- 12/07; registration to be sent; guest speaker CAPT Hertel (NROTC) confirmed.

COB- Dan Wall announced an upcoming event to be held in Archer's Lodge, NC on November 10, 2019- a dedication of a veteran's memorial.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Plans for the next quarterly dinner are in the works- possibly at a seafood restaurant. A workday is planned for Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Cary Veteran's Memorial Park on North Harrison Avenue.

Base Recruiter- Bill "Butterbean Dixon- Not Present

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Wellness Program: The goal is to check on the senior Base Members (80+)- Report- Chaplain Gene Rutter stated this is an ongoing needed item and he is doing it!
2. Binnacle List (Prayers, Information, Actions--) Chaplain Gene said Butterbean's progress is a praise!!
3. Vice Commander Jim reminded Subvets of two items: 1- Election of Tarheel Base Officers will take place in October and all the current slate of officers have agreed to continue in their positions- if elected. 2- Pay your Base and National dues in no short order!

## PARADES/EVENTS

1. Per Chuck Jensen, the NC Air Fly-in at the Asheboro Airport is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019. This event was rescheduled from June due to thunderstorms in the area. Subvet volunteers are needed to man the torpedo and submarine floats that are stored in the Airport Museum.
- 2- Per Tom McFadden, NC Subvets will have a display at the NC State Fair on October 23, 2019- Military Appreciation Day. Plans are for the Old North State Base to bring their submarine float to the Fair for the display and take part in the parade around the Fairgrounds. Subvet participants will need to sign up soon.
- 3- Kings Bay Annual WWII Memorial Meeting is scheduled for October 23-27, 2019. At least 4 Tarheel Base members will be attending this event.
- 4- Per Jim Wallace, a workday at the Cary Veteran's Memorial Park on North Harrison Ave. is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019.
5. Tarheel Base breakfast at the Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. in Raleigh is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 8:30 AM.
- 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.

### OLD BUSINESS

1- Joe Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund- For now, donations are on hold until information can be obtained on how the USSVI Charitable Foundation administers these scholarships.

### NEW BUSINESS

1- None

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Gene Rutter was the big winner of \$52.50. Gene donated all of his winnings to the Tarheel Base Treasury.

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

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: December 7, 2019. (Pearl Harbor Dinner)

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

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