

MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2020 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST#67
CARY, NC

Prior to the start of the Base meeting, 7 Subvets mustered for breakfast 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 23 Subvets and 3 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Next- Bill read the Purpose of USSVI: Our prupose 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 gived the supreme sacrifice.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commander Dave asked the one WWII Subvet present, Don Moyer, for the first introduction. All gave this "hero from the greatest generation" a hearty round of applause. Next came an introduction by a first time Subvet attendee and prospective Tarheel Base member Jim Cruickshank. Following were introductions by the other 21 Subvets present. No new Tarheel Base members were present. Visitors present were the upcoming speaker LTC Jason "Bruno" Brizek and COB Dan Wall's wife Ann.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

The Tolling of the Lost Boats Ceremony for the months of January and February was conducted by Jim Davis and Dan Wall . No slide presentation was available and Jim 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 has been made aware of Capt. James L. White- a submariner- sailing on his Eternal Patrol recently. His memorial service is scheduled for today- in conflict with the timing of today's Base meeting.

BINNACLE LIST (PRAYERS, INFO,ACTIONS)

Chaplain Gene covered several Tarheel Base Subvets and their wives that are in need of our prayers and concern: Bob Govern, Dave Campbell, Jerry Leppart and wife Sandy, Duane Gow and wife Millie, Gene and wife Donna, and Subvet Johnny Turner who is recovering from surgery.

SPEAKER

All welcomed LTC Jason "Bruno" Brizek, Ret., Green Beret- US Army Special Forces. LTC Brizek is a graduate of the US Military Academy and served for 24 years- mainly in the 101st Airborne. He covered his years as a Green Beret Officer and he stated it was his honor to speak to a group of submariners (note- he got that word correct!) LTC Brizek is Owner Operator of Boldman L.L.C. that offers Tactical Business Development and Leadership Consulting. At the conclusion of his talk, Commander Dave presented LTC Brizek with a submarine coffee mug and a challenge coin. He was invited to come speak again to the group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Holland Club Awards Chairman Jim Davis had no awards scheduled for this meeting.

No Longevity Pins were presented.

REPORTS

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

Vice Commander Jim Davis - He stated there are 4 Tarheel Base members that still owe their 2020 National dues and 12 Base members that owe 2020 Tarheel Base dues. The concern is with the members that owe National dues. If unpaid by January 31st, National will drop them from the rolls.

Secretary- Bill Lowe - Approve last meeting minutes from the October 5, 2019 Base meeting held during the picnic as sent out on the Tarheel email buoy and posted on the NC Subvets. Org website. Meeting minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

Treasurer - Tom McFadden was not present and Base Secretary Bill Lowe read his report - Membership Report - Base membership stands at 102 members as of February 1, 2020. Financial Report: Current Balances- Regular Account- \$4,644.26; Savings Account- \$6,059.28; Total Balance- \$10,703.54- Previous Balances (reported June 2019)- Total Balance- \$10,019.79. Notes- Final balance does not include savings account interest for January. EOY financial report submitted and accepted. Pearl Harbor Dinner final: Cost - \$3,412.16 (University Club and NCSU Police); Income- \$3,620.00(registration and \$680 raffle); Balance - positive \$207.84. NCSU University Club reserved for 12/05/2020.

COB - Dan Wall - No Comment

STOREKEEPER/PR OFFICER - JIM WALLACE - Jim stated Tom McFadden has a new supplier for jackets and a new jacket design will be available for sale in the near future. One of the old design jackets was on display and for sale. It is usually sold for \$45.00 and is on sale during the meeting for \$35.00 (Size large). Also on display was the shirt for the Base sponsored Cary baseball team. As usual, Jim passed around the catalog of items he has in stock.

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

BASE RECRUITER - BILL "BUTTERBEAN" DIXON - Butterbean reemphasized the importance of getting the name, phone number and email address of Subvets you meet- not just give them your card! Pass along the info to Butterbean and he will "plow the row". Also, Butterbean thanked Jerry Leppart for filling in for him.

NC SUBVETS COMMANDER - Jerry Emerson- Frans Van Barrs is working on the banner for the Moonshine Mountain Memorial. The cost for this banner will be published in the All Clear. Jerry stated he will be looking for someone to take his place as NC Subvets Commander come May.

DISTRICT COMMANDER - DAVE CAMPBELL - Dave stated District 1 is stable- thanks to the Hampton Rhodes Base!

TARHEEL BASE LIBRARIAN WOLFGANG FRIEDRICH- Not in attendance

REGIONAL COMMANDER - Ken Nichols - Not present

NATIONAL OFFICERS - Paul Hiser - National Treasurer - Paul said the USSVI National Website rollout is moving along but at a slow pace due to the job of unravelling the old site. He covered the upcoming USSVI National Conventions- this year in Tucson, AZ on August 24-30, 2020 with info posted on the USSVI Facebook Page; back in Orlando, FL in 2021; and in Buffalo, NY in 2022. Also, coming soon, a fund raising drive for the Charitable Foundation will kick off.

Wreaths Across America- Commander Dave thanked the (7) Tarheel Base members who participated in the Wreath Across America ceremony at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Cary, NC on December 14, 2019. There is a hope that more Subvets will join together to participate in this worthwhile project at a larger cemetery in Raleigh, NC come December.

Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade- Dave reported (8) NC Subvets (6 from Tarheel and 2 from Old North State Base) along with the Old North State Base Submarine Float participated in the December 8, 2019 Christmas Parade in Fuquay-Varina, NC. It was a very long parade and there is hope for a repeat trip to this parade with more Subvets present to ride the float.

Base Picnic- October 5, 2019- Jim Wallace and Rich Cimino stated there was a good turnout for the picnic with a total of 36 in attendance. All enjoyed the socializing and good food from Smithfield's Chicken and Barbeque. This year's picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2020 at a larger location in the Lake Crabtree Park- the Beech Pavillion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PARADES & EVENTS UPCOMING: See new business long term planning

1- Tarheel Base breakfast at the Golden Corral - Scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

2- Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade- Date- Saturday, March 14, 2020. NC Subvets Torpedo Float and the Old North State's Sturgeon Class Submarine Float will be participating. Per Dave, let's have a good turnout and fill both floats with Subvets for the parade!

3- 1st Quarter Dinner held on January 21, 2020 at Cape Fear Seafood Company Restaurant in Raleigh, NC- Jim Wallace and Rich Cimino reported a total of 31 (17 Subvets and 14 wives) were in attendance. All enjoyed a delicious meal. Date and location of the next quarterly dinner is in the planning stage.

Color Guard Report- Tom McFadden was not present. COB Dan Wall brought up an event scheduled for February 21, 22, and 23 in Kinston, NC. It is called the Freedom Classic and consist of baseball games between the Airforce Academy and the Naval Academy. Dave said it sounds like it would be a good idea for Subvets to attend one of these games, have our Color Guard participate, and Subvets cheer for the Naval Academy Baseball Team.

OLD BUSINESS

1- Report on the Base Sponsored Cary Youth Spring Baseball Team and Upcoming Season- Jim Davis stated the team players are being picked now and he will send out the schedule of games when available.

2- SUBLANT Sailor of the Year Support- Previous years info- Winners got \$150 each (Hampton Rhodes Base took care of this). Runners-up got \$125 each with those funds coming from the NC Bases (3 large Bases- \$100 each and smaller Bases \$50 each with Abermarle Sound Base exempted. Old North State Base has always gave support despite it's size. Tarheel has given \$100 minimum and made up any short fall. Currently, continuation of this program is up in the air and info will be broadcast when available.

NEW BUSINESS

1- WELLNESS PROGRAM- Chaplain stated the goal of the program is to check on Tarheel Base members (80+) on a regular basis. He made calls to check on these Subvets prior to the Pearl Harbor Dinner.

2- JOE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Chuck Jensen reminded Subvets/Bases to be sure to note on contribution checks sent to the USSVI Charitable Foundation that it is designated for the Joe Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund.

3- Report on an act of kindness rendered to the Executive Board at the end of a Board meeting back on the 11th of September 2019. Per Jim Davis, an anonymous patron of Barry's Cafe paid for all the Board members breakfasts. This is the second time this has taken place during a Board meeting at Barry's.

4- Per Webmaster Joe Peek, the Tarheel FaceBook Page can be accessed on the Tarheel,USSVI website. Joe urged Tarheel Base members to join Facebook and take advantage of the wealth of information that is posted.

RAFFLE- Rich Cimino conducted the 50/50 raffle and Ted Hurley was the big winner of \$57.50.

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene offered up the closing prayer for safe travel.

Motion was made to adjourn until the next meeting on: Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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