

MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON-LINE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

Tarheel Base Meeting was held for the fourth time via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A total of 23 NC Subvets and one guest were logged on for the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Base Commander Jim Davis. Chaplain Gene Rutter asked for a moment of silence for all that have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Base Secretary Bill Lowe lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill followed with a reading of the Purpose of USSVI: 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 Jim stated introductions by attendees would not take place for this meeting. It was noted no WWII Subvets were in "attendance". Subvets that had logged in were as follows: Dylan Barhart, USMC- guest speaker; Mike Burkholder; Rich Cimino; Wade Cooper; Jim Davis; Mel Denis; Ed Galaviz; Jim Jacobs; Chuck Jensen; Arv Klemp; Leland Kuntzman; Jerry Leppart; Gary Lew; Bill Lewis; Bill Lowe; Tom McFadden; Scott Powell; Gene Rutter; Vince Sievert; Ricky Tart; Anthony Van Schaick; Dan Wall; Jim Wallace; and Rick Woodson.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

Since the Bremerton Base YouTube Presentation for the boats lost during the months of November and December wasn't available, Commander Jim read the list of the 5 boats lost in November- Albacore (SS-218); Growler (SS-215); Corvina

(SS-226); Scamp ((SS-277) and Sculpin (SS-191). and the 4 boats lost in December- Capelin (SS-289); Sealion (SS-195); F-1 (SS-20); and S-4 (SS-109). COB Dan Wall rang the bell for each of them.

SPEAKER

Tom McFadden introduced the guest speaker Dylan Barhart , USMC. His last assignment was at the Marine Recruiting Station in San Diego, CA. and he had several overseas assignments during his 6 years of service. His wife is presently on active duty with the USMC. Dylan covered, in detail, the four phases of a Marine recruit's training that takes place over a period of approximately 14 weeks. All thanked Dylan for an interesting talk and we are glad we chose the Navy!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mel Denis- Participated in the Duke Covid Vaccine Trials. He now has the antibodies. Mel stated he had minor effects from the vaccine. His wife also participated in the trials. A Bravo-Zulu goes out to Mel and his wife!!

Spencer Combos- He tested positive for COVID-19 and has donated blood/antibodies in October. Spencer was not logged in for today's meeting because his wife had orders for him- play a tennis match!

Parade Float- Jerry Emerson is currently storing the torpedo float at his house in Bailey, NC. We still need to find a permanent storage area. Presently, Chuck Jensen has the parade submarine float at his lake house. Also, Chuck stated he hopes the Asheboro Air Museum will have room for our floats after they are through with a rearrangement job in the Museum.

USSVI Annual Dues- They are due by December 31, 2020 and the Tarheel Base has 11 members that still owe these dues. Pay up!!

Wellness Program Reoprt/Binnacle List- Chaplain Gene Rutter- Gene has made his calls to 80+ Base members. One problem that needs to be addressed- All Base members need to make sure their USSVI profiles are up to date. This will aid Gene in his quest to make contact with members. As for the Binnacle List- 1- Elvie Jackson and his wife have COVID. 2- Paul Hiser's surgery on his knee has been

delayed and he is using a cane now. He has COVID and is feeling much better.3- Gary Lew's wife is doing fine. 4- Jerry Leppart has gone through several tests to determine why he has lost his sense of taste and smell to no avail. He has lost a lot of weight and has an appointment with a gastro doctor soon. Jerry's wife Sandy is taking chemo treatments. 5- Gene said his wife Donna is doing better.6- M.B. Hudson fell and had bleeding on the brain. He is currently home and recovering.

REPORTS

Base Commander- Jim Davis- Election of Base Officers for 2021. Completed on October 31, 2020 with a total of 35 Base members voting.

Vice Commander- Rich Cimino- No Comment.

Secretary Bill Lowe: Entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the last Base meeting held on October 3, 2020 by way of a Zoom type meeting with 26 Subvets logged on as sent out on the Tarheel email buoy and posted the NC Subvets. Org Website. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer- Tom McFadden- USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurers Report as of December 2, 2020- Membership Report: Base Membership is at 99 with 98 regular members and 1 associate member: Financial Report- Current Balances- Regular Account- \$4,616.58; Savings Account- \$6,107.05; Total Balance- \$10,723.63; Previous Balances(reported August 2020)- Total Balance- \$11,277.83- NOTES: Final balance includes savings account interest for November. Live Oak savings account rate has dropped to 0.6%. For the year, through November 30, we have earned \$47.77 interest. Primary reason for a drop in account balance is due to paying the expenses associated with the Moonshine Mountain banner. Our account has been holding other Base donations and cash donations received at last year's Pearl Harbor Dinner. Tom stated next year's Pearl Harbor Dinner is scheduled for December 4, 2021.

COB- Dan Wall- Dan mentioned a couple of his recruiting endeavors on his part and he urged all Base members to be on the look-out for prospective Subvet Base members!

ALL-CLEAR/WebMaster- Joe Peek- Not Logged on.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Jim has received a supply of 2021 USSVI Submarine calendars. The theme on these calendars is Subs in Movies. He will be at the Cary Veterans Park on North Harrison Av. at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 12, 2020 to sell the calendars for \$10.00 each. Also, Jim has a supply of the Base recruiting cards. As a wishful note, Jim has reserved the American Legion Hall for our every other month Tarheel Base meetings in 2021!

Comments By (If Logged on)

NC Subvets Commander- Jerry Emerson- Not Attending.

District Commander- Vince Sievert- Original Moonshine Mountain banners are to be donated (one is 2 ft by 3 ft and one is 4 ft by 8 ft). Vince stated a Brovo-Zulu goes out to the Tarheel Base for maintaining some cohesion during this troubling time with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Vince wished all a Merry Christmas!

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Attending.

National Office Information- Paul Hiser- National Treasurer- Not Attending.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1- 2021 USSVI National Convention in Orlando, FL on August 31, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1-Wreaths Across America: Propose to purchase wreaths for laying on veteran's graves at Hillcrest Cemetary in Cary on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 12:00 Noon. Cost of the wreaths is 5 wreaths for \$75 or 10 wreaths for \$150. Hillcrest Cemetary currently has 88 wreaths sponsored out of a goal of 150. Motion was made for the Tarheel Base to purchase 10 wreaths for \$150. Motion was approved. As a note, a total of 8 to 10 volunteers will be needed to perform the functions for this event. ATTENTION! ATTENTION! The latest word from Commander Jim is: The Wreaths Across America Program has been cancelled for this year and they are not accepting donations at this time.

2- Guest speakers for upcoming Base meetings- Need to come up with some prospects. Scott Waddle's name was mentioned. Base Secretary Bill Lowe looked back through the Base minutes and came up with a name- Retired Navy Commander Bill Tschudy. He was a Navy Vietnam Prisoner of War for 7 and 1/2 years in North Vietnam. He spoke during the Base meeting held on October 3, 2015. Does anyone know how to contact him?

3- Chuck Jensen recommended the latest book by Charles and Frank Hood titled "Sub Tales".

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene offered up the closing prayer for all members and their families to be safe.

Motion made to adjourn until the next meeting on February 6, 2021 via a Zoom On-line meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

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

