

## MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON-LINE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Tarheel Base Meeting was held for the fifth time via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A total of 15 NC Subvets were logged on for the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Base Commander Jim Davis. Chaplain Gene Rutter asked for a blessing for all attendees and guidance from above as we navigate through this 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

No introductions by attendees took place for this meeting. It was noted no WWII Subvets were in "attendance". Subvets that had logged in were as follows: Mike Burkholder; Rich Cimino; Wade Cooper; Jim Davis; Jim Jacobs; Chuck Jensen; Leland Kuntzman; Jerry Leppart; Gary Lew; Bill Lowe; Tom McFadden; Joe Peek; Gene Rutter; Dan Wall; and Jim Wallace.

### LOST BOATS

Commander Jim read the list of the 5 boats lost in January- Scorpion (SS278; Argonaut (SS-166); Swordfish (SS-193); S-36 (SS-141; S-26 (SS-131) and the 5 boats lost in February- Barbel (SS-316); Shark (SS-174); Amberjack (SS-219); Grayback (SS-208); and Trout (SS-202). COB Dan Wall rang the bell for each of them.

## SPEAKER

No speaker was lined up for this meeting.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Wellness Program Report/Binnacle List- Chaplain Gene Rutter- Gene has contacted all 80+ Base members. Binnacle List- 1- Duane Gow has his son living with him since his wife Millie passed away. 2- Paul Hiser is still on oxygen. 3- Gary Lew's wife is improving. 4- Jerry Leppart is having stomach trouble and will have an MRI soon. 5- Butterbean got good news! His kidneys are okay! 6- Don Moyer is doing well. 7- Dave Campbell's wife April is now in need 24 hour care.

## REPORTS

Base Commander- Jim Davis- Dues Report- 2 members opted out of paying their dues and 2 members have yet to pay up.

Vice Commander- Rich Cimino- No Comment.

Secretary Bill Lowe: Entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the last Base meeting held on December 5, 2020 by way of a Zoom type meeting with 23 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 February 6, 2021. Membership Report: Base Membership is at 97 with 96 regular members and 1 associate member: Financial Report- Current Balances- Regular Account- \$4,560.58; Savings Account- \$6,113.05; Total Balance- \$10,673.63; Previous Balance (reported December 2020)- Total Balance- \$10,723.63- NOTE: Annual financial report was submitted and accepted.

COB- Dan Wall- No comment.

ALL-CLEAR/WebMaster- Joe Peek- Joe stated Jerry Emerson's plans for the torpedo float to be moved to the Edenton Airport have been scuttled. Latest edition of the Subvets Newsletter is on tract to roll out next weekend.

Storekeeper/PR Officer-Today, February 6, 2021, is Jim Wallace's birthday! All wished Jim a Happy Biryhday! Jim reported he received 12 of the 2021 USSVI Submarine calendars and sold all of them!. Also, Jim said he just finished reading Rick Campbell's book- Black Mail- and he really enjoyed the read. Jerry Leppart added that Rick Campbell's 6th book in the series will be coming out soon and they need to be read in order of publishing.

Comments By (If Logged on)

NC Subvets Commander- Jerry Emerson- Not Attending.

District Commander- Vince Sievert- Not Attending

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Attending.

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1- 2021 USSVI National Convention is scheduled for August 31, 2021 in Orlando, FL.

2- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh has been cancelled for 2021.

3- Thomasville Memorial Day Parade is questionable at this time.

4- Pearl Harbor Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021.

5- October Base Meeting/Picnic at Lake Crabtree Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021. Jim Wallace will reserve the shelter.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

1-Wreaths Across America: Tarheel Base purchased 10 wreaths at a cost of \$150 for the wreath laying ceremony conducted on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at the Hillcrest Cemetary in Cary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Base members were not

allowed to participate in the ceremony. A small group of volunteers performed the wreath laying. Joe Peek will check with the Wreaths Across America folks to see if any pictures were taken of the event last year.

2- A need to have an in person Base meeting- finally- was voiced. It was suggested to find a place where the meeting could be held outdoors. A couple ideas were floated: one of the pavillions/shelters in Bond Park or Lake Crabtree; maybe hold the meeting (weather permitting) at the Cary Veterans Park on North Harrison Ave with members bringing their own chairs.

3- As for a location for the torpedo float, Jerry Leppart asked Dan Wall if he would go along with parking the float on his property. Dan said it would be fine with him since he has a 40 acre parking space. Jerry Emerson was informed of the planned move and he is in concurrence. The move will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 with Jerry Leppart using his truck to transport the float from Jerry Emerson's house to Dan Wall's property. Jim Davis, Bob Govern, and Bill Lowe will lend a hand.

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene offered up the closing prayer that all members and their families continue to observe all the precautions to stay safe from contacting the coronavirus.

Motion made to adjourn until the next meeting on April 3, 2021 via a Zoom On-line meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

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

