

**MINUTES OF USSVI TARHEEL BASE MEETING HELD ON
SATURDAY,AUGUST 7, 2021 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #67 IN CARY, NC**

Tarheel Base Meeting was held in person for the third time since February 2020. Coffee and donuts were served prior to the start of the meeting. Green board or straight board! Pressure in the boat! Chuck Jensen dive the boat! Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Base Commander Jim Davis. Rich Cimino offered up the opening prayer of thanks for all the blessings and safety of members and families from the COVID-19 pandemic. Base Secretary Bill Lowe lead the group of 22 Subvets 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

First introduction was afforded to the one and only WWII Subvet present- Don Moyer- who qualified aboard USS Chopper (SS-342) in 1946. All welcomed our newest Tarheel Base member- CAPT. Andy Hertel. In lieu of a speaker for today's meeting, the 22 Subvets present were asked to answer the following four questions as part of their introduction: 1- Where did you join the Navy? 2- Why did you choose the Navy? 3- Why did you volunteer for Submarine Service? 4- Why did you choose your Rate? There was an assortment of answers to those questions by the Subvets present and that led to a very interesting and entertaining program. A hearty thank you is extended to Rich Cimino for coming up with this idea!

LOST BOATS

While showing a slide presentation, Tom McFadden read the list of the 3 boats lost in July- USS S-28 (SS-133); USS Robalo (SS-273); and USS Grunion (SS-216); the 5 boats lost in August- USS Bullhead (SS-332); USS S-39 (SS-144); USS Flier (SS-250); USS Harder (SS-257); and USS Cochino (SS-345). Chuck Jensen rang the bell in solemn remembrance of each boat and crew.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Wellness Program Report/Binnacle List- Assistant Chaplain Rich Cimino reported: 1- Jerry Leppart is undergoing treatment following his reverse shoulder replacement surgery (in lieu of total shoulder replacement surgery). 2- Don Moyer has a swollen knee that will require surgery after he has clearance from his cardiologist. 3- Ann Wall is doing fine with her treatments. 4- Paul Hiser is slowly improving and has trouble with AFIB. 5- Chaplain Gene has made 18 calls to the 80+ Subvets recently with no problems reported.

REPORTS

Base Commander- Jim Davis- Our Cary Youth League Baseball sponsored team finished the season with a record of 4 wins and 8 losses. Tarheel Base will be looking into sponsoring a team next season.

Vice Commander- Rich Cimino- No comment noted. (Into the mike or otherwise).

Secretary Bill Lowe: Entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the last Base meeting held on June 5, 2021 as sent out on the Tarheel email buoy and posted on the NC Subvets. Org Website. Minutes were approved as written and published.

Treasurer- Tom McFadden- USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurers Report as of August 7, 2021. Membership Report: Base Membership is at 99 with 98 regular members and 1 associate member: Financial Report- Current Balances- Regular Account- \$4,946.67; Savings Account- \$6,127.54; Total Balance- \$11,074.21; Previous Balance (reported December 2020)- Total Balance- \$10,877.34- NOTES: Primary

change in account balance is due SK sales from/since the previous meeting.
Outstanding reimbursement for Durham Bulls game- \$610.75. Balances on report as of 07/27/21- July interest to savings account not posted.

COB- Dan Wall- Not Present.

ALL-CLEAR/WebMaster- Joe Peek- Joe passed around a copy of the latest edition of the All-Clear for members to look over and digest.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace: Again, Jim passed around his Storekeeper catalogue and asked members to tell him what items he needs to order.

Adopt-A-Spot Update-The Town of Cary has now opened up this program. Jim announced the next clean-up date is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the North Harrison Ave. Veterans Freedom Park. After the work detail is completed, Subvets and guests will go to lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Comments By (If Present)

NC Subvets Commander- Jerry Emerson- Torpedo Trailer/Float is presently stored in a large pole barn in Merry Hill, NC near Edenton, NC. Word is there may be a building available for storage of the float located north of Winston-Salem, NC. This would be a more desirable centralized location. Jerry stated Chuck Jensen has turned over the Torpedo Trailer Maintenance Fund and the Fuel Reimbursement Fund to him. The total amount of the both funds turned over was \$111.33. Plans are for the Albemarle Sound Base to use the Torpedo Float in the November 6th Veterans Day Parade in Morehead City, NC. Arrangements are in the works for the Float to be passed along to Jerry Leppart for use in the November 11th Veterans Day Parade in Asheboro, NC. Per Jerry Emerson, the Revision #9 to the NC Subvets Charter lacks approval by one Base- the Coastal Carolina Base and he is trying to contact them as to what is the hold up on approval by their Base.

District Commander- Vince Sievert- The USSVI National Convention to be held in Orlando, FL is right around the corner and Vince plans on attending. Rooms in the

Convention Hotel are all booked, but other hotels are available in the area. Vince stated the Old North State is selling tickets for an annual fund raising raffle with the drawing to take place during the Pearl Harbor Dinner on December 4, 2021. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the prizes are: 1st prize- Remington 870 12ga Shotgun; 2nd prize- \$300 Gift Card Bed & Breakfast; 3rd prize- \$200 Cash.

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Attending.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1-August 21- Cary Veterans Freedom Memorial Cleanup 1000.
- 2- August 30- September 4, 2021- USSVI National Convention in Orlando, FL.
- 3- September 12- Durham Bulls Game- Presentation of Colors.
- 4- September 14- Marty Kirwan 100th Birthday.
- 5- October 2, 2021- Tarheel Base Picnic/Meeting- 1000- at Harris Lake County Park.
- 6- October 14- October 24, 2021- NC State Fair (Military Appreciation Day will probably be on Wednesday, October 20).
- 7- November 11, 2021-Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade.
- 8- December 4, 2021- 6:00 PM-Pearl Harbor Dinner at NCSU University Club in Raleigh. Per Tom McFadden, the price has gone up to \$45 per person. Registration will begin after the State Fair.
- 9- December 5, 2021- 3:00 PM- Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1- MK14 Float Covered Storage- Resolved. Albemarle Sound Base is storing float in a pole barn in Merry Hill, NC (Edenton area).

NEW BUSINESS

Funds Approval:

1- ONS Tent- \$250- History- The Old North State Base saw the need for a tent to be used in conjunction with their Submarine Float and other projects. Tom McFadden said he could order the right size tent that would be suitable for their use at a cost of \$825 (including shipping). Motion was made and passed for the Tarheel Base to pay \$250 toward the cost of this tent. The patches for the 7 NC Subvet Bases will be printed on the tent.

2- Durham Bulls Tickets for September 12, 2021 Game. To date, a total of 45 tickets have been procured for this game. A motion was made and approved for the Tarheel Base to pay \$655 toward the cost of these tickets.

50/50 Raffle-

Winner- Rich Cimino- Amount- \$57.50 and like amount to the Base Treasury.

BENEDICTION- Rich Cimino offered up a prayer of thanks for a wonderful meeting.

Motion made to adjourn until the next meeting on: October 2, 2021- Picnic at Harris Lake Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Chuck Jensen - Surface the boat with 3 blasts of the diving alarm!

