

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD USSVI TARHEEL BASE PICNIC AND BRIEF BASE
BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 AT THE CYPRESS
SHELTER IN HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK IN NEW HILL, NC**

Tarheel Base Commander Jim Davis called to order the "brief" Base meeting at 10:40 AM and Chaplain Gene Rutter offered up the opening prayer for a productive meeting and an enjoyable picnic. Also, Gene asked all present to observe a moment of silence in memory of the passing of the wives of two Subvets- Millie Gow, wife of Duane Gow and "Ma" Bell, wife of Steve Bell. Base Secretary Bill Lowe lead the group of 21 Subvets and 17 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Jim 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

The 21 Subvets present were afforded the opportunity to introduce themselves and their guests. Those guests included 14 wives, 2 daughters, and 1 granddaughter.

LOST BOATS

Commander Jim read the list along with details of the 5 boats lost in September- USS Pompano (SS-181); S-5 (SS-110); USS Grayling (SS-209); S-51 (SS-162); and USS Cisco (SS-290) and the 9 boats lost in October- USS Seawolf (SS-197); S-44 (SS-155); USS Wahoo (SS-238); USS Dorado (SS-248); USS Escobar (SS-294); USS Darter (SS-227); USS Shark II (SS-314); USS Tang (SS-306) and O-5 (SS-66) . Jerry Leppart rang the bell in solemn remembrance of each boat and crew lost.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

REPORTS

Treasurer- Tom McFadden- USSVI Tarheel Base Treasurers Report as of October 2, 2021. Membership Report: Base Membership is at 99 with 98 regular members and 1 associate member: Financial Report- Current Balances- Regular Account- \$4,612.66; Savings Account- \$6,132.73; Total Balance- \$10,745.39; Previous Balance (reported December 2020)- Total Balance- \$11,074.21- NOTES: Actual posted bank balance is \$5,280.27. Outstanding checks for \$625.75 (baseball game reimbursement) and \$41.86 (NSK purchase) not reflected in balance. Expenses partially offset by \$170 income from SK sales.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1- October 20, 2021- Military Appreciation Day at the NC State Fair
- 1- November 11, 2021-Asheboro Veteran's Day Parade.
- 2- 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. As a note, Jim Wallace has volunteered to collect the registration funds and supply the nametags for the dinner.
- 3- December 5, 2021- 3:00 PM- Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

50/50 Raffle- Conducted by Jerry Leppart- Total- \$173.00

Winner- Bob Govern's granddaughter Lauren Gaither- Amount- \$86.50 She generously donated her winnings to the Tarheel Base Treasury.

BENEDICTION- Chaplain Gene offered up a prayer of thanks for upcoming meal.

Commander Jim adjourned the Base meeting so all could enjoy the meal and activities!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

TARHEEL BASE PICNIC- NOTES AND COMMENTS

1- All present thanked Jim Wallace and his First Mate for procuring the meal from Smithfield Chicken & Barbeque.

2- Rich Cimino came up with the idea for some of the wives to tell how they handled things on the home front while their husbands were deployed. A couple of the wives covered their experiences as head of the household. Support from the other wives of shipmates was vital and welcomed.

3- Several games were available during the picnic: horseshoes; volleyball; a couple corn hole games; and a cribbage board.

4- All were in agreement that the Harris Lake County Park location is a great venue for the Base Picnic!