

MINUTES FOR TARHEEL BASE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2022 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #67 IN CARY, NC

Prior to the Base meeting, a coffee, quiches, and donuts social took place.

Tarheel Base Commander Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Assistant Chaplain Rich Cimino offered up a prayer of thanks for this day and the privilege and blessing to hold a meeting in person. Base Secretary Bill Lowe lead the 21 Subvets and guest in reciting the Pledge on Allegiance. He 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.

Recognize WWII Subvets- One WWII Subvet was present- Don Moyer. He gave the first introduction.

Recognize First Time Subvet Attendee & Tarheel Base Prospective Member- Clay Perry

Guest- Ray Martin- Master of Arms for American Legion Post #67- Our meeting place. All thanked him for allowing the Tarheel Base to meet here every other month.

INTRODUCTIONS

The 21 Subvets in attendance introduced themselves by stating the name of their qual boat and the year they qualified.

LOST BOATS

Tom McFadden read the list along with details and a slide presentation of the 3 boats lost in July: 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 Flyer (SS-250); USS Harder (SS-257) and USS Cochino (SS-345). Tony Van Schaick rang the bell for each of these lost 8 boats and a total of 251 brave submariners who are on Eternal Patrol. "For all those in peril on the sea"- Amen!

GUEST SPEAKER

Commander Jim introduced the guest speaker Keith Simson- Veteran Affairs Liaison for the Tarheel Base: Keith covered some informative VA info such as "You are never too old to file a claim". Get items documented and that will help when future problems arise. Key item- obtain your medical records by filing a Form SF 180 with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. Keith stated he is available to help folks file a claim with the VA. Capt. Steve Gillespie commented on his experience and success filing a claim. Clay Perry stated the DAV took care of him filing a claim. Ray Martin said a Vietnam Vet won his Agent Orange claim 7 months ago. Also, Keith said he now has 100% disability by following through with VA claim filing. All thanked Keith for his presentation.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Wellness Program Report/Binnacle List-In the absence of Chaplain Gene Rutter, Rich Cimino covered the following info supplied by Chaplain Gene: Note to Commander Jim- Take a hat to the Base meeting for Marty Kirwan. His son Gary thinks they will attend. They did not attend the meeting. Don't forget to take a head count for the Arv Klemp funeral. Binnacle List: 1- Gene made calls to about 25 80+ year old Base members. Most were well and appreciated the call, however, there were a few that are worthy of mention. A- Both Duane Gow and Dick Kanning have had COVID. Duane was in the hospital twice, and both are well at this point. B- Gary Lew probably had surgery on Friday and wasn't sure he would make the meeting. C- Earl Buffalo now using a rollator and has difficulty getting around. D- Rich Cimino's wife was in the hospital, and is now home. E- Dave Campbell's wife April suffered pneumonia, UTI, High Sodium, and was in the ICU, but is now in the regular hospital. Dave will not send her back to that care

facility and he wishes Tarheel Members well! E- Talked to Steve Bell who is struggling with the loss of Ma Bell. Gave him some words of hope and the reminder that time is a magical healer. F- Talked to Barbara Dixon who wished all well. G- Jerry Emerson related that his wife Peggy may have surgery in September. H- Marilyn Davis, Commander Jim's wife, recently had cataract surgery and is doing well. Prayers are requested for all on the Binnacle List! As an added note from Chaplain Gene: He spoke to Capt. Kinney, who was working on the Duke professor as a possible Pearl Harbor Dinner speaker. Well, the guy is not interested! So, Capt. Kinney volunteered to be the speaker. He mentioned that he had just read a book(s) about Admiral Nimitz, and thought that might be interesting to the group. Item for the Executive Board-perhaps.

Holland Club: Jim Davis- Induction- None Planned.

REPORTS

Base Commander- Jim Davis- National Election of Officers is still open. VOTE! Get your records updated on the Website. The Website has been "touched up" and can be accessed at USSubvets.Org.

Vice Commander- Rich Cimino- Rich gave Wolfgang Friedrich, Tarheel Base Librarian, an "Attaboy" for bringing all those used beer boxes of books to the Base meeting. Question? Did he consume all that beer? Wolfgang said he did over a period of 5 years!

Tarheel Base Secretary- Bill Lowe- Entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the last regular Base meeting held on June 4, 2022. Minutes were sent out on the Tarheel email buoy and posted on the NC Subvets.ORG website. Minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

Treasurer's Report- Tom McFadden- Membership Report- Tarheel Base
Membership stands at 100 with 99 regular members and 1 associate member.
Financial Report: Current Balances: Regular Account- \$6,222.91. Savings Account- \$6,169.45 and Total Balance- \$12,392.36 . Previous Balances (reported April 2022): Total Balance- \$12,113.05. Notes: No significant in the account balances.
The change in account balance is primarily due to SK sales. In addition to his treasurer's report, Tom covered the following items: 1- Upcoming NC State Fair- The Tarheel Base has approval to participate in the State Fair Veteran's Day Parade scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Tom will be sending out information on parking, parking passes, Fair tickets, and schedule of volunteer slots. 2- There may be a possible chance to have coverage for the Tarheel Base on My Carolina TV (PBS) in their studio using our banner for a 30 second time slot. 3- Tom passed around two examples of the patch he is going to produce for the Tarheel Base 25th Anniversary. They will be handed out to Base members during the annual picnic on October 1, 2022. Jim Davis made a motion that the Base cover the cost of producing 50 of these patches at \$3.00 each (total-\$150.00). Motion was seconded and approved.

COB- Tony Van Schaick- Tony thanked all for what they do for the Base!

ALL Clear/Webmaster- Joe Peek- Joe stated Chuck Jensen has quite a few pictures of the Moonshine Mountain Memorial. Joe will use them along with other Base pictures to put together a presentation for the 25th Anniversary celebration.

Storekeeper/PR Officer- Jim Wallace- Jim can order vests for new Base members. Also, he passed around his catalogue of items he has in his inventory. Base challenge coins- two different ones- are a work in progress. Adopt-A-Spot Update- The Tarheel Base has a nice sign, on display, in the Cary North Harrison Ave. Veteran's Park. The only requirement for the Base is to hold a work day(clean-up) detail on a regular basis. Jim stated he will schedule this event for the Base when the weather cools down.

NC Subvets Commander- Jerry Emerson- Not Present

District Commander- Vince Sievert- Not Present

Regional Commander- Ken Nichols- Not Present

National Office Information- Paul Hiser- Not Present

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALENDAR

1- August 23-27, 2022- USSVI National Convention in Buffalo, NY.

2- August 27, 2022 at 1300- Arvin Klemp and Gail Klemp Memorial Service at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 600 Walnut St., Cary, NC.

3- September 10, 2022- Tarheel Breakfast at 0830 at the Golden Corral, 3424 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC.

4- September 22, 2022- Executive Board Meeting.

5- October 1, 2022- 1000- Annual Picnic/ 25 Anniversary Celebration, Harris Park, Cypress Pavilion.

6- October 19, 2022- NC State Fair, Veterans Day Parade

7- November 2, 2022- Kings Bay WWII Veterans Memorial Meeting.

8- November 11, 2022- Albemarle Base Memorial Dedication- Torpedo Float and Old North State Submarine Float will be on display.

9- December 3, 2022- 1500- Fuguay- Varina Christmas Parade.

10- December 10, 2022- Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner/Meeting. Tom McFadden will send out info after the State Fair event.

OLD BUSINESS

Torpedo Float Storage Location: Resolved: Pole Barn in Winston- Salem.
Chuck Jensen stated this will come to pass in the Fall and he will pass along the info.

NEW BUSINESS

None

50/50 Raffle- Conducted by Rich Cimino- A total of \$78.00 was collected and the big winner of \$39.00 was Mel Denis. He donated \$34.00 of his winnings to the Base treasury.

BENEDICTION: Rich Cimino- A prayer of thanks for a great meeting was offered up along with the hope that all remain safe.

Motion to
adjourn was made at 11:45 AM. Next meeting will be on October 1,
2022- Base Picnic and 25th Anniversary Celebration.

COB- Surface the Boat