

MINUTES FOR TARHEEL BASE MEETING AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
HELD ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2022 AT THE FUQUAY-VARINA PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH RANDELL FELLOWSHIP HALL

Base Commander Jim Davis called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM. Rich Cimino offered up the opening prayer for members and their families who could not make it to the meeting today due loss of power or wind damage at their residences from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Base Secretary Bill Lowe led the 25 Subvets and 21 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill followed by reading the purpose of USSVI.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Tom McFadden and Steve Gillespie for arranging the meeting location for the October 1st get-together at Ransdell Hall on short notice!

LOST BOATS

Jim Davis 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). The 9 boats lost in October: USS Seawolf (SS-197); USS S-44 (SS-155); USS USS Wahoo (SS-238); USS Dorado (SS-248); USS Escolar (SS-294); USS Darter (SS-227); USS Shark II (SS-314); USS Tang (SS-306) and USS O-5 (SS-66). Tony Van Schaick rang the bell for each of these lost 14 boats and a total of 832 brave submariners who are on Eternal Patrol. "For all those in peril on the sea"- Amen!

A video clip was shown of the airing of the CBS 17 My Carolina interview with Tarheel Base members Jim Davis and Tom McFadden. They covered the purpose of USSVI and a salute to the members of the 7 Bases in North Carolina and especially to the Tarheel Base on it's 25th Anniversary. It was a great opportunity

to put the word out about the United States Submarine Force and their continued service to our country. A very big Bravo-Zulu goes out to Jim and Tom for a fine job well done!

Also, a slide presentation of pictures of past parades and gatherings was shown on the screen during the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

No speaker for this meeting- just a celebration for the 25th Anniversary of the Tarheel Base- 1997 -- 2022!!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None- The business part of the meeting was brief.

For Record Purposes: October 1, 2022

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- \$5,799.92. Regular Savings Account- \$6,178.40 and Total Balance- \$11,978.32 . Previous Balances (reported April 2022): Total Balance- \$12,392.36. Notes: The primary change to account balances is the payment for SK sales. Deposits were recorded in the previous months for purchases that were not paid until September. Challenge coins was the primary expence, \$858. Additional \$150 for anniversary patches. Picnic/anniversary celebration expenses not received.

TARHEEL BASE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Introductions by Subvets and their guests:

First introduction was by Lawrence Gillett, the youngish Subvet in attendance. He qualified aboard the USS Georgia SSGN-729 in 2018 and is now on active duty as a USN Recruiter. His guests were his two sons. Introductions by the other 24 Subvets and their guests followed.

All welcomed three charter (plank owners) of the Tarheel Base; Mike Burkholder, Milton Stark; and Dave Thommarson. Commander Jim called them up front to tell their story about the formation (start) of the Tarheel Base back in 1997. Mike said he got the idea of forming a Base in North Carolina when he read an ad in the back of a magazine. One thing lead to another and he came up with 7 Subvets that thought it was a possibility. The Formation of the Base Meeting was held in Greensboro, NC on September 27, 1997. The Inaugural Tarheel Base meeting was held on February 21, 1998 at the Greensboro Country Club with a total of 50 in attendance. Milt Stark said he remembered his first meeting with Mike when he thought Mike looked liked a used car salesman and he was just that! Dave commented on his memory of meeting with fellow submariners and forming the Tarheel Base. Mike brought two frames (a collage) of numerous pictures covering the first 10 year of Tarheel Base events, etc. It was displayed during the meeting.

Jim Wallace and his "First Mate- Elaine; Wade Cooper and wife Myrna arrived with the chow from Smithfield Chicken & BBQ. Chaplain Gene Rutter blessed the food and all present "dug in".

Afterwards, the lovely 25th Anniversary cakes from Target were served!

Jerry Leppart held the 50/50 Raffle and Tony Van Schaick was the big winner of \$90.00

