



## Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes (7 February 2026)



### Meeting Location

- American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Road (NC Hwy 54) Cary, NC 27513-4563

0930 Coffee and Pastries provided by Rich Cimino, COB (Thanks, Rich)  
50-50 Raffle Tickets being sold by Jerry Leppart



1000 Call to Order and Dive the Boat

Number of Subvets in Attendance - 23, Quorum Met

Invocation – *Chaplain Gene Rutter*

Pledge of Allegiance and Purpose/Creed of USSVI - *Leland Kuntzman*, Secretary

Recognize Guests and Member Introductions

Minutes of previous meeting on 4 OCT 25 were APPROVED

Tolling of the Boats (those lost in the months of January and February

*Wade Cooper*, Base Commander

Binnacle List/Wellness Program Report - *Chaplain Gene Rutter*

### Reports

- Tarheel Base Officers
  - Commander – *Wade Cooper*
  - Vice Commander – *Keith Simpson*
  - Secretary – *Lee Kuntzman*
  - Treasurer’s Report – *Tom McFadden*

#### Current Balances:

- Regular Account \$9,836.80.
- Savings Account \$6,936.38
- Total Balance \$16,733.18.
- Previous Total Balance \$12,767.15

- Committees
  - Membership– *Tom McFadden/Jim Davis*
    - Base membership 75 Regular Members, 1 Associate Member
  - Storekeeper – *Jim Wallace* - Not Present
  - Holland Club – *Jim Davis*
  - Veterans Affairs – Veteran Affairs Liaison – *Keith Simpson*
  - Eagle Scout – *Wade Cooper*
  - Color Guard – No events currently scheduled
- USSVI National/Region/District Officers (None in attendance)
- Old Business
  - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner – 72 in attendance (27 Subvets)

- Thanks to organizers, especially Tom McFadden, Jim Wallace and NCSU University Club
- Tarheel Base Officers for 2026 through 2027 are:
  - *Base Commander - Wade Cooper*
  - *Vice Commander - Keith Simpson*
  - *Treasurer - Tom McFadden*
  - *Secretary - Leland Kuntzman*
- New Business
  - Tarheel Base has about 7 bins of stuff (historical records, float hats, pictures, banners, supplies, etc.) and also 10 boxes of books in the Tarheel library. We plan to donate books and historical documents to local charities and/or St Mary's Submarine Museum.
  - St Patrick's Day Parade in Wilmington, NC, **14 MARCH 2026**
    - Coastal Carolina Submarine Float
  - St. Mary's Submarine Museum Capital Campaign - Donations requested - What is the money to be used for? (Expanded building, Rent money, Utilities, etc.) We need to know before committing funds for donation.
- For the Good of the Order
  - Open Positions:
    - Librarian
    - Base Historian
    - Newsletter Editor
    - Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Coordinator
    - Eagle Scout Coordinator
  - Upcoming Events – see list below
- Program - YouTube Video of USS Indiana SSN-789 Virginia Class Submarine
- 50/50 raffle drawing – *Jerry Leppart*
- Benediction – *Chaplain Gene Rutter*

1145 Motion to Adjourn, seconded, discussion and vote - to next meeting on **Saturday 11 April 26** (first Saturday in April is Easter weekend)

Surface the Boat - *COB*

Upcoming Events (Rust Insurance form on-line for public events)

March

7 – (0830) Tarheel Base Breakfast, IHOP, 1301 Kildaire Farm Rd, Cary NC 27511

14 - Coastal Carolina Base Submarine Float in St. Patrick's Day Parade -  
Wilmington, NC - Time TBD

23 - (1100) Executive Board Meeting, Ruckus Pizza - 1055 Pine Plaza Dr, Apex,  
NC 27523 (by Costco on US 64)

April

11 - (1000) Tarheel Base Meeting, American Legion Post 67,8523 Chapel Hill Rd,  
Cary 27511 (Legion IS reserved)

May

15 -17 – Moonshine Mountain Event - Big Lynn Lodge - Little Switzerland, NC