



Tarheel Base Mtg Minutes (06 June 2026)



Meeting Location

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

- **0930** Coffee Social, Buy 50-50 Raffle Tickets
- **1000** Call to order – Dive the Boat – COB ***Cell phones off or vibrate, please***
- Number in Attendance: 18
- Verify **Quorum** requirement (20 SubVets with Two Officers) met? **N**
- Invocation – *Chaplain*
- Pledge of Allegiance – *Secretary*
- Special Field of Flags Presentation from Memorial Day - *Tom McFadden*
- **Purpose/Creed** of the USSVI* - *Secretary*



- *Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.*
- *Provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.*
- *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. The organization will also endeavor to educate all third parties it encounters about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today*

- Recognize Guests
- Member Introductions
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11 APR 2026) - *Secretary*
 - *Sent out minutes (6/3) prior to meeting to prevent time spent reading them*
 - Vote to accept as written Y
- Tolling of the Boats (those lost in the months of May and June (*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 \$3,348.22
- Savings Account \$11,061.01
- Total Balance \$14,409.23
- Previous Total Balance \$14,519.25

- Committees
 - Membership– *Tom McFadden/Jim Davis*
 - Base membership 71 Regular Members, 1 Associate Member
 - Storekeeper – *Jim Wallace - Social Dinner June 16, 2026 - see below*
 - Holland Club – *Jim Davis - No new Inductees*
 - Veterans Affairs – Veteran Affairs Liaison – *Keith Simpson - No updates*
 - Eagle Scout – *Wade Cooper - No new Honor Courts*
 - Color Guard – No events currently scheduled
- USSVI National/Region/District Officers (none in attendance)
- Old Business
 - St. Mary's Submarine Museum Capital Campaign - \$500 Donation(WWII Fleet Boat Donor) - Recommendation to **APPROVE** (Quorum not present, but those present voted unanimously to APPROVE - Base Commander to contact base members not present to get PROXY votes for Quorum approval.) **UPDATE (6/6/26):** Recommendation APPROVED via PROXY email by Tarheel members Spencer Combos and Ron Dickert - **Therefore, recommendation is officially APPROVED.**
 - Sponsorship of Tarheel Base Youth Baseball Team - Recommendation to **APPROVE \$150 Sponsorship** (Quorum not present, but those present voted unanimously to APPROVE - Base Commander to contact base members not present to get PROXY votes for Quorum approval.) **UPDATE (6/6/26):** Recommendation APPROVED via PROXY email by Tarheel members Spencer Combos and Ron Dickert - **Therefore, recommendation is officially APPROVED.**
- New Business
 - Base Commander presented Tarheel Base Bylaws Amendment to allow Quorum with only 2 officers present and number of members at meeting (similar to other ncsubvet base bylaws). See attached pages. Motion to APPROVE unanimously passed, pending PROXY votes for Quorum approval). **UPDATE (6/6/26):** Recommendation APPROVED via PROXY email by Tarheel members Spencer Combos and Ron Dickert - **Therefore, recommendation is officially APPROVED.**
 - Quarterly Subvet Dinner Social - June 16th - Pickled Onion Restaurant
 - Tarheel Picnic - September 26th - Falls Lake Park
 - Other Upcoming Events – see list below
- Special D-Day Presentation, Bedford Boys - Ed Howze, and Green's Drugstore Video of Bedford Boys
- **Guest Speaker - Colonel Brad Washabaugh, USMC, Retired**
- 50/50 raffle drawing – *Jerry Leppart* - \$98 - Winner was Jon Drew!

- Benediction – *Rich Cimino, Assistant Chaplain*
- Motion to Adjourn, seconded, discussion and vote (1135) - to next meeting on **Saturday August 1, 2026**
- Surface the Boat - COB

Upcoming Events

June

16 - (1800) Subvet Quarterly Dinner/Social - Pickled Onion Restaurant, 8470 Honeycutt Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615

July

11 – (0830) Tarheel Base Breakfast, IHOP, 1301 Kildaire Farm Rd, Cary NC 27511

20 - (1100) Executive Board Meeting, Ruckus Pizza - 1055 Pine Plaza Dr, Apex, NC 27523 (by Costco on US 64)

August

1 - (1000) Tarheel Base Meeting, American Legion Post 67, 8523 Chapel Hill Rd, Cary 27511

September

6 - 11 National Convention, Corpus Christi, Texas

26 Tarheel Base Picnic - Falls Lake Park

October

20 - NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day

November

6 - 7 WWII Remembrance at Kings Bay, GA