

Tarheel Base Meeting Minutes

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI)

Date: 03 October 2026

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

1. Call to Order

The Tarheel Base meeting was called to order at approximately 1000 hours by Commander Wade Cooper.

Number in Attendance: 19

Quorum Requirement: Two officers — Yes

Opening Activities

- Invocation — Chaplain Gene Rutter
- Pledge of Allegiance — Secretary Lee Kuntzman
- Purpose/Creed of USSVI — Secretary
- Guests recognized.
- Member introductions conducted.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 01 August 2026 meeting had been distributed via Tarheel email on 09 August 2026 and posted on the ncsbvets.org website on 29 September 2026.

Motion to accept minutes as written: Jim Davis

Second: Gene Rutter

Vote/Disposition: APPROVED

3. Tolling of the Boats

Commander Wade Cooper conducted the Tolling of the Boats ceremony for shipmates lost during September and October.

4. Binnacle List / Wellness Program

Chaplain Gene Rutter provided the Binnacle List and Wellness Program report.

Report/Notes: Gene provided a reminder to always be alert to the possibility of falling as we age.

5. Officer Reports

Commander — Wade Cooper

Report/Notes: None

Vice Commander — Keith Simpson

Report/Notes: Not present

Secretary — Lee Kuntzman

Report/Notes: Reminder to sign the Attendance Record.

Treasurer — Tom McFadden

The Treasurer reported the following balances:

- Regular Account: **\$2,100.55**
- Savings Account: **\$11,139.19**
- Total Balance: **\$13,784.81**
- Previous Total Balance: **\$13,239.74**

The decrease in the primary account was attributed to **\$832.67 in expenses for the annual picnic.**

Treasurer's Report Disposition: _____**Approved**_____

6. Committee Reports

- **Membership — Tom McFadden / Jim Davis:** 71 Regular Members and 1 Associate Member.

- **Storekeeper — Jim Wallace - Social Dinner planned for Logano's Restaurant on Veterans Day (11/11/26)**
- **Holland Club — Jim Davis - Jim to set up meeting with Johnny Turner to present Holland Club certificate.**
- **Veterans Affairs Liaison — Keith Simpson - Not present**
- **Eagle Scouts — Wade Cooper - No Honor Courts**
- **Color Guard:** No events currently scheduled.
- **USSVI National/Region/District Officers: None present**

7. Old Business

Tarheel Picnic

The annual Tarheel Picnic was held September 26 at Falls Lake Park.

The agenda notes favorable weather, food, and fellowship, with recognition given to Jim Wallace and Rich Cimino for their contributions.

Additional Discussion/Action:

8. New Business

NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

A watchbill signup is needed and will to be distributed by email. The parade is scheduled for 1000 hours.

Action Items: Watch Bill Signups requested.

Pearl Harbor Dinner

Date: December 5, 2026

Location: NCSU University Club

Speaker: CAPT Andrew Cain, Commanding Officer, North Carolina Piedmont Region Consortium (Duke/UNC/NCSU NROTC Units), former Commanding Officer of USS OHIO (SSGN-726).

Update: Tom McFadden

Discussion/Action: Tom provided update on dinner preparations/agenda with further information to follow.

Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade

Date: December 6, 2026 — 1600 hours

The USSVI Submarine Float is scheduled to be the **first event in the parade** this year.

Discussion/Action: Everyone is encouraged to join us!

Wreaths Across America

Date: December 19, 2026

Discussion concerned sponsorship of wreaths.

Discussion/Action: Tarheel Base to donate 2 wreaths.

USSVI Website

Members were reminded to review and update their information on the ussvi.org website.

Other Upcoming Events

Members were referred to the upcoming-events schedule for additional activities.

9. Program

The meeting program featured a YouTube video concerning the **attack and capture of German U-Boat 505 during World War II.**

10. 50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle drawing was conducted by Jerry Leppart.

Winner: ____ Ted Hurley ____

Amount: ____ \$65 - donated to the Base ____

11. Benediction

Benediction was given by Chaplain Gene Rutter.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, discussed, and voted upon.

Motion by: Rich Cimino

Second: Jim Davis

Vote: APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned at 1140 hours.

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 5, 2026.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
October 21, 2026	NC State Fair Military Appreciation Day
November 5–7, 2026	WWII Remembrance at Kings Bay, GA
November 7, 2026	Tarheel Breakfast — IHOP, Kildaire Farm Road, Cary
November 11, 2026	Asheboro Veterans Day Parade — 1600 and Social Dinner at Lagano's TBD
December 5, 2026	Pearl Harbor Dinner — NCSU University Club
December 6, 2026	Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade — 1600
December 19, 2026	Wreaths Across America — Hillcrest Cemetery, Cary

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Kuntzman, Secretary
Tarheel Base, USSVI