

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE  
BASE MEETING  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

**Minutes Taken on Saturday, January 7, 2012**

Location: American Legion Post #55

We were all requested to be at the Post at 1:00 p.m. as Jim Myers again had a table set up for sandwiches, snacks, and regular soft drinks. Anyone needing an alcoholic drink could obtain it in the Post's Bar.

During the lunch, Chuck Jensen set up the laptop projector, so that we could see a DVD of the Joshua's Angels Center fund raising event held on October 22, 2011.

The regular meeting began at 1:35 p.m.

Jim Schenk, who brought his wife Ruth with him, opened the meeting with a prayer. It was great that Jim has recovered from his recent illness and was now able to resume his duties as the Base Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Individual introductions followed with special recognition given to the (2) WWII Subvets present; Howard Clark and George Bass. There were a total of 21 members and 2 wives (Mrs. Schenk and Mrs. Donahue) attending.

The Tolling the Boats for the months of December and January followed conducted by Jim Schenk and Ed Galaviz.

Since the October 29, 2011 minutes already appeared on the website, these minutes were approved with the exception of an addendum added and read by Ed Galaviz. This addendum was requested by Jim Myers which stated ***"that although \$138.00 had already been approved to cover the dinners for Pat Collins' family, but we only actually had to pay \$102.00."***

**Jim Myers then took the podium:**

1. The Ollie Thompson plaque for the Torpedo Float will be 12"by 24" and will have engraved on it to say, " In Memory of Ollie Thompson, National President of WWII Subvets 1999 to 2000".
2. Regarding the volunteers for the Norfolk Convention, the addition of Charlie Cross and Rick Donahue now brings our Nat Greene Base total to 7 members who will be volunteers.
3. We were able to donate to our Nat Greene shipmate in need a total of \$275.00 which by far exceeded our expectations.

**Chuck Jensen's Treasury and Membership Chairman's Report:**

1. We currently have a total of 98 members with only several dropping their membership for various reasons. Only (1) was dropped from USSVI as the remaining were either life members or had paid National due thru 2012.

2. Chuck explained some of the expenditures briefly such as the recently purchased Santa Claus and Ollie's plaque came from the trailer maintenance funds that our base maintains for the NC Subvets.
3. Our main source of income this past year was base dues with a current base treasury having \$4,010.14. This includes the \$551.44 assigned to the trailer maintenance fund. With our computerized management system, categories of expenditures and income are readily available for review.

#### **Mike Runkle's Kaps – 4 - Kids Report Chairman Report:**

1. Mike discussed the base's participation and support that membership has provided at some of the program events that occurred in 2011. A visit to the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville and our participation with the fund raising event at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas. Ray Moore and his son recently built some Dutch doors at the Center's barn.
2. Mike would like several volunteers to assist with building a 60 foot ramp at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas that will be used for the handicap children for access to be able to ride a horse. Target completion date for this ramp is June 2nd.

#### **Rick Donahue's Base Storekeepers Report:**

1. Briefly Rick presented the group with some new items that included attractive new hats that we can order from him. He also spoke of Holland Pins and monogramed shirts that he can order.
2. Rick's responsibilities were discussed and with the proposed amendment to the Base C & B related to the Base Storekeepers duties now in the approval process, should eliminate any concerns that we may have had related to the control of stores inventory management. A review of the base treasury for stores inventory and stores sales categories indicate the Rick is doing an excellent job to prevent an excessive inventory of base stores

#### **Old Business:**

1. It was approved that we will host the Pearl Harbor Dinner in December of 2012. The responsibility for a hospitality room, door prizes, and an agenda are needed to be assigned for this event to be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons. Chuck Jensen will handle the registration of attendees.

#### **New Business:**

1. John Rupertus awarded USSVI Longevity Pins to Howard Clark, George Bass, Larry Hauser, and Paul Crossland .
2. The Welcome Home Vietnam Vets at Charlotte Speedway scheduled for March 31, 2012 was not discussed as detailed information is not available at this time.
3. A donation for a Submarine Veterans Plaque at USN Sailor Memorial in DC was approved for \$1.00 each or \$61.00 total dollars per primary base member.
4. USSIV's Boat Sponsorship Program expenditure of \$30.00 for the USS Asheville to receive the American Submariner Magazine was again approved.

5. It was announced that the USSVI scholarship Applications are due by April 15, 2012
6. A proposed amendment by Chuck Jensen was submitted and approved by the meeting attendees regarding the duties of the Base Storekeeper. This amendment will be sent out to all base members and voted on again at the next base meeting.
7. Jim Myers will draft a proposed amendment to add the Kaps – 4 – Kids Chairman as an appointed officer in the base's C&B and present it at the next base meeting.
8. According to Jim Myers the Marriott Hotel for the National Convention is 1/2 full. The Sheraton Hotel has been designated as the overflow hotel and also the location for boat reunions.
9. A motion was made and passed that we would donate \$4.00 per person for the food and snacks at meeting locations that allow food to be brought in.
10. Ed Galaviz and Howard Clark have volunteered to bring the food for the next meeting. Jim Myers will request that attendees notify him if they are planning on attending the meeting when he sends out the meeting announcement. He will let Ed and Howard the number of attendees so they can plan on how much food will be needed.
11. Paul Crossland won the 50/50 Raffle.

**Upcoming Parades:**

St Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>

St Patrick's Day Parade at Nags Head on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>

**The next meeting is again scheduled at this location with the date of March 3, 2012 at 1:00 pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz  
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base