

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2016  
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

**Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz**

11:00: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's for 11 Sub vets and also Mrs. Nancy Moore. And we give our thanks to Joe Howard Clark who again paid for our meals.

13:00: The meeting was called to order after the 50/50 ticket sales.

**OPENING REMARKS BY BASE COMMANDER:**

Ray Moore asked for a moment of silence for Luke Riley, Captain USN (Ret) who departed on eternal patrol on September 7, 2016 and Lee Eubanks of Hampton, VA.

**INVOCATION:** By Ray Moore

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** By Dale Patterson

**INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT:** 12 members. Also present were 2 veterans in attendance; Alvin Zilinski who qualified on the GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598) and Richard Gantt who also qualified on the GEORGE WASHINGTON. Our guest speaker and for the first time was Dave Campbell, CDR USN (Ret), our new ES1 District Commander and current Tarheel Base Commander.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:** By Ray Moore and Fred Gunter for September and October with the projector presentation provided by Chuck Jensen.

**REPORTS:**

**Base Secretary:** Ed Galaviz requested that the minutes of July 9, 2016 as posted on the NC Sub Vets website. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

**Vice Commander Corner:** Fred Gunter spoke about a recent address made by our new National Commander, John F. Markiewicz. Markiewicz spoke about the submarine men captured during WWII and how important it was to let people know that we, Sub Vets are still here. That we must let people know on what we did during WWII and not let our submarine accomplishments and history die out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Jensen's opening comments were that our account is now with Wells Fargo. The checking account balance is \$8,091.35 with all checks and deposits cleared. Of the Special Funds, those held for NC Sub Vets are Fuel Reimbursement \$622.82 and Trailer Maintenance \$459.39. The other two funds are Kaps-4-Kids \$269.00 and Joshua's Angels \$459.39. Special Funds total \$1,508.21. Base funds available as of this date are \$6,583.14.

The current base membership is at 98.

The next parade is scheduled for Veterans Day either at Mooresville or Asheboro. There is a meeting scheduled after the next week's Tarheel Base meeting by a special committee to determine what the best options are for and with the Torpedo Float.

**Store Keeper Report:** Gary Vernon, who has resigned at Store Keeper, dropped of the 2016 Longevity Pins and then left.

**Kaps-4-Kids Report:** Daniel Newcomer did not attend. Base Commander, Ray Moore, said there was nothing new to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

VHVH Report by Dale Patterson. Dale had a couple of people from VHVH to attend today to bring us up to date on their operation, however, could not make it.

Longevity Pins Report by Ed Galaviz. Ed had previously requested 23 pins. 20 pins were for the 2016 primary base members. The additional pins were for Bruce Lobach (5 year primary); Joseph Finotti (5 year primary); and, Larry Lynch (5 year secondary). Ed was given a plastic bag with pins by Base Commander, Ray Moore.

Base Commander, Ray Moore requested the need for someone to volunteer to take the position of Base Store Keeper left open by Gary Vernon. In a pleasant surprise, we now have a new Store Keeper in Bill McCormick of Greensboro, NC.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Base Commander announces the position of Steve Bell as our new Regional Director.

Three members of our Base were up for their 50 year Holland Club Awards; James Martel, Lee Eubanks and Charles Cotter. Jim Schenk will prepare Book of Remembrance for Lee Eubanks. Thus far we have had 5 from our Base inducted this year. George Bass presented Charles L. Cotter, CDR USN (Ret) with his 50 year Holland Club introduction and items that go with it. Chuck Jensen then took photographs of this eventful occasion. James Martel lives in Murphy NC which is near Ashville. The Base Commander contacted the Ashville Base Commander and James and they will get together to present the award.

Jim Myers told us on how Joshua's Angels got started in North Carolina. The sister of the founder goes to the same church as Jim. The location is on a horse farm and recently received a substantial donation from Wells Fargo.

Jim Myers covered the interesting meeting with Larry Travis' son who presented Jim with a beautiful model of the submarine his late father, Larry Travis served on in WWII. Many options came up as to where best to do with the model and a raffle was one of the suggestions. It was suggested to have all the NC Subvets Bases sell raffle tickets with the proceeds going to the repair fund for the Burnsville Memorial. Chuck Jensen contact the St. Mary's Museum to determine if they would want the collection of Polaris Magazines that Larry has collected of the years.

Ray Moore reports that obtaining insurance for the Torpedo Float is still up in the air. For one coverage would be very expensive and two, as reported by our Executive National Board would be difficult to cover as with 50 States there would be 50 difference insurance regulations.

According to Dick Kanning, Ray Moore reports that there are no plans for the funding of the maintenance for the Burnsville Memorial. Maintenance fees have been estimated at \$18,000, therefore, it seems that one possibility would be to get people to donate on a tax deductible charitable fund basis.

Our guest speaker, Dave Campbell, Tarheel Base Commander and Southeast District 1 Commander, covered a variety of subjects as follows:

1. Brought the plaque to show us the SE District of the year award.
2. Relative to our growth in USSVI members in our district the largest numbers come from the Hampton Roads Base. This he said was due to the fact that with the Norfolk Base there, they are able to recruit members being discharged and staying in the area.

3. Regarding the Pearl Harbor dinner, traditionally it has been held at the University Club in Raleigh, however, he felt that it is time to “spruce” it up a bit and perhaps look at other locations which the Tarheel Base is currently doing.
4. Dave Campbell feels that our District should have our own Submarine Birthday Ball and move it around to all of our Base locations. Another idea was an annual picnic instead of a birthday ball.
5. 70% of our nuclear capabilities in the U.S. is with our Submarine Force. He spoke about our status that soon we are to have only 42 submarines while China and Russia currently have more than 50. The only product we have now to exceed all expectations is the Virginia Class.
6. Trident submarines will have a total 50 years of life when the new family of nuclear submarines will commence 2021 called the Columbia class. It is anticipated that completion of this class will be completed in 2031 built by to yards; EB and Newport News. To commence this project the start budgeted will be around \$71,000,000.

At this point of the meeting Ray Moore felt that we should give Wayne Hauser, not present, a “well done” for providing the meal at our July 9 meeting. Ray Moore also wanted to say the same for the wives/member who provided the desserts.

Our Torpedo Float and Parade Submarine are currently stored at the Asheboro airport. Chuck Jensen suggested that the NC Subvets join as a Patron Member (\$125.00) for this year. It was unanimous that all Bases should contribute. Rick Petit has the lead as he is this year’s NC Subvet Commander.

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### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

As in past meetings, Commander Ray Moore reminded us that according to Mike Bircumshaw, past National Commander, we should still be looking at the possibilities of getting one of our highways named as a “U.S. Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway”.

Ray Moore also reminded us to continue to not only to wear something submarine related but to talk to veterans in order to assist with our membership.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Kings Bay WWII Sub Vet Memorial is on November 2 to 6, 2016.

Either Mooresville or Asheboro Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2016.

2016 Sub Vets Christmas Party on December 8 to 10, 2016 in Panama City, FL. Contact Lamarr Seader at [seader@bellsouth.net](mailto:seader@bellsouth.net).

Regarding the Pearl Harbor dinner, David Campbell, suggested that perhaps this year we should have some of our WWII Submarine Veterans conduct a panel discussion in lieu of a guest speaker.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday November 12 at the American Legion Post location in Winston Salem, NC instead of the first Saturday of the month due to the Kings Bay Memorial.

Benediction by Ray Moore.

50/50 drawing was won by George Bass in the amount of \$50.00. George donated his winnings to the base treasury.

Meeting ended at 15:25