

NATHANAEL GREENE Meeting Minutes for MARCH 4, 2017

HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Submitted by Edward Galaviz

Base Secretary

11:00: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. A total of 11 members attended.

13:00: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Raymond Moore after 50/50 ticket sales.

INVOCATON: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by COB Dale Patterson.

INTRODUCTIONS: The attendance was 16 members with one visitor (16 year old, Walter, grandson of Rev. Dr. Donald Godfrey).

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: for March and April was solemnly rendered by Chaplain Jim Schenk, with Vice Commander Fred Gunter tolling the bell, and a simultaneous computer slide-show presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

MINUTES: Secretary Ed Galaviz reported that the January meeting minutes were posted on our website, and no one requested them to be read again, nor offered any changes. A motion to accept the January 14, 2017 minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved as previously posted on our Base Webpage.

Commander's Corner: Ray Moore spoke on the importance of wearing our submarine hats and other gear out among the public to motivate other submariners seeing our regalia into becoming potential USSVI Members with our base. Chuck Jensen will reissue via email a poster for our local members to post to their local bulletin boards to attract new members.

Base Commander Moore reminded the members of the upcoming Base Elections in September.

Vic e Commander's Corner: Fred Gunter spoke about the importance of increasing our membership. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter that provided some great contact possibilities for each member to chase down.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen delivered the Treasurer's Report. The ending bank balance as of March 4 is \$6,946.46. Special funds; Fuel Reimbursement, Joshua's Angel Center, Trailer Maintenance and Kap-4-Kids totaled (\$1,401.87). As of now, total funds available are \$5,574.98. A motion to accept the Report was made and unanimously approved by the membership.

Storekeeper's Report: Bill McCormick sold \$34.00 of items last meeting and today has sold \$31.00. Bill distributed the left-over 2017 calendars between Dale Patterson and Jim Schenk to be donated to Veterans Heeling Veterans Heal and the VA Hospital in Salisbury. He told us about the expansive library that he is now in charge of and brought a half-dozen books for the members to borrow and return. He will henceforth bring several books to each meeting.

{Here included in the minutes is an 11/14/16 email reprinted to explain how to order from the Base's Store}:

"Instead of trying to maintain a large inventory of items in the Nat Greene Base Stores, the Base Storekeeper has decided to focus his efforts on handling special orders from our Base members. By doing this, it will keep the monies in the Base treasury available for other uses instead on spending it on stores inventory items that might not sell in a timely manner. The new USSVI National Storekeeper has created an extensive catalog of submarine items for sale on the USSVI website. To view this, go to www.ussvi.org and click on the Storekeeper Button. This will bring up the homepage of The USSVI National Storekeeper. This home page also has links to other submarine related merchandise websites such as: Jenny Dugan "The Vest Lady": <http://www.subvest.com/Submarine Gear>: <http://www.submarinegear.com/Submarine Related Patches>: <http://www.mcrogans.com/servlet/the-NAVYSUBMARINEPATCHES-%28INSIGNIA%29/Categories> To order any item or items, just send an email to the Nat Greene Base Storekeeper Bill McCormick smccormick3@triad.rr.com listing the item(s) desired and the website that lists it. Bill will take it from there to place the order and will either give it to you at the next Base meeting after he receives it, or mail it to you if you desire. By placing your order through Bill, it will allow our Base to make a minimal profit for the Base treasury."

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Chairman Daniel Newcomer could not be at this meeting, but he emailed Commander Ray Moore to let him forward the message that he is working on several new K-4-K events and our repeat presence at the 2017 Camp Corral (sponsored by "Golden Corral" Cafeterias). He has set up a visit to the Thomasville Children's Home on April 29.

Chief of the Boat: Dale Patterson announced the on-going efforts to assist the worthy group, "Veterans Helping Veterans Heal" organization in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Our base has chipped in to pay for NC Sub Vets' membership at the Asheboro Air Museum in the amount of \$42.00. Full membership is \$125.00 per year. It is anticipated that the other five area bases are to cover their portion.

The raffle of the Plexiglas-encased submarine model is on-going. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be at the May Burnsville annual NC Sub Vets' consolidated-meeting. The model was donated to us as a fundraiser for our base by our departed shipmate, Larry Travis, and his family. The original cost of this beautiful model was \$650.00.

Thus far, \$12,000 (2/3 of our goal) toward the construction estimate of \$18,000 for the preservation of the Burnsville Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain has been realized. The membership is asked to donate to this important memorial fund so we can get the job done before the end of this year. Point of Contact for information on sending in a donation is Charles L Jensen 4925 Warfield Drive Greensboro, NC 27406-8338 ... 336-676-9702 ... chuck-focc@triad.rr.com. Our intention is to allow our members living outside of North Carolina to make donations to this worthy cause.

Our continued Boat Sponsorship Program for the USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777) continues at a cost of \$30.00 per year. Four copies of the American Submariner magazine are sent to the boat as they are issued 4 times a year.

Our base has decided NOT to support or to join the SSN-777 Club.

There was discussion about who would like to volunteer to renew our Nathanael Greene Base Facebook page which has been taken off Facebook since the passing of our shipmate, John Robbins. No members present volunteered so we are hoping that a base member-at-large that does not make our local meetings will step up and help us in this endeavor. Perhaps we should get off of Facebook and move to Twitter, You Tube, Snap Chat or Pinterest (for pictures). No decision has been made in this regard and the item will be discussed further at the next meeting. No volunteers at the meeting came forward.

NEW BUSINESS: Our base has secured Shelter #4 at the Field of Honor in Kernersville, NC, for our annual invitational picnic, (in honor of our member on Eternal Patrol, Joe Clark), on July 7. We are attempting to secure the expert talents of member Larry Hauser to cater the event as he has done so well at previous meetings there. We are estimating 30 members to be fed with their guests based on the past three years' attendance. Please RSVP if you are coming to our Base Commander Raymond Moore, 704-775-4218 raymondmoore125@yahoo.com

2017 "Longevity Pins" for years of membership will be tended by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

We will continue to have our Chaplain compile a "Book of Remembrance" for departed shipmates whose family would like to have one.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ray Moore reminded everyone to wear our hats and vests out in public so as to spread the word to Submarine Veterans that may become future members. Get some Submarine Decals for your car from our Storekeeper, Bill McCormick, or order a North Carolina Submarine

Veteran license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles to help spread the word and secure membership of other boat sailors.

Nathanael Greene Base Holland Club member, ETCS(SS) Don Godfrey, Sr. in Salisbury, NC has been receiving dialysis for betterment of his health. Prayers for him are gratefully appreciated. He had his grandson Walter with him today and prayers were tendered for him and his family at the loss of Walter's Mother last Sunday on February 26.

Past National Commander is urging all USSVI Bases, Districts, and Regions to look into the possibility of securing a highway or bridge in our state that may be named "The United States Submarine Veterans' Memorial (Highway or Bridge). Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

Commander Ray Moore informed the members present that the Troutman, NC parade, around Independence Day, has invited us back after missing the past two years. They have gone so far as to offer to go to Asheboro to pick up the Torpedo Float, haul it in the parade, then return it to the storage venue. This possibility is still under discussion for insurance purposes.

Two members present (Donald Godfrey and Al Zilinski) were inducted into the Holland Club now that they have attained their 50th year of being Qualified in Submarines. Member Peter Thompson, of Michigan will have his Holland Club award regalia sent to him via U.S. Mail. Congratulations to our new HCM's.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

St. Patrick's Day Parade: in Raleigh, NC; March 11. Directions forthcoming in an All Hands email.

Next Meeting: will be at 1300, on May 6, 2017 at the American Legion Post on Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC.

2017 Southeast Regional Meeting in Kissimmee, FL, Thursday May 11 to Sunday May 14.

Burnsville, NC Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain May 19-20.

2017 USSVI National Convention, Orlando, FL, September 1-6.

Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner: held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 1700 at the NC State University Club. This event is hosted by Tarheel Base and the occasion pays tribute to all submariners lost to all causes over the 117-year history of the U.S. Submarine Service. Registration information is available from Tarheel Base Commander Dave Campbell at davidcampbell4@att.net

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned: 1525.

50/50 raffle was won by George Bass.