

NATHANAEL GREENE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2017
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
Submitted by Edward Galaviz
Base Secretary

1100: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. 11 members and one guest attended.

1300: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Raymond Moore after 50/50 ticket sales.

INVOCATION: By Base Commander Ray Moore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by COB Dale Patterson

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 16 members in attendance. Don Barnhardt from Lexington, NC was present as a possible new member. Dan Newcomers son, Landon, was here to join the meeting. Also Rick Donahue's wife, Gwynne attended to see the Holland Club presentation to Rick. Our WWII veteran, George Bass, was again recognized for his three war patrols.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: For May and June rendered by Commander Ray Moore and Vice Commander Fred Gunter tolling the bell. Simultaneously the projector presentation of each boat was by our Treasurer, Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

Minutes: Secretary Edward Galaviz reported that the March 4 meeting minutes were posted in the website and no one requested them to be read again. A motion was seconded by Dale Patterson to unanimously approve them as previously posted.

Vice Commanders Corner: Fred Gunter talked about the need for our Base to come up with some ideas of how to get more of our active members to start attending our bi-monthly meetings. He also spoke about the Burnsville Memorial and wanted other than he and Jim Myers to come up with a skit which is presented at the dinner the night ending the event.

Of significance Fred addressed the meeting by saying that he wanted to run as the new Nat. Greene Base Commander and to be considered when the election time comes up later this year.

Treasurer's Report: As of April 27, Chuck Jensen reports that we have an ending balance of \$6,940.50. Checks not cleared at zero and cash not deposited at \$65.00. Total Special Funds

for Fuel Reimbursement \$511.24; Joshua's Angel Center \$157.00; Trailer Maintenance \$388.05; Kaps-4-Kids \$269.00 for a total \$1,325.29. Total funds available to date are \$5,680.21.

Chuck also added that dues not paid for 2017 were at none.

Store Keeper Report: Bill McCormick was not present.

Kaps -4-Kids Report: Daniel Newcomer reports that the Thomasville Children event at the Baptist Church went very well. Other than Dan, those attending were by Chuck Jensen who showed the "Submarine CD for Children", Fred Gunter, Dale Patterson and Edward Galaviz. Dan was able to give away the hats which the young one's all liked. It was quite surprising of questions that were asked and of course, the answers by the Nat. Greene members were very impressed by those in attendance.

Dan also spoke of the coming events which he would in turn advise the Board in more detail by email. Camp Corral at Camp Hanes in King, NC is scheduled for June 25-30. Camp Corral at Camp Weaver, in Greensboro, NC is scheduled for August 6-11. Dan will tell us later at what day the Hero Day that we should attend on both events.

OLD BUSINESS:

The raffle for the WWII submarine that Larry Travis served on is underway. Base Commander Ray Moore has tickets for the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held on May 20th at the Burnsville Memorial Service.

\$13,500 has been raised for the estimated \$18,000 cost to preserve the Burnsville Memorial.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our next meeting will be on Friday, July 7 at the Carolina Field of Honor. For this meeting/picnic Wayne Hauser will prepare hot dogs and hamburgers and provide the buns. Thus far Dale Patterson will bring baked beans and Edward Galaviz will provide a count to Ray Moore of how many more cups, plates and plastic forks, knives and spoons he still has from previous picnics Howard Clark had donated.

Arrangements still have to be made for, salads and desserts. Perhaps some of the wives can bring desserts.

Since this picnic includes wives, friends and in some cases young children, Commander Ray Moore feels that the business portion will be very limited with no need to go into our normal agenda meeting procedures.

Regarding Longevity pins, it appears that Paul Crossland (15 year) and Donald Godfrey (5 year) will be entitled pins.

Rick Donahue received his Holland Club awards from George Bass.

Holland Club – National will fund the club as of 2018. Base or individual donations will still be accepted.

Three donations were approved by the membership which were brought up by some of the members who felt there was a need for them. Chuck Jensen will provide the funds to those organizations listed below.

1. \$25.00 to the Alleghany Honor Guard in Sparta, NC.
2. \$300.00 to USSVCE in Silverdale, WA as a donation to the Baton Rouge Relief Fund established by Al Singleman.
3. \$100.00 to the American Legion Winston-Salem Post 55 in appreciation for letting us use their facilities at no charge 5 times per year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mike Bircumshaw, past National Commander still wanting Bases to see if highways or bridges be named after Submarine Memorial names. No activity at this point in our Base.

Continue to keep wearing hats or gear to identify oneself as a submarine veteran in order to recruit more memberships.

UPCOMING EVENTS;

Next meeting: Friday July 7 at Field of Honor

Burnsville Memorial: May 19-20

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade: Monday May 29

NC Air Museum Fly In: Saturday June 10th

Troutman Parade: Maybe this year

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

2017 Pearl Harbor Dinner: December 9 at NC State University Club

50/50 raffle winner: Charles Cross

Closing Prayer: By Base Commander Ray Moore

Meeting ended: 1415

