

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2016

HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Submitted by Base Secretary Edward Galaviz

1100: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. We had a total of 12 members attending and Dale Patterson took care of our meals. Thank you Dale.

13:00: The meeting was called to order by Base Commander Raymond Moore after the 50/50 ticket sales.

INVOCATON: By Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by COB Dale Patterson.

INTRODUCTIONS: The attendance was 14 members, with no visitors.

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

MINUTES: A motion to accept the September 2016 minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved as previously posted on our Base Webpage.

Secretary Ed Galaviz informed us of Howard "Joe" Clark's being at the Wesley Long Community Hospital in Greensboro. It is Howard's wish to not have visitors at this time. Edward Galaviz will follow developments and keep the Base informed.

Commander's Corner: Ray Moore spoke about the Kings Bay tribute to World War II Submarine Veterans and how well the get-about vans supplied by the Naval Base were instrumental in the transportation of group members to visit USS MARYLAND (SSBN-738).

Vice Commander's Corner: Fred Gunter spoke about the Veterans' event at High Point University where 1100 Veterans gathered for their program. A four-star general, (a former graduate of the university who worked at the pentagon), was one of the speakers and entertainment included a full orchestra with chorale group. Three hundred students expressed their "Thank you for your service" to the assembly. The University will have their drive-through "Tour of Christmas Decorations" from 14-15 December on their beautiful campus.

The Kings Bay tribute to World War II Submarine Veterans was well-attended by the Submarine Veterans of our local bases. Admiral (four-star) Moran as Vice Chief of Naval Operations was the keynote speaker. Many of the attendees toured the St. Mary's Submarine Museum under

the direction of former submariner, Keith Post. The museum now has the battle flag from USS BREAM (SS-243), which had been presented by Howard Clark. Howard also presented the Museum with a \$500.00 donation. Edward Galaviz made the presentations on behalf of Howard at Friday evenings closing Steak Dinner on the Base. The museum also accepted past issues of the "POLARIS" (WWII Sub Vets') magazine, with issues from June 1984 to issue # 2 of 2016, with some omissions. The package included all of 1987, one from 2000, four from 2011, two from 2012, and two from 2013.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Chuck Jensen and approved by the membership. The ending balance as of October 28 was \$8,785.01. The Base was reminded to secure their membership for 2017. A forthcoming email will inform the members-at-large.

Storekeeper's Report: Our Storekeeper, Bill McCormick, announced the 2017 calendars are now available. Bill has stepped forward to relieve former SK, Gary Vernon who has done an exemplary job during his tenure; thank you Gary. {Here included in the minutes is the 11/14/16 email presented 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 is in process of scheduling new K-4-K events and spoke of upcoming presentations in January and at the 2017 Camp Corral.

Chief of the Boat: Dale Patterson announced the on-going efforts to assist the worthy group, "Veterans Helping Veterans Heal" organization in the future. A more comprehensive report will be addressed at the next meeting.

Dale also reminded the membership that Richard Childress is sponsoring a catered breakfast on December 7th for Veterans. Childress may be making a presentation for the Base at our January meeting. (see UPCOMING EVENTS, below)

OLD BUSINESS: A “Book of Remembrance” is constructed for Base member MM2(SS) John “Robbie” Robbins who went on Eternal Patrol the first day of April 2016. The book will be mailed to his home by our Chaplain. He served aboard USS STURGEON (SSN-637).

Our Base’s efforts to get Route 421 named for “U.S. Submarine Veterans” has come to naught by the selection committee, opting to call it “Salem Parkway”. Also I-40 (Business) bridge was re-named for a country singer George Hamilton, IV.

NEW BUSINESS: Base Commander Raymond Moore spoke about how the Carolina Submarine Veterans’ parade floats are graciously stored at the Asheboro Air Museum. The museum has never charged us any storage fee, so, after discussion, a motion was made by Daniel Newcomer to donate \$50.00 from Nathanael Greene Base, to secure membership in the museum, as Nat Greene’s Base share to help pay the for \$125.00 annual membership fee, which the other bases will donate to as well. It was seconded by Chuck Jensen, and unanimously passed.

Jim Myers commented on “Joshua’s Angel Center of the Carolina,” and how Tammy Hazelwood is facing a large repair bill for a horse that has destroyed some fencing. The membership put forward a motion, with second, to supply the Center with \$200.00 toward this unexpected eventuality.

Tar Heel Base Commander, Dave Campbell emailed the Base about the possibility of joining the “777-Club,” which helps support USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSBN-777). This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Our annual “Sailor of the Year” donation has remained at \$225.00 from a motion by Bill McCormick and seconded by Fred Gunter. The motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A model of a WWII submarine, with case and dust-cover, was donated to the Submarine Veterans. Chuck Jensen has offered to take custody of the model until it can be taken to State Commander Rick Pettit.

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.

Nathanael Greene Base is looking for someone to manage our Facebook page, now that there is a vacancy for that post. No volunteers at the meeting came forward.

Holland Club member of Nathanael Greene Base, ETCS(SS) Don Godfrey, Sr. in Salisbury, NC has been receiving dialysis for betterment of his health. Prayers for him are gratefully appreciated.

Bob Hopkins informed the Base that the family of Nathanael Greene Base and Holland Club member Captain (SS) Roy "Luke" Riley displayed great appreciation for the presentation of his "Book of Remembrance."

After an engineering firm study for our "Burnsville Submarine Memorial", managed by Asheville Base, repairs on the order of \$18,000 are needed to mitigate future erosion leading to collapse of the memorial. After discussion, a motion to earmark \$2,000.00 toward this goal was made by Jim Myers and seconded by Fred Gunter. The motion carried pending audit of previous monies donated to the fund.

The video of the 2016 Burnsville Submarine Memorial to the Lost Boats was shown by Chuck Jensen. All members stayed to watch it. It was a professionally-videoed presentation, and was well done by the Asheville Base hosts of the event; a hearty "BRAVO ZULU" to that Base.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Richard Childress Racing: (address - 425 Industrial Drive, Welcome, NC) On 7 December 2016, 0839-1030, this venue will offer Krispy Kreme Coffee and Doughnuts, as well as a catered breakfast. The guest speaker for "Remembering Pearl Harbor" will be James M. Scott, author of "TARGET TOKYO-Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid That Avenged Pearl Harbor" and "The War Below". Attendees will be invited to tour the RCR Museum for free after the meeting. Save the date and bring other Veterans for this special event.

Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner: held on Saturday, 3 December 2016 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 116-year history of the U.S. Submarine Service. Registration information is available from Tarheel Base Commander Dave Campbell at davidcampbell4@att.net

Next Meeting: will be at 1300, on 7 January 2017, at the American Legion Post on Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned: 1500.

50/50 raffle (\$40.00) was won by Ed Galaviz.