

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE  
WORKING MEETING  
GREENSBORO, NC**

**Minutes Taken on Saturday, February 12, 2011**

Location: Golden Corral Restaurant

Start of Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer led by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Chaplain Jim Schenk then conducted the tolling of the boats; January - Scorpion, Argonaut, Swordfish, S-36, & S-26; February -Barbel, Shark, Amberjack, & Grayback.

Twenty-three (23) members were present for the individual introductions. The WWII Subvets received a special hand.

Secretary Edward Galaviz asked if anyone wanted the minutes of December 11, 2010 to be read as they had already appeared in our website. The minutes were approved without reading.

Treasurer's report was then provided by Chuck Jensen. The year end report for 2010 was inflows of \$9,383.40 and expenditures of \$6,036.41 for an ending balance of \$3,346.99. Chuck said that the majority of income comes from dues. For example, Base dues collected in 2010 amounted to \$1,483.00 and dues thus far collected in 2011 came to \$1,260.00. The Base has a Trailer Maintenance Fund of \$350.00. Thus the current year to date checking account balance is \$3,733.13.

As the Membership Chairman (2nd position), Chuck noted that since his last report, the Base has added 25 annual and 2 life members. We now have 92 members. Chuck has also identified 21 potential members living in the Triad area and all have been contacted. We are now potentially talking of having over 100 members and Chuck was given a nice hand for his good work.

Dick Kanning then said that we are probably the best formed Base as far as numbers are concerned of all the Bases.

At this point the Raleigh and Charlotte St. Patrick parades were brought up as Chuck showed us a Leprechaun we can set up on the parade submarine.

Jim Myers then said that 10 rooms at the Fairfield Inn had been set up for the Azalea Parade in Wilmington, NC, however, no information on the parade as of this date.

John Rupertus than brought up the Battle of the Guilford Courthouse re-enactment in Greensboro March 12-13. Some of the USS Nathanael Greene veterans are coming for the event. Since some of us are attending the Raleigh parade on the same date, Chuck asked Jim Myers to put out some information so that maybe we can attend some of those activities.

Jim Myers commenced our new business with Kaps for Kids. Jim stressed that USSVI is pushing the program nationally. Jim has found us a Chairman in the name of Mike Runkle.

Mike Runkle gave us a very enthusiastic presentation. Our first begin event is on April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Rehab Comp Department of Baptist Hospital with one of the adult groups. This first group not being children will not receive Hats or Certificates. The Baptist Children's Home Thomasville wants us to do a presentation on April 29th. Mike Runkle wants some of us to attend for both dates.

Chuck requested that we send out an e-mail to respond to what Jim has told us about the program.

Dick Kanning reported on the progress being made with the two upcoming USSVI conventions; Springfield, MO. and Norfolk, VA. He also spoke about District information such as nominations, awards and speaking at schools. Dick will also provide us with more information regarding the 25% discounts that Jiffy Lube is giving to USSVI members.

Dick Kanning also asked for volunteers to work the welcome desk at the Norfolk USSVI Convention.

John Rupertus noted that Dick Kanning raises money for the Sailor of the Year Award. It was approved that we give Dick \$100.00 towards this award.

John then asked Chuck to re-visit the by-laws for: Meeting at least 4 times a year. And, that we meet on the first Saturday of every odd month. A motion was later made by Jim Myers and approved.

Chuck also brought us up to date on the bench honoring the S-28 near the Battleship in Wilmington, NC. We need to have approval from the Battleship Commission and it would be nice to have it before the Azalea festival. There is \$3,600 available to spend so \$1,800 will be spent for one bench and the other \$1,800 will be used for landscaping.

John then asked David Bridges to bring us up to date on the Challenge Coin. David spoke of a series of coins we could choose from and he was then requested to go ahead with some of his ideas and to look at the pricing.

John said that that the Nat Greene veterans will have their next reunion in Greensboro in 2012. It will be planned around the Battle of Guilford Courthouse re-enactment.

John then brought up the subject of Burnsville. Dick Kanning said that the option was not have it in Burnsville this year. It is still up in the air as to where it will be. This meeting is schedule for May 20th to 21st. Details will be published in the next issue of the All Clear.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Saturday, March 5, 2011, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral.

The Raffle came next and we closed the meeting with a prayer at 1:45 p.m.