

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

Minutes Taken on Saturday, May 7, 2011

Location: Golden Corral Restaurant

Start of Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

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

Jim Schenk and Jim Myers then conducted the tolling of the boats for April & May – USS Pickerel (SS 177), USS Snook (SS 279), USS Thresher (SSN 593), USS Gudgeon (SS 211), USS Grenadier (SS 210), USS Lagarto (SS 371), USS Scorpion (SSN 589), USS Squalis (SS 192), and USS Stickleback (SS 415).

Sixteen (16) subvets were present including Steve Bell NC Subvets State Commander and Brian Moody a potential new member. Everyone gave their individual introductions. The three WWII Subvets present (Joe Clark, Bill Bradburn & George Bass) received a special hand.

Base Commander John Rupertus asked if anyone wanted the minutes of the March 5, 2011 meeting 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 current balance is \$3,336.03 with no expenditures pending. During the meeting additional monies were received; \$200.00 from Ray Moore for a USSVI lifetime membership. New expenditures; \$250.00 to the Village Inn for a deposit to have the 2012 Pearl Harbor Dinner at their facility in Clemmons and \$70.00 to Jim Myers for his fuel expenses towing the Torpedo Float to the 2 Kaps 4 Kids visits held in April. Both expenditures were approved by the base members present at the meeting.

The Membership Chairman Chuck noted that we now have 100 base members with one potential member if Brian Moody decides to join USSVI and the base.

Mike Runkle (Base Kaps 4 Kids Coordinator) gave a report on the 2 Kaps for Kids events that were held in April. It was planned to present Joshua Hazelwood his Honorary Submariner Certificate and Cap at the meeting but this had to be cancelled due to his illness. Jim will contact the family to set up a time to make the presentation at Joshua's home.

Jack Jeffries discussed the Golden Corral Camp that the Carolina Piedmont, Nat Greene, and Tarheel Bases would like to become involved with. Presently, Jack is trying to contact the person in charge to set up a meeting to discuss how the bases can be involved.

It was voted and approved that we sponsor the USS Asheville (SSN 578) under the American Submariner Boat Sponsorship Program. Chuck Jensen will send a \$30.00 check to the program manager.

Steve Bell reported that District #1 received the 1st Outstanding District Award for the Eastern Region South. This is a new award that will be presented annually to a District within the Eastern Region South for the accomplishments of the bases and their members. ***Well Done*** Dick for your leadership and commitment as our District Commander.

Jim will have the Mk-14 Torpedo on display in Thomasville as part of their WWII Artifacts Display to be held on Saturday May 28th. We need to have some of the base members there to answer questions by the visitors at this event.

The NC Air Museum in Asheboro will be having their annual Fly-In on Saturday June 4th. We will need some of the base members there to answer questions by the visitors to this event. This is the location where the Mk-14 Torpedo Float and Parade Submarine are kept when not in use.

Up coming events: Burnsville Meeting (May 20th & 21st), WWII Artifacts Display in Thomasville (May 28th), Thomasville Memorial Day Parade (May 30th), NC Air Museum Annual Fly-In (June 4th), Iredell County Independence Celebration (July 2nd), and Faith's Fourth of July Parade (July 4th).

John had a special raffle to give away a scale model of the USS Lionfish (SS 298) that had been donated by Charlie Cross. Hoppy Hopkins won it with the correct answer to the following question: "What country had the most submarines during WW I?"

The 50/50 Raffle was conducted with Jim Schenk having the winning ticket worth \$41.50. Jim donated his winnings to help with the cost of the Kaps 4 Kids Program.

Jim Schenk conducted the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

The next base meeting will be held at the same location on Saturday July 9th starting at 11:00am.