

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

Minutes Taken on Saturday, July 9, 2011

Location: Golden Corral Restaurant

Start of Meeting: 11:00 a.m.

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

Jim Schenk and John Rupertus then conducted the tolling of the boats for the month's of June & July.

Twenty three subvets were present including 4 guests from the Tarheel Base and our guest speaker Scott Moffit. Two new members present were Ken Yates and Carl Borup. Everyone gave their individual introductions. The two WWII Subvets present (George Bass & Bill Whelan) received a special hand.

Base Commander John Rupertus asked if anyone wanted the minutes of the May 7, 2011 meeting to be read as they had already appeared on our website. The minutes were approved without reading.

Treasurer's report was then provided by Chuck Jensen. The current balance is \$3,008.15 which includes \$58.60 earmarked for the trailer maintenance fund. There are no expenditures pending. During the meeting additional monies were received; \$15.00 from Carl Borup for 2011 base dues, \$40.00 from Ricky Donohue for stores sales, and \$78.00 from Jim Myers that was excess from "passing the hat" for his fuel costs at the two 4th of July Parades. Also received a check for \$100.00 from the Faith 4th of July Festival Committee as our entry won "Most Unique". This prize money and the \$78.00 that Jim Myers returned will be added to the trailer maintenance fund.

The Membership Chairman Chuck noted that we now have 102 base members.

Mike Runkle (Base Kaps 4 Kids Coordinator) gave a report on the Kaps for Kids program. The trip planned to visit Joshua Hazelwood today, to present his Honorary Submariner Certificate and Cap at his home, has been postponed for sometime in the future.

John Rupertus discussed Camp Corral, being sponsored by the Golden Corral Restaurants, which the Carolina Piedmont & Nat Greene members visited this past Tuesday. The next visit will be on Tuesday July 19th. If interested in going, contact John Rupertus.

The guest speaker Scott Moffit discussed the Triad Flight of Honor Program which takes local WWII veterans to Washington, DC to visit the WWII Memorial at no charge to these veterans. You can go to their website www.triadflightofhonor.com to view the programs details. One of our WWII Subvets (Bobby Hepler) is a candidate for this program and the Nat Greene Base will sponsor him. It was discussed and approved to solicit our base members for a donation to cover his expense. All funds collected in excess of Bobby's cost will be donated to the Triad Flight of Honor Program. An email will be sent to all base members asking for their donations. A collection was taken up at the meeting with \$380.00 being collected.

Jim Myers reported that Pat Collins has requested to be relieved of his duties as the Base Holland Club Chairman. After the meeting George Bass volunteered to be the new Base Holland Club Chairman and John Rupertus appointed him to this position with the concurrence of Jim Myers and Chuck Jensen.

A 50/50 raffles was conducted with the winner Bill Whelan collecting \$51.50. Bill promptly donated his winnings to the Triad Flight of Honor Program.

The next base meeting will be held on Saturday August 27th at this location starting at 10:30am for Brunch before the meeting that will start at 11:00. The meeting was moved up a week because of the Labor Day holiday and USSVI National Convention.

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