

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE
BASE MEETING
WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Minutes Taken on Saturday, March 3, 2012

Location: American Legion Post #55

Jim Myers had previously sent out an e-mail with an agenda and a map with directions on how to get to the American Legion location. It was also requested that there would be food provided by Joe Clark and Ed Galaviz at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments were to be obtained at the Post's bar and we were to start our meeting at 1:30 p.m.

As persons were arriving and getting their food, Chuck Jensen was kind enough to show us an interesting DVD on Submarine History.

At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order followed by the invocation given by our Chaplain, Jim Schenk. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Tolling of the Lost Boats for the months of February and March followed.

Individual introductions for this meeting were better than anticipated with 33 people attending including Jim Schenk's wife, Ruth. Included was a potential new member that Chuck Jensen introduced as James McKowan and 3 WWII Subvets in the count.

After John Rupertus' opening comments and prior to Board's reports, Jim Myers announced that a successful audit was conducted on the Treasury for the Nathanael Greene Base on 1/19/12 with both Jim Myers and Ed Galaviz concurring with the results.

The Base Secretary's minutes of our last meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012 were approved as they appeared in the website.

The Treasury Report by Chuck Jensen was opened by stating that there were no outstanding items to report at this time. Of interest to report, however, is that including the \$40.40 from Stores Sales and the \$70.00 from the 50/50 raffle received from our meeting, there is \$4,225.40 in the base checking account. This total also includes the \$451.44 in the Trailer Maintenance Fund we are the custodian of.

Prior to the Storekeeper's report, Jim Myers brought up the important subject, Kap for Kids, which as been supervised by Raymond Moore regarding the 60 foot ramp which has been our assignment to construct at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas in Booneville. Raymond then took the floor and advised the group of the following: That will take a couple of Saturday's to build with a minimum of 6 volunteers. This project must be completed before June 23 as this next ride is a big deal. Two work days were approved as Saturdays March 24 and April 21. Thus far there is only one volunteer in Dale Patterson. (As of this date, Ray Moore has advised that the March 24 date has been cancelled due to prior commitments, however, we are still to proceed to work on the project on April 21).

Regarding the Storekeeper's report, Rick Donahue, says and as mentioned above that we took in \$40.40 and we do have some very attractive caps and shirts available. According to Chuck Jensen, the Storekeepers duties have now been better clarified with the C&B amendment for reviewing stores inventories. The amendment was accepted and will be included in the C&B with Dick Kanning making the final approval.

The new business commenced with the John Rupertus announcing that the following members were eligible for the Holland Club Longevity Rocker: 55 years - Carl Borup, Charles Cross, Clarence Allen, & Louis Stiles; 60 years - Robert Dabbs, Paul Greene, William Elmore, Dale Patterson, Frank Caulfield, Jean -Loupe Combemale, & Burt Conger; 65 years - Clarence Huffman, George Bass, Joe Clark; 70 years - Larry Travis. John present these to those members that were present.

John thanked Bob Hopkins for the fine job he has done in promoting the Vietnam Veterans Homecoming Celebration at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on March 31, 2012. Opening ceremonies will start at 11:00 a.m. Jim Myers will bring a cooler and Jim and Chuck will set up our Sub and Torpedo before the start of the day's events.

Dick Kanning then took his turn to address our meeting with several subjects of interest. His first address was on the Norfolk convention where he spoke of the number of rooms already rented at both the Marriott and Sheraton hotels; the tolling of the boats on the USS Wisconsin, plus the commitment of our taking the parade sub and the torpedo float. It appears as though the torpedo float will be an issue, however, Dick will give us more details on that. Dick also spoke about our next Regional meeting being in Mobile Alabama.

John Rupertus then spoke of 2012 Pearl Harbor Dinner. There is still much to be discussed since we are the Base that will host it. We know that the dinner will be \$30.00 a person at the Village Inn in Clemmons; however, we will have to come up with volunteers to handle most arrangements. It was requested that Dick Kanning come up with a guest speaker for the event. Since we now have 5 bases in North Carolina, Kris Bridges came up with a good idea to come up with a committee comprised of members from each Base to start looking into input and planning for future Pearl Harbor dates and locations. It was recommended that Kris write up a memo to Steve Bell on how we can best approach this matter.

In upcoming events, our next parades are scheduled the Azalea on April 14, Thomasville on May 28, Troutman on June 30 and Faith on July 4. The Newton parade is always on the third Thursday of August and this year's falls on August 23.

The Burnsville meeting is between May 18-20 and the SSBN 636 reunion is scheduled for May 3-5 here in Greensboro.

As of this writing, we do not have sufficient information as to what type of representation we are to have in it.

Mike Crossland won the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. with our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base Secretary