

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE
BASE MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012
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WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

10:00 a.m.: 21 Subvets attended Memorial at Liberty Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, for Howie Rice, WWII Subvet and member of the Nathanael Greene Base.

11:30 a.m.: Ten of our Subvets had lunch at Cagney's Restaurant and the meal was covered by a gentleman, Thomas Radulovic, honoring us for our service.

1:00 p.m.: The meeting was called to order by Jim Myers.

Fourteen Subvets were present along with Ruth Schenk and Marge Kanning.

Invocation by Jim Schenk.

No personnel introductions were necessary with the exception of a new member by the name of Jim Balderas.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dick Kanning followed by Jim Schenk and Chuck Jensen in tolling of lost boats for April and May.

Base Commander: Jim Myers reported that Bob Hopkins had the voting results for our new Vice Commander.

Dick Kanning then proceeded to swear in Charlie Cross as the Nat. Greene's new Vice Commander and Jim Myers as Commander.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Chuck Jensen reports that the Nat Greene Base treasury is in good shape with a balance of \$4,114.90.

Secretary: The last meeting minutes of March 3, 2012 by Edward Galaviz were approved as published on our website.

Store Keeper: Rick Donahue was not present; therefore, Chuck Jensen said that for the meeting we had some patches, a new hat plus other articles we could look at.

COB Corner: Dick Kanning's wife, Marge, said that we have three good raffle items for the Pearl Harbor dinner. That for two years in a row District One of the Southeast Region has been voted the best. We were provided with a copy of what the District One advertisement will look like for the National Convention booklet in Norfolk. There are 60 people signed up thus far for the Burnsville meeting. He strongly suggested that we register for the Norfolk Convention, if we have not done so, as space for the main dinner will be limited. Dick also made a few comments on the people running for the National positions. Dick strongly wants all of us to put in our votes. Dick will be running unopposed as the Southeast Region Commander.

Commander's Corner: Jim Myers had us all sign a get well card for David Holm (half left lung removed) which Ed Galaviz is to mail. Jim also reviewed the names and times of the volunteers from the Nat Greene Base who will be working the registration desk Wednesday at the Norfolk Convention.

Old Business: Kap for Kids: The second reading of the Kaps 4 Kids amendment was voted on and passed. With regards to the projects at Joshua's Angels, Ray Moore gave us an update on what has to be done. The project is a 60 foot long x 5 foot high ramp for the children to access the horses. Ray says it will take seven modules to build. A working party to start the project is set for May 14th with May 15th as a rain date. Ray said it would take several working parties. A motion was made and passed to give Joshua's Angels of the Carolina a \$100.00 donation for this year only. We are to look at this issue one year at a time.

New Business: George Bass's amendment proposal was read for the first time and passed. The proposal was a change in the way Vice Commander duties were carried out and the Executive Board responsibilities concerning the duties of Base Officers. This proposal will be sent to the membership for a vote and returned to the next meeting for approval. The advertisement for the North Carolina Sub Vets in the National Convention Booklet is not funded yet. Steve Bell is to pass the hat at Burnsville to collect the \$95.00 needed. If we get more, then the remainder is to go into the North Carolina Memorial Fund. A motion on the floor was made and passed that the Nat Greene Base will donate \$20.00 to the fund which was done before the meeting adjourned.

Pearl Harbor Dinner: The hotel is the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC. We have already committed a non-refundable fee of \$250.00. Responsibilities are as follows: Ray Moore - Set Up, Butterbean - MIA Table, Carroll Gunter - Hospitality Suite, Dick Kanning - Guest Speaker, Mike Runkle - Door Prize & 50-50 Raffle, Chuck Jensen - Advertisement, Invocation - Base Chaplains, Chuck Jensen - Registration, and Ray Moore - Programs. We will also need additional volunteers.

Good of the Order: Kris Bridges' proposal to have a committee formed by all five North Carolina USSVI Bases to conduct the Pearl Harbor Dinner was tabled for now. Dick Kanning recommended we should all try and visit the USS Drum in Mobile, AL. Bob Hopkins made statement that we should all try to attend the VA Appreciation Day in Raleigh, NC May 23.

Upcoming Events: Memorial parade in Thomasville on May 28th, Troutman parade June 30th, Faith parade July 4th, Burnsville Meeting May 18th-20th, NC Air Museum Fly In June 9th, and of course, National Convention Sep 3rd-9th in Norfolk, VA.

The next meeting will be on July 7, 2012 with the location at the American Legion in Winston Salem. Other locations in Greensboro are being looked at.

Dick Kanning won the 50/50 drawing.

Closing prayer by Jim Schenk with meeting ending at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz
Nathanael Greene Base Secretary