

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE  
BASE MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #55  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

1305: The meeting was called to order by our Base Commander, Jim Myers.

The meeting was commenced with the invocation by Jim Schenk

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Werner.

Introductions of all Present: 23 Subvets were counted. Of those 23, John Sloan a submarine veteran, who brought his wife Loretta, and lives in Walkertown attended the meeting after seeing 9 of our Subvets at Cagney's who were having breakfast/lunch at the time. With that count, an additional new potential member, Al Blake, was also in attendance. The two wives, Mrs. Loretta Sloan and Mrs. Ruth Schenk brought the total to 25 people.

The tolling of the Boats lost in June and July of WWII was conducted by Jim Schenk and Dick Kanning.

## **REPORTS**

### Secretary

The minutes of our last meeting of May 5, 2012, by Edward Galaviz were approved as published in our website.

### Treasury

The Treasurer's report by Chuck Jensen provided an accurate and actual amount of base funds of \$3,733.45. To add to this report and by the next meeting, there is a Base dues payment from Jim McKowan of \$15.00 that was not deposited as of this meeting. In addition there is a Trailer Maintenance Fund balance of \$236.15 of which the Nathanael Greene Base holds for the North Carolina Subvets.

### Store Keeper

Rick Donohue then presented the meeting with a new patch, "I love the smell of the diesel in the morning". After the meeting, some of those attending made some purchases. As Jim Myers, said during Rick's presentation, due to costs, the inventory of merchandise is being kept down to a minimum and anyone wanting to purchase items can contact Rick via his email address [gdonohue@att.net](mailto:gdonohue@att.net) and he can give you several internet links for the suppliers he deals with so you can view their catalogs. You can then let Rick know what item(s) you would like him to order for you and from what suppliers catalog.

## Kap 4 Kids Report

In the absence of Mike Runkle, Jim Myers gave us a report on the latest issues with Kap 4 Kids. There are two up-coming events with both starting at 9:00 am. The event at 275 Carefree Lane, Stokesdale, NC on August 9th will be for about 60 kids with muscular dystrophy. The next event will be on October 13th at the Person County Group Homes for the disabled in Leasburg, NC.

## COB Corner

Dick Kanning's primary subject at this point of the meeting was a communication that he received from John Kennedy, Committee Chairman of the National Convention in Norfolk, VA. John Kennedy has requested that we bring the Mark-14 Torpedo Float to Norfolk. The main issue, of course, is the cost to drive it for 280 miles one way. Our Nat. Greene Commander, Jim Myers is the subvet who probably would have to drive the float to Norfolk. We were all in agreement to request that all the NC Subvet Bases contribute for necessary funding. As of these minutes being prepared, an email has been sent by Dick Kanning asking that we send our donations to Chuck Jensen as \$200.00 plus would be a substantial start.

According to Dick, there are 3 USSVI Bases that have been filing their own tax returns as separate entities. Since one did not file this past year, and does not fall into our USSVI organization may have to be disorganized.

The Asheville Base now has 16 members.

Again, both Dick and Jim Myers strongly suggested that we all vote for our National Candidates and proposed Constitutional changes. We have until August 23, 2012 to vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Jensen gave us the second reading of the amendment as proposed by George Bass and approved at the meeting. The changes say that if the Commander's office is vacated, the Vice Commander will assume the Commander's duties. Any other vacated office will be filled by the Executive Board. In addition the Executive Board may remove any officer not fulfilling the duties of office. These changes #2 will now be incorporated in the Nat. Greene C&B. Chuck will show in italics font the specific changes to more easily identify what they are.

Raymond Moore who is the person for coordinating the project for the Joshua's Angels 44 foot by 5 foot high ramp for access to the horses was completed with the help of Nat. Greene volunteer workers. It is for the Kids to have access to the horses for recreational horseback riding. On June 23rd a fund raiser for the Joshua's Angel Center that included a Motorcycle Poker Run was held at Fed Saks General Store outside of Dobson, NC that is owned by Larry Gordan, a Nat Greene Member. 15 kids received hats, certificates and pictures from Nat Greene Base. This Fall, plans are being made for closing in the new barn at Joshua's Angel Center.

## NEW BUSINESS

George Bass spoke to the members about the funds that needed to be raised to save the submarine Clamagore from scrapped. They need about 3.5 million to take the Clamagore to dry dock for essential repairs. So if the donations do not come close to reaching their objective then the money will be given to either the Dolphin or USSVI's Scholarship funds.

We have met our goals in support of the ads that the NC Subvets have contributed to for the USSVI/USSV-WWII Norfolk Convention.

Bob Hopkins provided information to the members of the NC Veterans Council in Raleigh. They have a veteran's appreciation day in May of each year. A vote was taken that we not join the organization. Hoppy also spoke of donations needed for the Marlin Base in Omaha, NB. Apparently they need about \$25,000.00 to ship artifacts for the Omaha.

Jim as the Chairman for the Pearl Harbor dinner, that the Nat. Greene Base will host this year, again reviewed some of the responsibilities the volunteers will have to do. The list appears in the Agenda of July 14, 2012. The only spot open was for the door prizes and Howard Joe Clark and Ed Galaviz has volunteered for that responsibility. Of general interest is that Bob Hopkins will play the taps at the end of the tolling of the boat.

## Good of the Order

We will be participating in the Lexington Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 10, 2012 that starts at 11:00 am.

There was a plaque presented to the Nat. Greene Base from Joshua's Angels Center in recognitions for our efforts in contribution assistance. It was an attractive plaque passed out for all to see at the meeting.

Dale Patterson brought up the fact that there is an American flag that can be produced with names of members of boats on it and just about anything one would want on the flag. Jim Myers and Chuck Jensen suggested that Dale get some more detailed information for our next meeting.

## Upcoming Events

Camp Corral on July 18th, July 25th, and August 1st. The camp is located outside of Ellerbe, NC and is supported by the Carolina Piedmont Base as one of their Kaps 4 Kids Programs.

Parades: Old Soldiers August 16th in Newton, NC

The National Convention is September 3 to 9, 2012 in Norfolk, VA

The Registration Desk Slots for the Nat. Greene Base are documented in your Agenda of July 14. We will need more volunteers for the Registration Desk so please contact Jim Myers.

Before the 50/50 drawing, Jim Myers selected Tom Richey to try to find a location in Greensboro for August 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The advance in schedule which should be held in September was due to the National Convention dates.

The meeting was adjourned after Jim Schenk's prayer at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz  
Nat. Greene Base Secretary