

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE
BASE MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012
GOLDEN CORRAL
GREENSBORO, NC**

At 10:15: The meeting was called to order by our Base Commander, Jim Myers.

Our invocation was conducted by Jim Schenk and followed by our group Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of all present: 18 Subvets and one, Charles Dye came for the first time and we had a new member included in the group by name of Jim Effinger. Two ladies were present; Ruth Schenk and Sylvia Murrell.

Of special note by Chuck Jensen prior to the tolling of the boats, stated that we now have 105 members in our Base. Jim Schenk and Rick Donohue then did the tolling of the boats lost during the months of August and September.

REPORTS

Secretary

The minutes of our last meeting of July 14, 2012 by Edward Galaviz were approved as published on our website.

Vice Commander

Charles Cross thanked those present for our group efforts.

Treasurer

Chuck Jensen reports that we have \$4,830.10 in our Treasury balance. Included is the Trailer Maintenance Fund balance of \$1,035.15 and these monies includes the \$668.00 for the Norfolk Fuel Donation. Thus actual base funds available are \$3,794.95.

Store Keeper

Rick Donahue said that we only have one dolphin cup left to sell. Diesel patches are available and although we are keeping our inventory low, all we have to do is notify Rick and he can obtain anything we want.

Kaps 4 Kids

Mike Runkle said that the August 9th event at Camp Carefree went very good as we had both the MK 14 Torpedo Float and the Parade Submarine on display. He said that they had several kids in wheel chairs and some who were able to walk.

The skit went well as the kids had to swim out and save a person on an island. For saving a life, the kids were given an honorary submariner diploma.

The claxon and the ship's bell were also a big hit.

Mike asked for our help in obtaining such items as two miniature subs (one nuclear and one fleet type). He would also want to have a banner with a metal stand and a claxon. A motion and seconded was made by Dave Bridges that we not exceed more than \$200 for future purchases for Kaps 4 Kids which includes the purchase of caps and certificates. Jim Myers said that Carolina Piedmont was buying their hats for \$4.00 each and that we should look into that.

Mike said that the next events would be the Person County on October 13th and the fund raiser for Joshua's Angels in Dobson on October 20th. An e-mail will be sent out to all of members for the October 20th event with more details from Jim Myers.

COB Corner Report

Dick Kanning covered with us on the latest information he had for the National Convention in Norfolk, VA., September 2nd to 9th. The big thing for the NC Subvets is that we will be taking our Torpedo float to the convention. We will need money for taking the float to Norfolk.

Dick said that the Torpedo float will be closely guarded and in a very secure area. Dick covered other issues that there will be more than 1000 in attendance

Old Business

Jim Myers who conducted this extensive portion of the meeting first brought up the fund raiser for Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas to be held in Dobson. Although a Motorcycle Ride will be hosted. Jim suggested that we should make it a Nat. Greene Base activity. We will contact Motorcycle dealerships throughout the area, American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, Charlotte Police Riders and other organizations with fliers for this event.

Next on the agenda, Jim asked for the Pearl Harbor Dinner Chairman Reports. The dinner is scheduled for December 8, 2012 at the Village Inn in Clemmons NC.

Registration: Chuck Jensen is ready to accept dinner registrations.

50/50 raffle: Mike Runkle responsible for raffle items and tickets need. It was decided amongst the group present that we would need at least 2 rolls of red and beige to cover the door prize, 50/50 and raffles. The 50/50 and raffles were voted on to be combined as one.

Set-up tables and program: Ray Moore showed sample of program which require some modifications.

Hospitality Room: Fred Gunter will provide us with budget for beer, wine, chips, etc. Jim Myers and Chuck Jensen will check on the times the hospitality room will be and it appears that Friday to open from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 closing while dinner is being served starting at 6:30 p.m. Chuck is to verify the check in time for those planning to stay. An estimated budget of \$200 was given.

Advertisement and Public Relations: Chuck Jensen has this responsibility in hand.

Services (Invocation and Benediction): To be handled by Jim Schenk, Bill Whelan and Ray Fritz.

Agenda: Jim Myers to handle

Door Prizes: If Mike Burkholder comes, he will be asked to do it. Howard Clark and Ed Galaviz will arrange raffle of donated items.

Tolling of the Boats: Jim Schenk will handle this part and will get one of the other Chaplains to be the Bell Ringer.

POW/MIA: Bob Hopkins has agreed to do the table and he will bring his bugle.

Guest Speaker: Dick Kanning reported that he has requested that a Commanding Officer of the Parche (SSN 581) be our guest speaker. The officer is Pete Graeg who made 4 runs on it. The base will cover the room and meals for the guest speaker. Dick will request to keep the talk no longer than 20 to 30 minutes and to keep religion and politics out of it.

Jim Myers suggested a present for the guest speaker. David Bridges suggested a cup designed in Seagrove, NC and Chuck asked him to bring a sample at our next meeting. David does not know the cost and will come up with 5 cups for next meeting. Dick will come up with a separate Plaque. Dick also brought up the NC Subvets patch and Chuck will send file to Dick to see how it should look like.

Hotel Coordinators: Jim Myers and Chuck Jensen have already visited the Village Inn and following their reports on the latest. The rooms will be \$68 plus tax. The meal will be \$22.62 which includes taxes and gratuity. A motion was passed that the cost will be \$30.00 per person for the dinner. David Bridges has offered to pay for the bartender. Chuck said that the meal will consist of beef, chicken, red skin potatoes and assorted desserts. It is anticipated that we will have 70 to 75 people. Five to ten rooms have been locked out prior to November 7 and we must notify the hotel 3 days before as to what the count will be. Jim Myers says that we will have a Board meeting sometime in November.

New Business

The Executive Board agreed to pay \$9.00 to the Tarheel Base for back pay of upkeep of the NC Website and Patch is the Webmaster. A motion was passed to continue this payment of \$4.00 per year. Nat. Greene has it's own website on the National Website and we pay \$25.00 per year for it.

Joe Howard Clark: He has a new initiative for the Nat. Greene Base and the NC Subvets. It is the Carolina Field of Honor located in Colfax. Mr. Clark has met with the board of directors and discussed our potential contribution from the North Carolina Subvets. A \$5,000 contribution would place us on a Bronze Plaque at the Wall of Support at the Park. This proposal will be further discussed in our next meeting.

George Bass is president of the fund-raising effort to save the Clamagore. \$32,000 has been raised so far.

USS Omaha Memorial request for donations as reported by Bob Hopkins: We have elected not to support this program.

Upcoming Events

We will be participating in:
Lexington Veterans Day, Saturday November 10th.
Asheboro Parade , November 11th.
National Convention, September 3rd through 9th.

Registration Desk Slots for Nat. Greene: 9:00 to 12:00: Ron Busila and Ray Moore
12:00 to 15:00: Chuck Jensen and Ed Galaviz
15:00 to 18:00: Jim Myers and Charlie Cross

October 27, 2012: Walk Now for Autism Speaks at Charlotte Motor Speedway. This is where you give donations for people walking.

October 31 to November 4: Kings Bay Memorial Service

Next meeting will be on October 27, 13:00 at the American Legion on Miller Street, in Winston-Salem.

50/50 drawing was won by Jim Myers.

Closing prayer was conducted by Jim Schenk at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Galaviz
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base