

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREEN
BASE MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012
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Prior to meeting at around noon, about ten Subvets met at Cagney's restaurant for lunch/breakfast.

Jim Myers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chaplain Jim Schenk then commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Jensen.

Introductions followed with 18 Subvets present including Ruth Schenk. Of note is that we honored the introduction of the two WWII Subvets present; Howard Clark and George Bass.

In the Tolling of the Boats, Jim Schenk read the names of each boat for the months of October, November and December while Dick Kanning did the tolling of the bell.

REPORTS

Secretary

The minutes of our last meeting of August 25, 2012 by Edward Galaviz were approved as published on our website.

Vice Commander Corner

Jim Myers announced that Charlie Cross could not attend today's meeting as he had a commitment to be present with his granddaughter's birthday.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Jensen reported the following. We collected \$773.00 for the Norfolk Convention fuel fund for our Torpedo float. We spent \$185 for fuel plus a \$20.00 tip leaving a balance of \$568.00. We have earmarked \$568.00 for the Washington, D.C. Memorial Day Parade with a balance of \$367.15 for the trailer maintenance. Our Register Ending Balance was \$6,089.22 and as of this meeting, we have available funds of \$5,154.07.

Regarding Base dues payments for 2013 that have not yet been paid; 24 life members who only pay base dues, 9 annual USSVI non-primary base members, and 17 annual USSVI primary base members. Chuck thanked the group for working out this obligation so well.

Regarding the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., Jim Myers then interjected that we take the left-over fuel money for the parade and that it was only for Submariners. The exact date

is not finalized yet. Dick Kanning stated that USSVI will handle any insurance required. Also do not forget that lodging in D.C. is astronomical.

Store Keeper Report

Rick Donahue was not able to attend so Chuck Jensen said that we can order about anything we want as we want to keep our inventories as low as possible because some bases are finding out that it has been costly to keep high inventories. Chuck had a list of pending orders and they will be taken care of.

Kaps 4 Kids:

Mike Runkle said that the last program for the Person County event was a success on October 13. We gave out 55 caps. The kids (both orphans and handicapped) like the klaxons and Mike would really like to have a bell.

As Mike spoke of the last Joshua's Angels event in Dobson, Jim Myers then referred to the last American Submariner Issue's article about the ramp and the efforts our Base has given to their support. Jim Schenk then said that a photo of his license plate was also in the issue. At the Southeast Guilford Fun Fest, Jim Myers told of a remark that a teenager said of the 4 Submariners there, "You 4 are the best looking old men I have ever seen in my life", and then she hugged us.

We donated \$200.00 to Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas.

COB Corner

Dick Kanning said he would talk when the subject of "Good of the Order" came up in the agenda.

Prior to the "Old Business" issues came up, Jim Myers talked about how well the National Convention went; the closing dinner had an eventful event with violin players serenading the dinner and that the camaraderie was the best he had ever seen. Our next convention is in Rochester, MN.

Dick Kanning then said that everyone helped except the USS Asheville Base. The Torpedo Float was well accepted by the WWII Subvets. At this point, Dick then presented Jim Myers with a plaque given to him by John Kennedy (Convention Coordinator) thanking the Nat Greene Base for our participation and support at the National Convention

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Myers then took command of this issue:

- The committees have finalized everything
- Advised all everything will work out
- Bob Hopkins will do the POW/MIA table

- Jim Schenk and other Chaplains will do the invocation, benediction, and tolling of the boats.
- Tickets – one for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.
- At least 4 raffles and the winner's ticket of each will be put back in for the 50/50.
- One set of red tickets for raffle and 50/50.
- The beige ticket will be set under each plate for the door prize
- Ray Moore will need help in setting up the tables
- Mike Burkholder will be present and will do the door prizes
- Ray Moore brought dinner program to review.
- No hard drinks in hospitality room; wine, beer, sodas and snacks only
- Chris Bridges will pay for cash bar at dinner
- We will also need an extra table for raffle, POW/MIA, and door prize items, etc.

Dick Kanning has invited the guest speaker, Pete Graef a retired commanding officer of the USS Parche (SS 683), who now lives in South Carolina. He and his wife will stay overnight and we will cover the cost. Dick will prepare a shadow box for him plus any other gifts to be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Jensen will send out to Steve Bell the changes to the C&B Amendment changes relative to Associate Members and how it pertains to the Nat Greene Base.

- A. Qualification for Associate Membership is as defined in the National Constitution of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated.
- B. Associate members may vote on Base matters but may *only* hold Secretary and/or Treasurer of the Base or any appointed office.
- C. *Sponsorship for the Associate Members will be strictly adhered to as defined in the National Constitution of the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated.*

Nat Greene Base Awards: Dick Kanning presented the Robert Link Awards to both Jim Myers and Raymond Moore.

Dick Kanning spoke of the Sailor of the year award. He would like to have the runners up to receive some kind of an award. There are at least 4 runners up. A motion was made by Howard Clark that the Nat Greene Base give a minimum of \$200.00 for a runner up award and it was seconded and passed. The other NC Subvets bases will be contacted.

Howard Clark was asked about the Carolina Field of Honor located in Colfax. He said that he preferred that Chuck Jensen handle this discussion. The goal for the NC Subvets is to raise \$5000.00. It looks like we have \$3,163.00 pledged thus far. With 367 USSVI member Subvets living in North Carolina and if everyone gave \$5.00, we could more than likely make it.

Jim Myers would want some more details about this Carolina Field of Honor project. Chuck said that he would want the NC Subvets Commander Steve Bell to take the lead after we get the details.

George Bass then talked about the Save the Clamagore project. Thus far they have collected \$37,000.00 and told us not to attempt to give more donations as they are actually trying to find donations from wealthy donors to find a new home for the submarine.

Bob Hopkins was next on the agenda and again the membership preferred to table the Omaha Memorial Donation project for awhile.

The Holland Club induction issue was next in order. There are six members to become members of the club next year. It was agreed that we should honor them with a luncheon and or dinner. Discussions of who the six were, where they live, and how we can best honor them. Whatever we decide, we will make sure that they received challenge coins and pins.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

There is a Southeast District One patch available and if anyone wants one, they should contact our storekeeper Rick Donohue.

Jim Myers then wanted to know some stories about where one was during the Cuban Crises. Roy Riley, Jim Myers and Dick Kanning were able to give us some interesting details of where they were on that day. This subject was cut short as the meeting was getting longer than anticipated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31th - Kings Bay WWII Submarine Memorial Service.

Saturday, November 10th - Lexington Veterans Day Parade.

Sunday, November 11th - Asheboro Parade.

50/50 drawing: Howard Clark won half of the \$83.00 collected.

Our next meeting is Saturday, January 5, 2013, 1300 at the American Legion in Winston-Salem.

The closing prayer was conducted by Jim Schenk and the meeting was closed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base