

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE  
BASE MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Per our customary practice, eight Subvets and one wife met at Cagney's restaurant for breakfast and/or lunch around 11:30 a.m.

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

Prior to the opening of the prayer, Jim made the announcement relative to raffle tickets available for us to sell for Joshua's Angels drawing on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Jim also wished all a very Happy New Year.

Then Jim Schenk led us with the opening prayer followed by the group Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim then asked for individual introductions. There were 22 members present with a guest, Steve Vernon, invited by Gary Vernon. Mrs. Ruth Schenk was also present. Honored were three WWII Subvets; Howard Clark, George Bass and Charles Stevenson.

Tolling of the boats for the months of January and February were then conducted by Jim Schenk and Charlie Cross.

**REPORTS**

Secretary – Edward Galaviz

Before Ed read portions of the October 27, 2012 minutes, Chuck Jensen announced that he had corrections to the last minutes. The corrections were the Washington, DC Memorial Day Parade Fund to be changed from \$68.00 to \$608.00 and the Trailer Maintenance Fund from \$367.15 to \$327.15. The motion was made and passed.

Vice Commander Corner – Charlie Cross

Charlie thanked those who attended the Pearl Harbor dinner and also noted that the guest speaker, Pete Graef, was very good.

Treasurer – Chuck Jensen

We have a total overall balance of \$6,214.90 less special funds of \$1,135.15 giving us funds available of \$5,079.75. As already approved, we have the Trailer Maintenance Fund of \$325.15, Joshua's Angel Center Maintenance Fund of \$200.00 and the Washington, DC Memorial Day Parade Fund of \$608.00.

Chuck announced that we took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Asheboro's Veterans Day Parade and have \$50.00 coming as the prize. A motion was passed to add this money to the Trailer Maintenance Fund.

Regarding dues; we have four outstanding, however, there are two checks in the mail, one we cannot get in contact with and another will be dropped. Chuck reports that all in all we have had a good year.

#### Store Keeper Report – Rick Donohue

As usual, he can get whatever we want by just contacting Rick. Nat. Greene ball caps and North Carolina Subvet T-shirts are available. We can also get patches, wallets, bumper stickers, decals, etc.

#### Kaps 4 Kids – Mike Runkle

Jim Myers spoke of the importance and growth of this program. This program gives us the opportunity to go to camps, hospitals and children's homes of the handicapped and orphans and provide them with all kinds of assistance in making life better for them.

#### COB Corner – Dick Kanning

According to Dick, Captain Pete Greaf, the guest speaker, said that this was one of the best dinner's he has ever been too. The talk was interesting and the dinner was very good.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Myers noted that the Nat. Greene Base hosted the Pearl Harbor dinner this year for the first time and that the USSV-WWII Tarheel Chapter started this traditional dinner years ago. This dinner was held for several years at the Village Inn in Clemmons a number of years ago. This year being held there again, the only issue was that we were not pleased with the noise next to us. The hotel sent us an evaluation letter and we let them know about the noise factor.

Kris Bridges has come up with an idea where each Base can have the opportunity to host the dinner on a rotational basis each year. His proposal has, thus far, three bases that can participate. It has been noted that it would be difficult for the two bases due to their location to participate, however, we shall see. We will discuss this matter with Butterbean on February 2nd at the Tarheel Base meeting since he has taken over as Base Commander from Gordon Banks.

The Pearl Harbor dinner had good attendance and Jim Myers thanked those who participated for doing a good job. We got \$194 for 50/50 raffle and a motion was made and passed that we provide these funds to Joshua's Angels Special Fund.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jim Myers announced that we lost a member last year by the name of Frank Caulfield. Jim Schenk has prepared a Book of Remembrance that we need to present to the family. Jim will check with the family to determine a convenient time to make the presentation to the family. Jim Myers wanted some volunteers to go. Jim will compile a list of those volunteers. Ed Galaviz was one of the first volunteers.

Nat. Greene Commander, Jim Myers, has appealed to its members that we come up with some projects where we can help our communities that may fall within the parameters of the USSVI programs. Some suggestions were made such as highway beautification, etc.

Mentioned during our meeting was an organization named; Veterans Helping Veterans Heal. This is a good organization and it looks like there will be another unit in Butner, NC., for 100 guys.

Ray Morris made a motion that we bring in any non perishable goods to our next meeting. Chuck Jensen also made the motion that for our next meeting, we decide what we and who we bring in the items for the following meeting and do this for each future meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. For our next meeting in March, we are to bring non-perishable items for the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Organization.

We need a new sponsor boat for the Nat. Greene Base. The Asheville Base has now adopted the USS ASHEVILLE as their sponsored boat. Chuck Jensen will see what boats are available. Two names came up; the NEW MEXICO and the ALASKA.

Mr. Howard Clark was given the floor to address the latest on the Field of Honor in Colfax. Basically, our Subvet organization has to come up with \$5000.00. Thus far we have \$3750.00 and Howard has guaranteed that we will come up with the needed expenditures. Thus far, he is pleased with how the program is going and he made special mention of the significant contribution that Edward Galaviz, our Secretary has provided.

Steve Bell then took the podium. As the new Southeast District One Commander (SED1) and Commander of the Carolina Piedmont Base, Steve was very humble in assuming Dick Kanning's old position. His current time ends with the Rochester, MN Convention; however he intends to run in the next elections. Steve spoke of his basic policies, recruiting, awards and District growth as some of the objectives he wants to emphasize on.

Steve says that there will be a Southeast Regional meeting in Charleston this coming April. According to Dick Kanning, the meeting is between April 7 to 11 and that the Charleston Base will not participate. Jim Myers has requested that we do everything possible to attend.

The Holland Club Indoctrination was led by George Bass. We are proud to now have added to our Holland Club; Carroll Gunter, Larry Hauser and Gary Vernon. We have two other members who will receive their certificates at another time since they are live outside of North Carolina.

There is a Southeast District One Patch available and if anyone wants one, please contact Jim Myers.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 16 is the St. Patrick's parade in Charlotte.

March 17 is the St. Patrick's parade in Nags Head. Chuck will provide us time and place of both these two dates. It appears according to Jim Myers that from Charlotte, he will be going to Nags Head after the Charlotte parade. If anyone wants to ride with him, he will stay overnight in Nags Head and come back next day to Asheboro.

The Azalea Parade in Wilmington on April 13 will be held along with the quarterly NC Subvets meeting.

On April 20, the BB55 Association is having a banquet at the Elks Club and we are invited to attend.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 1300 at the American legion on Miller Street in Winton-Salem.

Hoppy won the 50/50 drawing and donated his \$54.00 to Joshua's Angels.

Closing prayer was made by Jim Schenk to end the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Edward Galaviz  
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base