

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE
BASE MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013**

Jim Myers commenced the meeting promptly at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER

Jim Schenk led us with the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Myers led the group for our customary Pledge to our nation.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Myers then requested individual introductions. There were 22 men in attendance. Ruth Worth was also present

Jim Myers then asked all Holland Club Members to stand and be recognized.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

We were led by Jim Schenk who did the reading and the tolling of the bell by Charles Cross. Eight submarines were lost during March and five during April. In addition to those of WWII, The USS Thresher (SS-593) was lost in April of 1963.

REPORTS

Secretary – Edward Galaviz

The minutes of our last meeting on January 5, 2013 were approved as published in our website.

Vice Commander – Charles Cross

Charlie did not have any comments.

Treasurer's – Chuck Jensen

As of this date, Chuck reports a Base Balance of \$5,073.22. This is after the deduction of \$1,618.15 comprising of the Special Funds Balance that we maintain; Trailer Maintenance with a balance of \$562.15, Joshua's Angel Center amounting to \$448.00 and the Washington DC parade fund for \$608.00

Store Keeper

Rick Donohue says that we have new ball caps and about anything else which we may wish to order from time to time. At this point, Jim Myers brought up the subject that we have new Subvet decals which he pointed out to the back window of his truck. He would like to know from the membership if we are interested and can get them with or without the Cold War Veterans portion and for about \$25.00 each. The ones on Jim's truck are 16", they can be gotten in smaller sizes.

Kap 4 Kids

Mike Runkle provided some information to new members present what the object of the program is for. Primarily to give those kids in hospitals, special camps and children homes a lift into their young lives. Mike again noted that those kids really liked our parade submarine as well as our torpedo. Mike showed us a standing "Submarine Parking Only" sign that produced a good impression. Jim Myers added that the Kap 4 Kids ticket sales for Joshua's Angels netted a total of \$1,900.00. After paying the \$500.00 prize money the \$1400.00 left will be used to pay for insurance. Mike said that some of the events last year in Person County and Thomasville Baptist Children's Home went very well. The skits have also gone very well. Both Mike and Jim have requested a list of those members who would like to volunteer for future events and to let Jim know. A show of hands looked as though we will not have any problem with getting enough help this year.

A motion was raised and passed that we will donate \$200.00 from the Joshua's Angel account for hay and vet bills to Joshua's Angels.

COB Corner

Dick Kanning was not present as reported by Jim Myers and that he is now the Southeastern Regional Director. Chuck Jensen added that the Azalea Festival is one week after the Regional Meeting in Charleston, SC.

OLD BUSINESS

As requested by Jim Myers in our last meeting, several of us brought in non perishable food items for the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Organization. Jim, who is a big supporter of this organization, and along with Dale Patterson, is planning to take canned goods to the Vet sight in Winston-Salem on March 29. Jim is to put out an e-mail on this subject.

Howard Clark gave us the latest on the Field of Honor donation which goes to The War Memorial Foundation. The pamphlet Howard passed out for those new members provide the information for the purpose and location; Colfax, NC, where the Field of Honor will be located. Howard said that his efforts designated for Submarine Veterans has now surpassed \$5,000.00. It appears that breaking of the ground will be this coming Fall.

Howard brought two thank you cards for two primary donors of \$1,000.00. All members signed these cards for Irbin Angle and W.D. Bondurant. Howard also thanked Secretary Edward Galaviz for his substantial gift.

Jim Myers reported that we have sent a check for \$61.00 for the SubVet National Memorial Plaque in Washington, DC.

We had a member (Frank Caulfield) that went on eternal patrol last year. Jim Schenk prepared a Book of Remembrance for him. Jim Myers has asked for anyone living in High Point to see if the family can be located as we have not had any success in doing so.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Myers brought up for open discussion if anyone one of us could come up with projects that would fall within the parameters of USSVI programs. Two notable suggestions came up. First, Chuck Jensen suggested getting in touch with DMV for road side cleaning, Dale Patterson will investigate. Second, Bob Hopkins (who said he has already signed up for VA Hospital Volunteer Services in Salisbury) suggested volunteering at the VA hospital in Winston Salem. Jim Myers asked for the number of base members interested as becoming a volunteer at the VA Hospital. The number was near a dozen so, Jim will investigate and bring this matter up at our next meeting.

According to Chuck Jensen, we have sent in a request for the USS Key West (SS-722) to be our sponsored boat so it is now our boat. It was noted that we relinquished the USS Asheville to the USS Asheville Base. The Carolina Piedmont Base has the USS Charlotte and the Tarheel Base with the USS North Carolina. The USS Key West will now receive 3 copies of the American Submariner Magazine quarterly for a year.

The 50th anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher (SSN-593) will be on April 10, 2013. The Thresher Base has requested Base pictures and a Memorial Statement for their event. Chuck Jensen requested that we get our picture taken after our meeting today. The Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz, was requested by Jim Myers to prepare the Memorial Statement.

The USSVI has suggested that all Bases consider donating \$99.00 in support of the 45th USS Scorpion (SSN-589) Memorial Service. This is scheduled for May 25, 2013 in Norfolk, VA. After open discussions led by Jim Myers, a motion was passed that we would contribute.

As NC Subvet Commander, Jim Myers also requested that each base donate \$15.00 apiece in order to place a half page add in the upcoming 2013 USSVI National Convention Magazine. The Coastal Carolina, Tarheel, and Carolina Piedmont Bases have already donated. A motion was passed that we also contribute and Jim Myers will now ask the USS Asheville and Albemarle Bases to donate.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We have a member who lives in Ct. and who wished to come to our next meeting and be indoctrinated into the Holland Club. He cannot make it so we will have our next meeting as originally scheduled on May 4.

Jim Schenk is writing a book on Submarine stories. He will donate any portion of the earnings to the Submarine Service.

Hoppy returned from a Florida Base meeting with bags having Navy logos. He gave the sample to our Store Keeper and if something can be done with a development of these bags, that the funds would be donated to the Kap 4 Kids. A motion was passed.

The Carolina Piedmont Base is raffling tickets for a week use of a condo in Myrtle Beach. Contact Steve Bell at usnret82@carolina.rr.com for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16 is our next St. Patrick's Day parade in Charlotte. Chuck Jensen will provide information on staging at a later date.

March 17 is the St. Patrick's Day parade in Nag Head. Chuck Jensen will also give us information for this one. Chuck and Jim Myers will leave with the Torpedo float and Parade Submarine shortly aft the Charlotte parade.

The Azalea Parade in Wilmington is scheduled for April 13. The quarterly NC Subvets Spring meeting will be held in conjunction. The parade is early morning with lunch at the Battleship.

On April 20th the Battleship Carolina (BB55) Association will be closing and will have a banquet on that day at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks club, 510 Oleander Dr., Wilmington. We are all invited and there will be e-mails denoting information to follow.

The Burnsville meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Our next meeting, as previously mentioned, is Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. We will meet again at the American Legion facilities here on Miller St. Please remember that we will have a meal/cook out at 1:00 p.m. before the meeting starts.

Larry Hauser will do the cooking. A motion was passed that the Base would pay for the food and that we would buy our drinks from the Legion. Larry Hauser will have 30 hot dogs and 30 hamburgers to grill. Hoppy will bring the lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles. George Bass will bring chips and buns.

Jim Schenk asked if it were possible for the VA to takes donation and maybe we should give them something. Jim Myers will look into it.

Clarence Huffman won the 50/50 drawing and gave half, or \$25.00, to Chuck for our Treasury.

Our meeting ended at 2:40 p.m. and then we all went outside to pose for the photograph that will be sent to the Thresher Base.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base