

**USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE
BASE MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013**

As e-mailed by Jim Myers, he announced the food program (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers with chips and baked beans) to begin at 1:00 p.m. and that the meeting would start soon after. Jim noted that he would make it a short meeting.

As previously reported in our meeting of March 2, 2013, Larry Hauser with Captain Riley and other helpers did an excellent job of cooking, preparation and clean up after our meeting.

After our good meal, the meeting commenced at 1:40 p.m.

PRAYER

Jim Schenk led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Raymond Moore led the group in the Pledge.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT

Due to various commitments only 14 members and two wives were in attendance. Jim Schenk asked for all Holland Club members to stand and be recognized.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

Jim Schenk did the reading and Jim Myers did the tolling. Seven boats were lost in WWII, however, Jim also remembered the Squalus in 1939, Stickleback in late 50's and the Thresher in 1963.

REPORTS

Secretary – Edward Galaviz

The minutes of our last meeting on March 2, 2013 were approved as published in our website.

Vice Commander – Charles Cross

Not present

Treasurer's – Chuck Jensen

Not present, however, Jim Myers read his report. The current balance is \$5,594.69 which includes \$215.00 to be deposited on Monday, May 6. With three special funds that total \$1,131.51 is to be subtracted from our current balance. This leaves a balance of \$4,463.18.

In summary the base has \$4,463.18 available for base expenditures. There is \$255.87 available for fuel expenses and \$358.64 for trailer maintenance. There is \$568.00 for the 2014 Washington D.C. Memorial Day Parade expenses and \$349.00 for Joshua's Angel Center expenses.

Jim Myers will talk about the Trailer Maintenance Fund later at this meeting.

Store Keeper – Rick Donohue

Not present

Kaps 4 Kids – Mike Runkle

Not present

COB Corner – Dick Kanning

Not present, however, Jim Myers said that 7 awards went to National from our SER and that there were 78 students eligible for scholarships in our region.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard Clark brought us up to the latest on the Field of Honor to be located in Colfax, NC. The Fund designated for Submarine Veterans has now attained the \$5,000.00 objective. There has been no change since the last report in March since the Foundation is still trying to figure out what to do with the funds already provided.

Howard Clark also brought up the fact that we have a Book of Remembrance to give to a woman who works at a Welcome Center in Marion, NC, whose father went down on a submarine during WWII. Plans were to give it to her during our Burnsville meeting however, she will be out of town.

Mike Runkle was going to look for the Frank Caulfield family so we could give them a Book of Remembrance, however, Mike was not present for our meeting so we will have to wait for a report.

Jim Schenk has also made a Book of Remembrance in honor of Jerald Gibbons which will be presented to family.

Dale Patterson provided us with the latest information the Highway Clean-up Program and the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Program.

Dale said that there is a lot of info on Highway Clean-up Program on website. The local contact is the DOT. Apparently it would be easy to work with if we were to decide to go in that direction, however, there are a lot of rules and regulations. The lady in charge said that if we wish to pursue this that she would schedule a meeting for us.

Dale also said that the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Program were very thankful for our donation of the canned good we provided. Jim Myers asked Dale to contact the woman in charge and ask her what she need as we all really want to contribute.

At this point, Jim Myers asked Bob Hopkins to bring us up to date on volunteering for at the VA Hospital services in Salisbury. Hoppy said that Salisbury is the VA key to get certified.

Carroll Gunter then suggested that we should pursue one of the programs and then go with it. Jim Myers agreed with him and asked for a vote. The consensus of the group as motioned by Howard Clark and seconded by Carroll Gunter was made in favor of the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal Program.

Next meeting on the agenda will be to see how we can help the Little League Baseball programs in our area of responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS

The primary issue at this point of our meeting was about the tires blown out on the Torpedo Trailer in the last two parades; 2 going to Wilmington and 1 on the way to Nags Head. The NC bases have not donated to the trailer fund since October 2011. Coastal Carolina has already donated. A motion was made and passed for the Nathaneal Greene Base to donate \$200 of which matched the donations from both the Tarheel and Carolina Piedmont Bases.

At the SER Convention, SED 1 was rewarded with the Regional Directors District award again making it 4 in a row.

The Nathaneal Greene Base was given the honor of the Title of “2013 Holland Club Benefactor”. Jim Myers passed around a certificate for us to read.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We received an e-mail from the Thresher Base thanking us for the document and picture we prepared for their Memorial.

Chuck Jensen has two letters from the Scorpion Memorial Committee.

The Topeka-Jefferson City Base has developed a tri fold brochure for hand outs. It is primarily a list of all the boats that went down during WWII. A motion was passed and seconded that we did not need this program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17 to 18 is the Burnsville Memorial Meeting. Those planning to go you may find the information and registration on line ncsubvets.com.

May 27 is the Memorial Day parade in Thomasville. We are to be there in the morning.

Our next meeting is set for Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 1300 at the American Legion on Miller Street.

50/50 drawing: Gunter won the drawing for a total of \$76.00. He gave ½ to Joshua's Angels and ½ to our Base.

In closing, Jim Schenk found a man at the Troutman parade who said that his brother went down with the Scorpion. In contact with his two sisters after finding him in Charlotte, Jim has asked him if he would like to ride as an honorary guest in our Troutman parade this year.

At 2:40 p.m. Jim closed the meeting with a prayer and requested we all help with the clean up of our very good hamburger/hot dog, etc., meal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Galaviz
Secretary, Nathanael Greene Base