

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING  
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC  
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013**

**Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz**

Prior to Base meeting, 6 Subvets met for breakfast/lunch at Cagney's between 11:00 AM and 12:45 PM. The owner has now noticed us and has kindly requested we call him in the future so that he can make sure we are seated properly.

Before the meeting, Carroll Gunter and Dale Patterson began the 50/50 ticket sales.

Nathanael Base Commander Jim Myers called the meeting to order close to 1:00 PM and made a brief announcement that we had some guests with us today, however, would bring them to our attention later in the meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Jim Myers then requested the National USSVI Chaplain, Ray Fritz, who was attending from Charlotte with his wife, Diana, to offer the opening prayer. Joe Clark took this opportunity to openly thank Ray on behalf of the NC Subvets for arranging with the Chaplain at the San Diego Base to make the presentation of the Book of Remembrance for Robert D. Bissell to his daughter who lives in San Diego.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Commander Myers led all Subvets present along with the 5 guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Commander Myers requested all Subvets to stand and introduce themselves by stating the year they earned their dolphins, boat qualified on, city or town they were from and any other pertinent comments. Special applause was given to WWII Subvets, Joe Clark and George Bass. At this time, the guests introduced themselves. Tom Mills was present in order to receive the Book of Remembrance for his brother, Lannie Mills, who was lost on the Seawolf in October of 1944. 4 members of the Gerald Gibson family; daughters Violet Brown and Sue Elder, and son Ronnie Gibson and wife, Terry, have come to receive their Book of Remembrance for their father who passed away earlier this year.

**TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS:**

Jim Myers and Charles Cross conducted a reading of the names, recount of loss and tolling of the bell in solemn remembrance of the US Naval Submarines lost during the months of July and August.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

The Books of Remembrance presentations then ensued. Jim Myers called Tom Mills and the Gibson contingent; one family at a time to come forward and be recognized. The Base Commander then took his time to explain the tradition and purpose of the Book of Remembrance carried out by the NC Subvets. In each case Ray Fritz read from the scriptures, George Bass made the Book presentation and Jim Myers presented them with the Nathanael Greene Base Patch. The families thanked us in appreciation and left after the presentations.

## **REPORTS:**

**Minutes:** Base Secretary Edward Galaviz called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Base meeting held on May 4, 2013 as posted in our website. A motion was made, seconded and passed for approval of minutes distributed.

**Base Vice Commander Corner:** Charles Cross congratulated Joe Clark for the Book of Remembrance presentation he made and coordinated in honor of Robert D. Bissell for daughters, Eileen Torrence, in Marion, NC on June 29, 2013 and sister in San Diego

**Base Treasurer:** Chuck Jensen reports that the Base has a Registered Ending Balance of \$5,496.76. We are the custodian for Special Funds in the amount of \$1,388.49. These funds consist of DC Memorial Day Parade of \$568.00, Joshua's Angels Center \$349.00 and Trailer Maintenance Fund of \$471.49. Therefore Base funds available leave us a total of \$4,108.27.

**Store Keeper:** Rick Donahue was not able to make our meeting; however, Chuck Jensen said that 1914 WWII Calendars will soon be available. Apparently wives and family members of WWII Subvet veterans have taken up the task making sure they will be available. Please contact Rick for information or orders.

**The Kaps for Kids:** Mike Runkle did not attend; therefore, Jim Myers provided information that the postponed Red Ribbon affair will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 in Booneville, NC. One of the objectives of Red Ribbon is to try to get some sponsors. Jim says that a Submarine Banner has been designed to be shown in Booneville. Jim will send out a photo by e-mail for us to be able to see the banner.

**COB Corner:** Dick Kanning was not present. Base Commander Jim Myers covered pertinent information on the negative fraudulent issues surrounding the Groton Base. Jim did not want to be too specific although most of us had seen the e-mails covering this matter. It was reported that the Base Commander has resigned and will not ever be able to hold a position within the US Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Chuck Jensen announced that the R-12 program is dead. It seems that the funding objectives were never reached.

2. Mike Runkle has found the Frank Caulfied family; however, have not responded to correspondence. We still have the Book of Remembrance for him; nevertheless, without a listed phone number, it looks like future contact does not look good.

3. Dale Patterson says that regarding the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal program, the lady in charge has highlighted the need for snacks, micro-wave products. She also mentioned the need for twin mattress covers/pads (10 of each). Jim suggested that we should pick one item and vote on it then we could get together and make a Friday delivery. Chuck suggested that food is probably the best thing to do. Dale said that he is willing to make the purchases and obtain the reimbursement later. George Bass made a motion to budget \$200.00 of the treasury for perishables as Chuck had suggested and Chuck then seconded for passage. Chuck has said that we have to money to do it. According to Jim Myers, he will assist Dale if he needs the shopping help.

4. Hoppy was not present to provide information for VA volunteering. He apparently was attending a family obligation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Groton Base investigation is complete. If any of the membership needs more information, please let Jim Myers know that he can furnish any updates.

2. James Effinger has volunteered for Base Elections Nominations and Vote Master. His responsibility is to have the nominations completed by our September meeting with the votes completed by November 30 so that the announcements can be made at the December 7 meeting. Jim Myers spent a few minutes explaining what the procedure will be within the September-November window. Chuck is to send James a roster and by next meeting, Jim will send u out notice of the new appointee.

3. Dick Kanning has extended the DC elections to July 15. Chuck Jensen has again appealed to those present if they have not, to please send in their vote.

5. According to Jim Myers, the Field of Honor to be located in Colfax, NC and supported by Joe Clark, will begin construction in August. Apparently there has been a \$500,000.00 grant that brought the total funding to 95%.

5. According to Jim Myers, the policy requires Bases to bring up new business of any kind at Base meeting, approved, and then USSVI shall bring up any new business issues at the National Convention.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Upon a request from Dick Kanning, a collection was requested of all NC Bases for a submarine veteran of one of our Bases in dire need who has fallen on bad times. A collection was made and Dale Patterson made a motion to give today's 50/50 raffle to that Subvet. It was seconded by Carroll Gunter and passed.

We were asked to bring Soap Dishes, etc., for Veterans Helping Veterans Heal.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1. Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas will have their Red Ribbon opening July 13 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM.
2. Old Soldiers Parade in Newton, NC August 15. We will meet at the Western Steer Parking lot at 3:00 and the parade commences at 5:00 PM.
3. Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 1:00 PM the American Legion Post on Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC.
5. The Closing prayer at 2:40 PM as made by Don Godfrey.