

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

As becoming a custom, 4 Subvets met for breakfast/lunch at Cagney's between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Before the meeting started at the American Legion Post, Carroll Gunter and Dale Patterson began the 50/50 raffle sales.

The meeting was then called to order at 1:00 PM by our Base Commander with the sounding of the unforgettable Submarine Diving Alarm.

INVOCATION

In the absence of our Chaplain, Jim Schenk, Jim Myers asked Ricky Donohue's wife, Gwynne to offer the opener prayer. It was very nicely done.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commander Myers led all the Subvets present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

At the request of Commander Myers, all Subvets present were requested to stand and introduce themselves. There were a total of 15 Subvets. Per our custom, a special applause was given to the 2 WWII veterans in attendance.

Visitors were wives Gwynne Donohue and Marge Kanning. Jim Myers introduced Mary Claybourn, Manager of Veterans Helping Veterans Heal program. Mrs. Claybourn, wife of a former Master Chief Personnel Man will give us a presentation on VHVH.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

Jim Myers and Ed Galaviz 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 September and October. At this point, Joe Clark reminded us that we should also toll the bell for the USS PAMPANO (SS-181) lost in September 1943.

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Myers formally introduced Mary Claybourn, Manager of VHVH as our guest speaker. She covered the purpose of the program and where it to be headed.

- The program started about 5 years ago when the VA and United Way got involved.
- It is a traditional program for helping eligible disabled veterans with mental and substance issues.
- It is 65% funded by the VA and the rest comes from fund raising and donations.
- The homeless can live up to 24 months in the care program. If they are released, they can't come back. Recoveries are tough.
- AA meetings are exceptional.
- The men appreciate where they are. They have to look for work, develop social skills and need to integrate into society and off the streets.
- They are taught life skills by a wide range of people.
- Currently they need school supplies, office supplies and clothing. For now snacks are off the list.
- Every Friday at 3:00 PM they have a vet to vet coffee social. Only veterans are invited. We were invited to come.
- The VA hospital in Salisbury has a list of all veterans who may meet eligibility.
- She could not thank us enough for contributing to the program.

REPORTS

Minutes: Base Secretary Edward Galaviz called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Base meeting held on July 6, 2013 as posted in our website. A motion was made, seconded and passed for approval.

Base Vice Commander Corner: None to report

Base Treasurer: Chuck Jensen reports a bank balance as of September of \$5,749.55 less total special funds. The special funds consist of Joshua's Angel Center Maintenance Fund of \$349.00, Trailer Maintenance Fund of \$487.03 and the Washington D.C Parade Fund of \$568.00 for a total of \$1,404.03. As of today, September 7, we now have Base funds of \$4,345.52.

In our last meeting, a motion was passed to budget \$200.00 of the treasury for nonperishables to VHVH. Jim Myers and Dale Patterson announced that we had gone \$27.19 over budget. A motion was passed to make a reimbursement of this over budget.

Storekeeper: Rick Donohue (and wife) will be resigning at the end of his term for personal reasons. He did say that the 2014 calendars are on order for \$11.00 each. He also reports that he has a lot of inventory in the items we usually request.

Chuck Jensen said that it would be very reasonable if we could use the National Storekeeper for most of our items. He would sell to us as cost and we could then make a profit.

Jim Myers asked for volunteers for this position. Some will think about it.

Kaps 4 Kids: Mike Runkle did not attend. Jim Myers provided limited information for completed and/or new programs. Joshua's Angels now has 4 horses. It appears that we have been in contact with the lady at Camp Carefree and there will be opportunities next year for doing the Kaps 4 Kids program there. We will be doing a Kaps 4 Kids event in Person County on Saturday, September 28th.

COB Corner: At this juncture Dick Kanning said that he would cover his portion of the agenda a little later.

OLD BUSINESS

In our last meeting we voted to donate to the R-12 project and due to the fact that they requested we use credit cards we elected not to commit. This was even though the Executive Board voted to donate \$100.00. According to Chuck Jensen, it is a movie producer who wants to raise the money to make a movie. National thought that since it was Sub related, they asked the Bases if they had any money to do it. National also changed the procedure that donations could be made by check. The R-12 project was voted down by a motion made by Carroll Gunter.

Jim Effinger did not attend, however; sent an e-mail saying that thus far the current Commander, Treasurer and Secretary in office are running unopposed. The Vice Commander position is open as Charlie Cross withdrew in favor of Ray Moore. Jim Myers stated that we will be voting for nominations as of this date until our next meeting November 9. For those who have not voted, you may vote by letting Jim Effinger know. If you do not vote, will means that you have accepted what has already been announced.

NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Jensen reminded us that the NC Air Museum Annual Fly-In had been cancelled earlier do to bad weather. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday October 12th. He needs a couple of people to be there to help with the public who want to see our Torpedo and Submarine. An e-mail from Chuck is to follow for those who are interested in helping out.

An e-mail by Chuck will also be sent out later this month with a list of what we owe in dues

for 2014.

Dick Kanning covered various subjects:

- The various awards to the Tarheel and Carolina Piedmont Bases; all in favor of the North Carolina Subvets.
- The prestigious “2013 Meritorious Group Award to North Carolina Submarines Veterans” was presented to our North Carolina State Commander, Jim Myers. This was the first time USSVI recognized the NC Subvets as a State organization. Dick commented on how we grew from the Tarheel Base and Tarheel Chapter to having 6 USSVI Bases in the State.
- The Southeast Regional will be hosted in Raleigh in 2014.
- The National Storekeeper has notified those concerned to notify all Base Storekeepers that he will sell to Bases so that they can knock down their inventories.
- It seems that there have been a lot of issues with the American Submariner. Dick has taken it upon himself to make some corrections.
- It seems that some people wanted T. Michael Bircumshaw fired leading to the Groton Base fiasco that has already been discussed several times in our meetings. He said that Groton did it to themselves and that USSVI will not be going into business to run a club.
- For the Washington D.C. parade, those Bases (160) of them and those with floats that want to be part of the parade will have to submit applications and pictures of their floats. Not all will be selected.
- The National elections will be coming up for next year and Dick has some names.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Myers has advised us that the owner of the Burnsville property will put a restricted covenant into documents of the property where the Submarine Memorial is located so that the Memorial cannot be touch by any new potential owners. The only cost to us will be its upkeep. The Carolina Piedmont Base maintains the memorial maintenance fund for use with the Burnsville Memorial and the S-28 Memorial. We will not own it but will not lose it. It seems that Steve Bell has a relative who is a lawyer and orchestrated the deal. The Asheville Base will be the custodian.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

For the next meeting bring in items as requested by Dale Patterson and Mrs. Claybourn for the VHVH program. A list has been developed. 1 or 2 items by each of us will be good.

1. Case of Copy Paper
2. Box Staples
3. Pencil sharpener
4. 6 pack 1" 3 ring binders white
5. Box binder clips large
6. Box binder clips medium
7. Box letter size hanging files
8. Box manila folders
9. Pack letter size ruled notepads
10. Box of Manila envelopes
11. Pens Black only

UPCOMING EVENTS

The District 1 meeting in Elizabeth City is scheduled for September 28.

The Asheboro parade is scheduled for November 11. The Asheville Christmas parade is on November 23rd.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9. **The meeting date has been made for the second Saturday of the month due to Kings Bay WWII Memorial on November 2nd.**

The 50/50 drawing was won by James Balderas. \$42.00 went to James and \$42.00 went to the Base.

The closing prayer was conducted by Gwynne Donohue.

We adjourned at 2:30 PM.