

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

9:00 AM: Our day began with 11 Subvets and one wife gathering at the Winston-Salem parade site which began promptly at 10:00 AM. After the parade, we then proceeded to have lunch at Cagney's where we were joined by one additional Subvet and his wife.

After lunch, Jim Myers began our meeting at 1:00 PM with 50/50 raffle ticket sales and handled by Carroll Gunter and Dale Patterson

To get the meeting started Jim Myers made his usual introductory comments in order to set the mood for the agenda to follow.

Our Chaplain, Jim Schenk led the group in our opening invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Raymond Moore.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were 12 Subvets present which included one WWII veteran, Howard Clark, who was given a special recognition. Mike Adams, Base Commander of Denizens of the Deep in Aiken, traveled to attend our meeting.

TOLLING OF THE LOST BOATS

Jim Schenk and Charlie Cross conducted the tolling for the lost boats in WWII during the months of October and November. The list of the lost boats appears in the agenda prepared by Jim Myers.

REPORTS

Minutes: Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last Base meeting held on September 7, 2013 as posted in our website. A motion was made, seconded and passed for approval.

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Base Vice Commander Corner: Charlie Cross nothing to report.

Base Treasurer: Chuck Jensen reports an ending balance as of this date of \$6, 204.30. The Base does have Special Funds consisting of Joshua's Angel Center Maintenance Fund of \$287.00; Trailer Maintenance Fund of \$487.03 which included \$71.00 for fuel to Jim Myers on November 9, 2013; and the Washington D.C. Parade Fund of \$568.00; for a total expenditure of \$1,342.03. This leaves us available funds of \$4,862.27.

Store Keeper Report: We now have a new Store Keeper in Gary Vernon. For those interested the Base now has 8 more of the WWII 2014 calendars. Jim Myers reports that although the WWII National Charter no longer exists, the sons and daughters of those veterans are continuing the calendar publication.

Kaps 4 kids Report: Mike Runkle reports that the Person County Picnic was a huge success. He says that 5 of our guys showed up. The kids enjoyed the diving alarm and liked the caps. We have been invited back next year and a great opportunity for us to be a part of it.

COB Corner: Dick Kanning not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Effinger presented the results of the 2014 elections for the Nat. Greene Base as follows: Jim Myers, Base Commander; Ray Moore, Vice Commander; Chuck Jensen, Treasurer and Edward Galaviz, Secretary. All with the exception of Ray Moore were unopposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Myers welcomed Gary Vernon as the new Store Keeper.

Jim Schenk opened for discussion that we think about other ways to honor those veterans on eternal patrol to those families left behind such as some kind of donations in lieu of flowers, etc. Apparently the V.A. has a standardized document with info and what can be done. Upon Chuck's recommendation, those present have decided that the Book of Remembrance is the best way to recognize those departed.

Jim Schenk has requested that we visit some of the WWII boat sailors on a rotating basis who cannot attend any more of our functions

Joshua's Angels is selling raffle tickets again; 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Jim Myers has distributed these tickets amongst those present at this meeting and wants them sold by December 10th as the raffle is December 20. Jim will provide with more information prior to the Pearl Harbor on December 7.

Boy Scout, David Griffith, from Fuquay-Varina, NC working on a War on Terror Memorial in Holley Springs, NC. It was first to honor his brother who died in Afghanistan and now a memorial to honor everyone who has paid the ultimate. Since all Bases have been asked to approve, Jim Myers has then requested for us to approve and we approved a \$100.00 contribution.

Regarding the Field of Honor Memorial in Colfax and according to Howard Clark, and due to our significant contribution we will be entitled to a bench commemorating our submarine veterans. Discussions were made as to what kind of write up we would want on the bench and how to go about it with cooperation with the other N.C. Bases. Jim Schenk volunteered to come up with a draft and submit it to Howard Clark to be discussed at our next meeting.

DISTRICT ONE COMMANDER STEVE BELL

Steve Bell covered several topics as follows:

1. Regarding awards, he recommended we start thinking now about people we feel will deserve awards and make sure the write-ups are well done.
2. Recruiting and retention has been flat the last couple of years. If we find people, will make it a lot easier for Chuck's job.
3. Our Torpedo Float was the first one selected for the Washington, D.C. Memorial.
4. Burnsville; apparently there will be a couple of issues to be presented as to what piece of the property we will help maintain and signatures required from someone in USSVI.
5. National Elections are coming and Steve alluded to some prospects and open positions.
6. It has been recommended that Base Commanders share others newsletters.
7. Bonefish Grill. Some of these restaurants in the Triad have already been by our Subvets as they have presented pictures of both the Bonefish submarines. The local staffs cannot put the pictures in the restaurant other than the offices. Reception has been more than adequate.
8. USSVI is developing a challenge coin. The patch and coin will go for \$20.00. The patch will cost \$7.50.
9. For Sailor of the Year we will see how much we are to contribute in our next meeting.
10. Our Pearl Harbor dinner is December 7 in Raleigh, NC.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We delivered \$200.00 of non-perishables to VHVH. Dale Patterson has listed the needs for VHVH and we are to bring them to our next meeting. Please check the list in the agenda provided to by Jim Myers and select any items that you want. Any questions, please call Dale Patterson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10: High Point Parade

November 11: Asheboro

November 23: Thanksgiving/Christmas Parade in Asheville

December 7 : Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner in Raleigh, NC

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 4, 2014

Ray Moore won the 50/50 drawing. The total was \$84.50 with ½ going to the Base.

The closing prayer by Jim Schenk was at 2:50 PM.