

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

11:30 a.m. It is now becoming a customary tradition for some of the subvets to meet at Cagney's prior to our bi-monthly meetings for lunch/breakfast. It is a good time to have a excellent meal, chat and loosen up prior to our meeting.

1:10 p.m.: Base Commander, Jim Myers opened the meeting with the 50/50 raffle ticket sales. This is the responsibility of volunteers Fred Gunter and Dale Patterson. Jim Myers then announced that we have a number of invited guests who will be introduced later as we follow our agenda.

INVOCATION

Our opening prayer was led by Base Chaplain, Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Myers requested and led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commander Myers requested Subvets present to stand and introduce themselves. We had a total of 20 members and one wife, Ruth Ann Schenk in attendance. This included 3 WWII veterans who received the customary special applause.

Visitors in attendance as presented by Jim Myers: Don Carter, a young submarine veteran from VHVH, retired Commander, Fred Barrett from out of State; Tom Travis and his wife, Jean. Tom is here to receive the Book of Remembrance for his father Larry Travis on eternal patrol..

Dale Patterson took some of this time to make some favorable comments about Don Carter. Jim Myers then stated that it was good for Don to be here today and welcomed him back at the next meeting. Jim also said that if Don chooses to become a member of the Nat. Greene Base that we would be able to take care of his membership fees.

A Holland Club presentation was made by George Bass to our Subvet member Dallas Jarrell. Chuck Jensen took the photos to commemorate the occasion.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

Jim Schenk and Ray Moore conducted the tolling for the 12 boats lost in January and February of WWII.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE PRESENTATION

Jim Schenk presented a "Book of Remembrance" to Larry Travis' son Tom Travis. This book provides relative information about Larry's Naval Submarine career including the five submarines he served on.

REPORTS

Minutes: As Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz requested a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting held on November 7, 2013 posted on our website. The motion was passed and approved.

Vice Commander Corner: Ray Moore had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports that for this ending period, we have an ending balance of \$6,547.36. Special funds – Joshua's Angel Center \$362.00; Washington DC Parade Fund \$568.00; Fuel \$151.02; and, Trailer Maintenance \$256.06 for a total of \$1,337.18. This leaves us with a Treasury Balance of \$5,170.18.

Store Keeper Report: Gary Vernon who took Rick Donahue's position and his inventory is maintaining a small inventory of items we would want such as patches, etc. He passed out an inventory list that we may look at. He reports that he has one more WWII submarine calendar. Since the USSV-WWII no longer exists, the publication of the calendar will be continued by the sons and daughters of those veterans.

Kaps 4 Kids Report: Mike Runkle was not present.

Cob Corner: Dick Kanning was unable to make the meeting. It has been reported that his wife Marge's health has not been good which is requiring Dick to devote more time to her care. Dick requested that another base member should be appointed. Dale Patterson has been appointed by the base commander as Dick's replacement.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Myers said that we still do not know who won the Joshua's Angel ticket raffle which was scheduled for December 20th. The Nat. Greene Base helped out by selling a total of \$630.00 in

raffle tickets. Jim said that he will get in touch with those in charge to find out what the results were and then get back to us.

Chuck Jensen gave us a report that we voted on and contributed \$100.00 in our last meeting for the War on Terror Memorial in Holly Springs, NC. Chuck said that 6 Bases have contributed and he has sent Sam Griffith, heading the project, a check for \$500.00 in order to obtain 6 memorial bricks to be placed at the memorial site. Since the Coastal Carolina Base previously obtained a memorial brick, one of the 6 memorial bricks will be for the USSVI-WWII Tarheel Chapter

NEW BUSINESS

Since there was nothing in the agenda, Jim Myers asked if anyone had any new projects they wished to discuss. Fred Gunter said that while at Cagney's that morning, the subject came up about exploring the possibility for directional/advertising signs leading to the Burnsville Memorial in Moonshine Mountain. Chuck said that he would talk to the people at the Air Museum in Asheboro to see what their costs were when they put up their signs. This would give us an idea without having to go to the State. Jim Myers then told Dale Patterson to take this project on and give us some results for the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion was passed to again donate \$200.00 for the 2014 SOY as requested by Steve Bell. These funds are donated among the runner ups.

Regarding VHVH, Dale Patterson will be collecting after our meeting the items we brought in will be delivered as soon as possible. Joe Clark suggested that we pass a hat for donations to VHVH which we later did. Joe Clark also said that he was going to make a significant donation this day in honor of his shipmates from the USS BREAM who have gone on eternal patrol. Joe said that of the 185 shipmates there are only 4 left. A box from VHVH will be obtained so that we may continue making donations in the future.

Joe Clark passed out a get well card for all to sign for Tom Richey. Tom had been in the hospital for leg problems.

As Jim Myers commented, we now have two projects; Joshua's Angels and VHVH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day parade in Raleigh on March 15 starting at 10:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day parade in Nags Head on March 16 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Southeastern Regional Convention April 7-11. Butterbean to provide all of the information such as location, hotel and program.

Burnsville Memorial service May 16-17.

The Washington DC Memorial Day Parade is on May 25.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 13:00, American Legion on Miller Street.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Edward Galaviz so the base's share was \$48.00.

The closing prayer was made by Jim Schenk and meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.