

NATHANAEL GREENE Meeting Minutes for 3 May, 2014.

Meeting called to order 1300.

INVOCATON: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by COB Dale Paterson.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT: 15 members out of the 105-member Base. Ruth Worth was the only guest.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: by Chaplain Jim Schenk and Vice Commander Ray Moore. Chuck Jensen projected the names and pictures of the boats on Eternal Patrol for May and June from his laptop computer.

MINUTES: were unanimously approved as posted on our base webpage.

Base Secretary Ed Galaviz sent Commander Myers a letter of resignation, which was refused pending a face-to-face meeting. Jim Schenk is serving at this meeting as interim Base Secretary.

Vice Commander's Corner

Ray Moore commented about a Holland Club ball cap that he offered to give away gratis to any deserving Holland Club Member who asked for it.

Ray's wife makes and sells bead-jewelry and will have it for sale at Burnsville with 100% of sales collected donated to Kaps-For-Kids.

Treasurer's Report by Chuck Jensen was approved.

Storekeeper's Report by Gary Vernon.

Submarine Cookbooks \$21.50 ordered 5 and sold 2.

He presented to the membership a list and table-display of what is currently available and turned in a request to order more items to increase "on-hand" inventory. The list was approved and authorized treasury money is to be disbursed for filling the order.

Kaps-4-Kids Report – Chairman Mike Runkle was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commander Jim Myers gave a "thumbs-up" report of the continuing success of "Joshua's Angle Center of the Carolinas".

Chris Bridges – provided an update on the procurement of a Base lapel pin. Cost for 100 pins is \$3.24 each, before tax were authorized to be ordered by majority vote of the copper color with the Storekeeper requesting resale pricing to be at \$5.25 for Nathanael Greene Base Members.

Chuck Jensen and Joe Clark provided an update on the progress of the ***Carolina Field of Honor***.

- Currently 4 of the 6 NC SubVets' Bases have purchased a 4" X 8" remembrance brick. Also an 8" X 8" remembrance brick was purchased with the remaining Tarheel Chapter treasury funds to remember the 52 lost boats of WWII.
- A bronze NC Sub Vets' Plaque for the "Silent Service" with stars locating each of the six bases on the background map of the Carolinas will be installed in the U.S. Navy section with the submarine related remembrance bricks adjacent to this plaque.
- The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday May 31st and all available NC SubVets are encouraged to attend wearing their vest. Details on where to meet and time will be forthcoming.

The ***War on Terror Memorial*** located in the Veterans Park at Holly Springs will be dedicated on Flag Day June 14th at 1000. This is the Eagle Scout project of David Griffith in memory of his brother who was killed in action in Afghanistan was discussed by Chuck Jensen.

- All 6 NC SubVet bases have purchased a memorial brick and our Mk-14 Torpedo Float has been requested for the dedication ceremony.
- All available NC SubVets are encouraged to attend wearing their vest. Details on where to meet and time will be forthcoming.

Bob Hopkins told of Hunley ceremony which he attended along with a number of Tarheel Base members, which at that time was the only USSVI base North Carolina, in Charleston in 2004.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Holland Club Presentations - Members Paul D. Crossland, and Richard E. Kreh, Sr. were inducted into the Holland Club by the Holland Club Chairman, George Bass, who presented both men with certificates, patches, and membership cards. Commander Myers also presented to each man a Holland Club Challenge Coin.

Steve Bell, SED1 CDR asked for donations for the full-page ad in the Convention Magazine at \$43.95 which was accepted and passed unanimously.

Jim Myers, NC SubVets Commander asked for donations for a ½ page ad in the Convention Magazine for the NC SubVets. Each base's share is \$21.88 and if Coastal Carolina decides not to participate, then the Nat Greene Base will pay their share. This was accepted and passed unanimously.

Larry Hauser expounded upon the ABC-School for Autistic Children where his Grandson attends. The tuition was \$1800.00 per month last year and this year is \$1200.00 per month.

The North Carolina House Bill #498 has been introduced in Raleigh to help parents pay the tuition at the ABC School for needy autistic children. Chuck Jensen will email this information to all Nat Greene Base members living in North Carolina and the POC's of the other 5 NC SubVet bases.

The ABC School Annual May Picnic realizes from 90-100 attendees, of which, about 40 are children from the school. Nathanael Greene Base unanimously voted to approve a donation of \$50.00 from our treasury to help support that annual picnic which is for the children and their families.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Dale Paterson gave a report on Veterans Helping Veterans Heal and passed a list regarding some of their accomplishments which was passed around and viewed by the members. A collection was taken up for these Veterans. VHVH is a two-year process consisting of a half-way house type of service for veterans to re-enter society as productive individuals.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16-17 – Burnsville Submarine Memorial Tolling of the Boats at Moonshine Mountain, NC.

May 26 – Washington, DC Memorial Day Parade with the NC SubVets' Mk-14 Torpedo Float in the parade.

June 7 – NC Air Museum Fly-In at the Asheboro Airport.

June 14 – War on Terror Memorial Dedication at Holly Springs, NC.

June 28 – 10th Annual Troutman Independence Celebration Parade at Troutman, NC.

July 4 – 4th of July Parade at Faith, NC.

August 21 - Old Soldiers' Parade in Newton, NC.

Next meeting will be on Saturday July 12th at 1:00 pm and will be at our normal meeting location (American Legion Post). The pavilion at the Triad Park was not available, **so we will have the annual picnic at the American Legion Post at noon before the meeting.**

BENEDICATION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned 1430.

50/50 raffle was won by the new Holland Member Richard Kreh winning \$42.00.