

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING  
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014**

**Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz**

13:00: The meeting was started promptly commencing with the 50/50 ticket sales.

Jim Myers opened the meeting by saying that some of our members were not present as they were on vacation. He also asked for a moment of silence in memory and passing of Don Small, long time member of the WWII North Carolina Tarheel Chapter and its last President.

**INVOCATION:** By Jim Schenk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dale Patterson as requested by Jim Myers

**INTRODUCTION OF ALL PRESENT:** 12 members present. Special recognition to Joe Clark (WWII Subvet with 3 patrols). Others present were Ruth Worth (Schenk) and Mark McCray from VHVH. Mark was a former U.S. Submarine veteran.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:** By Jim Schenk and Ray Moore for the boats lost in the months of September and October (5 in September and 9 in October). Jim Schenk passed out pictures of each boat and patches for members to see. Joe Clark then spoke of the loss of the USS Pompano (SS-181) in September of 1943. Joe Clark reminded us of the unique experience how he became involved in connecting the memory of the loss of one veteran of the boat with his two daughters living in Marion, NC and San Diego, CA. His two daughters never remembered their father as they were very young.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Mary Claybourn from VHVH was scheduled to speak this day, however, Mark McCray said that she was unable to attend due to personal matters.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Edward Galaviz. Minutes of July 12, 2014 were approved as posted in the website.

**Vice Commander Corner:** Ray Moore. Nothing official to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Chuck Jensen, Jim Myers provided the report.

As of August 15, 2014 the ending balance was \$6,139.35 and after subtracting the Special Funds, i.e., Fuel Reimbursement, Joshua's Angles Center and Trailer Maintenance, the ending balance for this period is \$5,895.38.

**Storekeeper:** Gary Vernon brought some new items to show the members. These items consisted of license plate holders, various patches and silver dolphins. Gary also brought up the subject of ordering some polo shirts. It was decided that the shirts should be 100% cotton with the black border collar. Jim Myers would like to have the order on an "as call" bases. Gary will be contacting the supplier to see if this can be accepted.

**Kaps 4 Kids:** Mike Runkle was not present. Jim Myers did state that we have had 3 successful visits since our last meeting. These were July 9 at Camp Hanes, King, NC, July 15 Carefree, Stokesdale, NC and August 15 at YMCA Camp Weaver in Greensboro, NC. Mike will be setting up more visits for us.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Myers read the proposed C&B, change proposed for Life Members. In the law annual fees would be \$15.00 and for members 60 years and older, a onetime pay of \$300.00. Jim then opened the floor for a vote. The change was approved and will now be sent to Steve Bell.

Kris Bridges was not in attendance to bring us up to date on the Nat. Greene lapel pin.

At this time, Jim brought up the announcement at the National Convention of Joe Clark winning the Robert Link Award. Jim read the nomination with some of Joe's outstanding achievements; giving credit to his naval history of WWII, commitment to the WWII and Subvet organizations, influential in obtaining our parade submarine, tireless effort seeking comfort to the daughters whose father was lost on the USS Pompano and his untired effort in promoting the successful completion of the Field of Honor Memorial in the Triad. Jim closed by saying "heck of a write-up".

Jim reminded us of the upcoming 2015 Southeast Regional Conference to be held April 20-23 close to Cape Canaveral in Florida. It looks like they will really do it up right with several good activities.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Myers let us know of the Million Dollar Insurance Policy with Rust Insurance Agency and underwritten by the Travelers Insurance Company that National has negotiated. An important item for us is that this insurance will cover our base meetings, base events and base parades we are invited to take a part in.

There has also been an update of the Lost Boats Tolling List. Nothing much has changed other than it now includes all Boats lost.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

According to Jim Myers, as the result of the 2014 USSVI National Election, congratulations are in order for John Markiewicz, National Senior Vice-Commander, Paul Hiser, National Treasurer and Dick Kanning, Southeast Regional Director.

Dale Patterson let us know that Mary Claybourn from VHVH was unable to attend due to the Airport Show close by. Mark McCray from VHVH then thanked us for being invited to our meeting. Mary will tell Dale about her plans for fundraising. One item is that VHVH will need drivers to take members to doctor's visits, etc.

The visits to Camp Carefree in Stokesdale July 15 and Camp Corral in Greensboro on August 15 were all successful. The Old Soldiers Parade on August 21 was also a success for us.

The Dolphins Scholarship Foundation has announced their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in Virginia Beach on October 0, 2014. This year they have a Sponsor a Sailor for a Day of Golf for \$75.00. We were asked if we wanted to participate and we voted no.

Joe Clark brought us up to date on the personal pavers for the Carolina Field of Honor. Due to the high demand for pavers after its inauguration, they now have more than 600 to 700 requests. It appears that ours will not be put in place until sometime in October.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jim Myers reminded us of the upcoming 2014 WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial Service in Kings Bay, GA November 5 to 9. Jim feels that due to the minimum number of WWII veterans

now attending that this event may soon go by the wayside. One issue is that it is more than likely due to the lack of contributions as of late.

Our next parade will be in Asheboro on November 11.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 1. Joe Clark has reserved a pavilion at the Field Of Honor and we will have our meeting there. We will start the meeting at 12:00 noon. If we can get the food arranged we may do a picnic. I will inform everyone by email if this happens.

### **CLOSING**

Ed Galaviz won the 50/50 drawing and contributed his winnings to the Nat. Greene Base funds. Total drawing was for \$65.00.

The closing prayer was by Jim Schenk.

The meeting ended at 14:15.