

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE Meeting

Minutes for 1 NOV, 2014.

Meeting called to order 1325 at the American Legion Post in Winston-Salem, NC after the Base provided finger food and beverages. Thank you to the members that coordinated this effort. The meeting was scheduled to be at a reserved pavilion at the “**Carolina Field Of Honor**”, but due to inclement weather was changed to our regular meeting venue.

INVOCATON: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by COB Dale Paterson.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS and GUESTS PRESENT: 14 members were present including 2 WWII SubVets: MoMM3(SS) **Joe Clark**, qualified aboard USS BREAM SS-243 in 1943 and made three War Patrols; EMCM(SS) **George Bass**, qualified aboard USS BOARFISH SS-327 in 1944 and made four War Patrols. Three potential members attended the meeting. Ruth Worth and Marge Kanning were the only guests.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: by Chaplain Jim Schenk and Commander Jim Myers. Chuck Jensen projected the names and pictures of the boats on Eternal Patrol for November and December from his laptop computer onto a pull-down projection screen.

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

Base Secretary Ed Galaviz was not present so Chaplain Jim Schenk took the meeting minutes.

Vice Commander's Corner

Ray Moore was not present due to a prior commitment with his church.

Treasurer's Report As of 10/31/14, by Treasurer Chuck Jensen, was voted on and approved. The Base Dues are now being collected for 2015 and are 36% collected at this time.

Storekeeper's Report by Gary Vernon.

2015 Submarine Fast Attack calendars \$10.00

Submarine Cookbooks \$21.50.

He presented to the membership a list and table-display of what is currently available.

Kaps-4-Kids Report Chairman Mike Runkle was not in attendance but Commander Myers noted some of the venues that will be contacted in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Commander Jim Myers gave a report on our continued support of “Joshua’s Angel Center of the Carolinas.”

Member Chris Bridges was not in attendance to talk about the proposed Base Lapel Pin.

Chuck Jensen and Joe Clark provided an update on the progress of the *Carolina Field of Honor* that was dedicated on 31 May 2014.

South East Regional Director Dick Kanning addressed the membership about the recent San Francisco, CA, USSVI National Convention and told of a new Convention Handbook that will be utilized as a guideline for future successful conventions. The next National Convention will be in Pittsburgh, PA in 2015.

He spoke about the new National USSVI Officers and wished them all luck, while reminding the membership to use the Chain of Command to contact the National Office.

Member Joe Clark formerly received from Director Kanning the **Robert Link Award** that was announced at the National Convention.

NEW BUSINESS: The Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner is scheduled for 5 December 2014 at the NC State University Club in Raleigh; NC. All information is available on the website www.ncsubvets.org.

Chief of the Boat Dale Patterson expounded on the fine work being done at **Veterans Helping Veterans Heal**, www.vhvh.org, under Volunteer Coordinator Mary Claybourn. New pamphlets were passed around for the members to see. Nathanael Greene Base continues to support this worthy institution.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chaplain Jim Schenk reminded the members that for each signed-copy of his book, “COVERT SAILORS-Submariner Sea Stories” purchased by our members, a \$3.00 donation will go to the Base.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Refer to www.ncsubvets.org

November:

5th – WWII Submarine Veterans’ Memorial at Kings Bay, GA.

8th – Parade at Winston-Salem, NC with staging at 4th Avenue.

9th – Parade at High Point, NC with staging at S. Main Street.

11th – Parade on Veterans’ Day at Ashboro, NC with staging on Church Street.

11th – Parade on Veterans’ Day at Mooresville, NC. The first annual parade honoring all Veterans to begin at Richard’s Coffee Shop & Living Military Museum, 165 Main Street.

22nd – Parade for Christmas at Asheville, NC, with staging at the grocery store.

December:

5th – Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner at Raleigh, NC.

April:

20th – Southeast Regional Meeting.

Next meeting will be on Saturday 3 January 2015 at the American Post in Winston-Salem, NC at 1300.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned at 1431.

50/50 raffle was won by Chaplain Jim Schenk \$40.00 which allowed him to pay his dues.