

## NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2015

The meeting was held at Triad Park where the new CAROLINA FIELD OF HONOR MEMORIAL is located. Howard Clark had reserved a pavilion near the Memorial where we could commence our meeting with a picnic at 11:00 am. Everyone enjoyed the meal prepared by Larry Hauser, consisting of baked ham, baked beans, potato salad and bread. Jim Myers provided the drinks. Howard Clark supplied the plastic cutlery, paper plates, cups and napkins and the wives contributed with cookies and pies for dessert.

Meeting called to order by Jim Myers at 1215 after the meal.

Jim Myers opened his remarks by saying that this meeting was going to be an informal one.

Being a picnic with the light rain and cold weather, Jim Myers felt that personal introduction by members present was not necessary. We had a good attendance with 23 members present (Howard Clark was last to arrive) and six wives. Also present were three other guests from Joshua's Angels Center; Tammy Hazelwood, brother and Missy who is a board member.

The invocation and blessing of the meal was made by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

The tolling of the boats for April and May was read by Jim Schenk.

Base Commander Myers then expressed and asked for attendee kudos for Larry Hauser doing the bulk of the work and getting the meal laid out on the serving table. He also thanked the ladies for supplying the scrumptious desserts.

He then asked our Kaps-for-Kids Chairman, Daniel Newcomer, if he would introduce Mrs. Tammy Hazelwood. Daniel responded that all present knew who she was and then Tammy spoke about her successful efforts doing the great work at Joshua's Angel Center of the Carolinas on her farm in Boonville, NC. She gave the early history of the Center and how Nat. Greene Base became involved through our Kaps-4-Kids program. She reported on a 20 acre hay lot that has been donated to the center to supply food for the horses. There was also to be pasture land during the winter months available. They served twenty children over last summer and expect a greater turnout this coming season. She is also involved in the USMC Toys for Tots program. She expressed humble thanks for all of the attention and help that our Base has supplied and presented us with a plaque to show her appreciation.

Dan Newcomer spoke about Kaps-4-Kids and his looking into the upcoming season at Camp Corral sponsored by Golden Corral Restaurants. On July 8, the Camp has their "Hero Day"

which consists of a parade, lunch and Daniel's program presentation and citing kids to be honored. More details with the forthcoming as he develops this Base function.

Secretary, Ed Galaviz offered the minutes be accepted as posted on the website. It was approved.

Treasurer, Chuck Jensen presented the Treasurer's Report as of this date ending April 30, 2015:

Special Funds

Fuel Reimbursement	\$712.17
Joshua's Angel Center	357.00
Kaps-4-Kids	269.00

Total: \$1,338.17

Trailer Maintenance (15.11)

Total Funds Available: \$6,074.08

Jim Schenk made the motion to accept the report and Fred Gunter seconded the motion to pass and accepted.

Regional Director, Dick Kanning addressed the attendees from the four Bases attending. His summary of events:

- The successful Regional Conference held at Cape Canaveral that was sponsored by the Snug Harbor Base.
- The development and securing of USSVI insurance coverage that covers all of our functions, parades, etc.
- The 2015 National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA and encouraged regional attendance.
- The 2016 National Convention will be held in Reno, NV.
- How the Bases in our Region had turned in their tax information in a timely fashion for National Treasurer, Paul Hiser, making his job easier.
- How several members had been helped by the USSVI Charitable Foundation and how all donations to it are 100% tax deductible. The Foundation supplies funds for several purposes, i.e., Sailor of the Year and College Scholarships for families of Submarine Veterans of all Bases.
- How Groton Base needs financial help to restore much needed building repair and encouraged all of our Bases to assist the best they can.

- How Retention and Recruitment are the responsibility of each member to bring more members into our organization.
- The next Southeastern Regional Meeting will be held in Mobile AL.

District Commander, Steve Bell, spoke and challenged each member to bring in a new member over the course of 2015.

Treasurer, Chuck Jensen, spoke about how Nat. Greene Base will be sending complimentary issues of the "American Submariner" to the USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777); the boat we are sponsoring.

The annual Burnsville meeting coming up in the middle of May and sponsored by the Asheville Base has a cut-off date of registration tomorrow, May 2, to qualify for the special reunion rate offered by the Big Lynn Motel. The National Commander, Al Singleman, will be in attendance and the Carolina Piedmont Base Thespians, "Bilge Rat Productions" will be entertaining with their yearly skits and songs.

Dale Patterson spoke about the donation of \$100.00 by a member to buy towels that were needed and delivered to Veterans Helping Veterans Heal; one of the organizations that we assist through our Base. He introduced us to a new member, Mark McCray, that is presently being assisted at VHVH and is heading toward successful completion of the course. According to Dale, following is the list of items to be brought to the next meeting for donations to VHVH; Cases of copy paper, white out, legal pads, jumbo paper clips, buckets of laundry pods (not powder), undershirts & boxers (not briefs) M-XXL, socks, coffee, diabetic snacks, shampoo/conditioner (all in one kind), razors, hand sanitizer (large bottles).

The "Fly-in" at the Air Museum in Asheboro, NC, where we store our Torpedo Float and Submarine will be held on June 13, 2015 this year. We always display both of our floats.

The next meeting is to be held on July 11, 2015 at the American Legion Post, Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC.

Chaplain Jim Schenk delivered the Benediction.

Three tickets were drawn for the 50/50 raffle. One of the lady guests, Missy, won the drawing of \$60.00. In the second drawing, Dale Patterson, won the boat sponsor patch donated by the USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777), and the third drawing winner got to go home with a left over apple pie.

This very good and informal meeting ended at 1300.