

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2015
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Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

11:00: As customary and becoming a tradition, a number of Subvets met at Cagney's prior to our bi-monthly meetings for lunch/breakfast. It is a good time to have an excellent meal, chat and loosen up prior to our meeting. Jim Myers again reminded the Base Secretary to call the restaurant ahead of time to reserve the back room for us. This meal was eventful because a lady having a meal popped into our room to thank us for serving. When Joe Howard Clark was going to give our server his credit card, our server said that the meal was covered, would not say by whom, and only to raise up our arms and with a loud voice to say "thank you". We later found out it was the nice lady who paid the bill.

1300: The meeting was called to order after the 50/50 ticket sales.

INVOCATION: Our Base Chaplain, Jim Schenk was not present due to illness, and we were led by William McCormick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Jim Myers.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 15 members and 3 guests were present. This total included 2 WWII veterans; Joe Howard Clark and George Bass.

Both received applauses for their successful war patrols.

Daniel Newcomer brought a guest, Richard Vargas, who is a submarine veteran and will join our Base. John Robbins brought his young nephew.

Another invited guest as announced by Jim Myers was Rod Hunter who is to speak on information related to cancer.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: Jim Myers read the boat list for July (3) and August (5) while Ed Galaviz tolled the bell for each boat. The projector presentation of names and pictures for those (8) boats on eternal patrol was once again conducted by Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

At this point of the meeting, Jim Myers had Rod Hunter give us his presentation of his volunteer work for Cancer Services, Inc., in Winston-Salem.

The focus of the organization is to provide cancer support services. There are 13,000,000 cancer survivors in the U.S. If we are to know anyone with this disease, that needs help, to call

this group. Statistics show that 50% of men 30% of women can get cancer. He then told us some jokes and told the group some of many illnesses he has had. In closing, he then said that exercise is the most important thing we can do.

Base Secretary: Edward Galaviz requested a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting held on May 1, 2015 posted on our website. The motion was passed and approved.

Vice Commander Corner: Ray Moore was not present.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports that for this ending period, we have an ending balance of \$7,586.11. Special funds consisting of – Fuel Reimbursement Fund \$712.17, Joshua's Angel Center \$357.00, Kaps-4-Kids Expenses \$269.00, and Trailer Maintenance \$435.64 (donations received from all Bases with the exception of Coastal Carolina) for a total of \$1,773.81. That leaves us with Available Base Funds of \$5,812.30.

Store Keeper Report: Gary Vernon said that there is nothing new and can provide an inventory list. He showed us some parking signs that are available. He closed by telling us to bring money next time.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Daniel Newcomer provided us with news of the Camp Corral visit on July 8. There were 6 of us that attended. There were some 300 kids there. It is free for one week. We heard some interesting stories and comments made by those we spoke to regarding how some of their parents were wounded in war.

On Saturday August 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, there is an event in Thomasville for hardship kids being held by the Baptist Children's Home. A Barbara Foster is the contact person for that event.

OLD BUSINESS

Dale Patterson's report on VHVH said that activities have picked up last month. Tammy Hazelwood who was given a copy of wish list from us took it and ran with it. Dale was asked to pick up trash bags full of clothes for VHVH and everything seemed good and beneficial. Apparently there is also a Preacher at a church that is to come up with a cash donation of some sort.

Mark McCray, still at VHVH added that he is getting back on his feet again. He has come up with some income and now has a car.

Chuck Jensen brought us up to date on the Torpedo Float that was discussed in Burnsville. Apparently discussions were about a Torpedo Float that one of the Bases had at the Saratoga Springs, NY convention in 2004. It was made of materials to reduce the weight for trucks towing it. These materials consisted of tubes used in highway cement construction, Styrofoam, etc. This is all to be investigated.

Jerry Leppert is to pull our NC Subvets Torpedo Float for the Asheboro parade; however, we still do not know what will be done for the Old Soldiers Parade.

Chris Bridges was not available to update us on the lapel pins program he has been working on.

Jim Myers said that we need a nomination from the floor for the donation each year to the Burnsville Memorial Fund. We have already donated and that a \$50.00 sum is good. However, the nomination is in the event they ask for more money we will not have to be asking. In other words, if they want more we can give more. The nomination was seconded by Fred Gunter and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations were requested by Jim Myers for the four Officer positions. Apparently Ray Moore is interested in the Commander's position and in his absence, Chuck put in a nomination for him. Ed Galaviz nominated Fred Gunter as Vice Commander and he accepted to run. John Robbins also mentioned that he may be interested in the Vice Commander position. Chuck Jensen and Ed Galaviz are to run again for their respective positions. All nominations are to be in by our September meeting and finalized for our November meeting. Jim will put out an e-mail on this subject.

The National store keeper has longevity pins for commencing at 5 years and every 5 years thereafter. Jim is asking if the base would like to start furnishing the pins for the primary member after 5 years of being a member. This led to several discussions regarding costs, pins ranging up to 25 years, and if secondary members should also be entitled. Jim Myers prefers to leave the vote as primary members only and that we can always amend this later if it becomes an issue. Our Store Keeper will be responsible for ordering the pins. Commander note: Secondary Members should ask their PRIMARY Base if they will support the longevity pins and if not and the Secondary Member wishes to have pins from Nat Greene Base touch base with Jim Myers to get this accomplished.

The American Submariner has asked for help with their publication. If anyone wants to give assistance, we are to let Jim know.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Our National Commander has asked that Bases, Districts or Regional look into the possibility of getting a highway in the State named as "The United States Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway". Or any derivative of that. Hoppy and Jerry Leppert's names came up that could give us some help.

Chuck has copies of 2 DVD's from the Southeastern Regional Conference and to let him know if anyone who attended the conference wants copies of them.

Chuck also brought up the subject of Facebook for our Base. It has not been used in a while so John Robbins has volunteered to get it started with the help from Chuck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Camp Corral event at YMCA Camp Weaver in Greensboro on Friday August 14th time to be determine. Daniel Newcomer to provide more information on this.

The next meeting is on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 1300, American Legion on Miller Street. Ed Galaviz to notify Cagney's that we will be there.

In the 50/50 drawing Jim Myers won ½ of the\$85.00.

John Robbins said the closing prayer and the meeting ended at 1420.