

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2015
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

11:00: As customary and becoming a tradition, 13 Subvets met at Cagney's prior to our bi-monthly meetings for lunch/breakfast. It is always a good time to have an excellent meal, chat and loosen up prior to our meeting. The Base Secretary, Ed Galaviz, called the restaurant ahead of time to reserve the back room for us. As on other occasions, our meal was covered by Joe Howard Clark.

1300: The meeting was called to order after the 50/50 ticket sales and raffle tickets for Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas.

INVOCATION: By Chaplain, Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Jim Myers.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 17members. 2 guests were present; Ruth Ann Schenk and David McLaughlin. David served on the New York City, qualified in 1987 and retired as a Chief Sonarman. This total included 2 WWII veterans; Joe Howard Clark and George Bass. Both received applause for their successful war patrols.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: Reason for tolling of the boats given by Jim Myers prior to ceremony for August and September by the Chaplain. The Projector presentation was again provided by Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

Base Secretary: Edward Galaviz offered the minutes of July 11, 2015 be accepted and posted on the website. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Vice Commander Corner: Ray Moore gave us information on the Memorial in Bedford, VA. He said it was a must visit as the Memorial depicted many memories of the D-Day Landing during WWII. There is a list of all the casualties lost that day. Also of significance are flags of other nations that participated in the invasion.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports that for this ending period, we have an ending balance of \$7,533.25. 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 \$5,754.44. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Chuck said that it is dues time for membership. He said that National dues will now be increased to \$25.00 per year in 2016 and this increase is to help support the publishing of the American Submariner magazine. If paid before January 1, 2016, the rate will remain at the current level of \$20.00. An email will be sent out by Chuck to inform both the lifetime and non-lifetime members of what their dues will be.

Store Keeper Report: Gary Vernon said that there is nothing new and can provide an inventory list. He promoted the current Subvet cup and gave information on the Medals of America Company situated in South Carolina. The magazine provides for purchase of medals, ribbons, patches, etc., for all Military Services.

Nothing new to report on longevity pins.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Chairman, Daniel Newcomer, spoke of the two events that were attended by the Base since our last meeting; namely at Camp Weaver (co-attended by three Base members) and Baptist Children's Home (co-attended by eight Base members). Commander Myers spoke on some of our past involvements with children over the years at various venues. Daniel also spoke on the importance of Base Retention and Recruitment and that it should be a responsibility of each active member to bring more members into our USSVI organization.

Jim Myers spoke about Joshua's Angel Center and our affiliation and support of same to our new members. Raffle tickets were sold before the meeting in support of this worthy cause. The drawing for the Raffle tickets sold today will be drawn on October 3rd and one does not have to be present to win.

OLD BUSINESS

VHWH Chairman, Dale Patterson, addressed the members on the progress, needs and successes of this esteemed organization. A maximum of twenty-four live-in veterans are housed and instructed how to interact with society. We have paid for their newspaper subscription for the past couple of years and have been donating various "most needed items" as their management has requested. There was a motion by George Bass to offer a check for \$300.00 from our treasury to assist VHWH in obtaining their "most needed items"; Fred Gunter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the membership. A check is to be cut for Dale to deliver to them.

There was more discussion on the options for the future of our Torpedo Float, insurance and prospective trailer haulers. Jerry Leppart is to pull our NC Subvet Torpedo Float for the

Asheboro parade. Thanks were offered to Commander Jim Myers for hauling our Mk-14 Torpedo Float to about a dozen events per year over the past nine or ten years. Jim is now officially retiring from this commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Newcomer volunteered to be the "Base Elections Chairman" for the upcoming voting of officers for the next two years. The ballots will be sent out to the membership and must be returned no later than Monday, November 2, 2015 in order to be tallied for our next meeting on Saturday, November 7. Our present candidates are:

- CommanderRay Moore
- Vice CommanderFred Gunter
- SecretaryEd Galaviz (offered to continue)
- TreasurerChuck Jensen (offered to continue)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commander Myers asked for a show of hands by any attendees that may be going to the New York City Veterans Day Parade, however, no one from our Base had planned to attend.

Jim Myers again iterated on how the National Commander, Al Singleman 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. Bob Hopkins spoke on how involved the State Legislature's legal process was to have the "Yadkin River Bridge" signage installed to reflect it is now dedicated to Military Veterans.

According to Chuck Jensen, the USSVI-Nat Greene Base page is now up and running on Facebook. John Robbins is in charge of this effort on behalf of the Base.

Jim Schenk offered information on the (second annual 11 November) Veterans Day Parade in Mooresville, NC. Last year, three USSVI Submarine Veterans marched, (Jim Schenk, Marvin Beaver and Don Hasely) in the inaugural parade.

Bob Hopkins announced how the Rowan County Veteran's Honor Guard had won the National Championship in Baltimore, MD last week. Their picture is on their Facebook page and at www.rowancountyveteranshonorguard.com. The newly reigning "Champions" were present at "Thelma's Frontier Restaurant" in Salisbury to receive their Bravo Zulu from a grateful assembly of fellow Veterans.

One of our members present, David Bergman, from Greensboro, told how his daughter, Ashley, and attending NC State, won a scholarship from USSVI. The granddaughter of Bob Hopkins has also benefited from this scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 will be the first parade for 2015 in Asheboro with the Torpedo Float. As previously mentioned, Jerry Leppart from Raleigh will pull the float.

The 2015 National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, September 7-13 and regional attendance is encouraged.

The 2016 National Convention will be held in Reno, NV.

King's Bay GA will host the Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial November 4 to 8, 2015.

Chaplain Schenk reminded members that there is to be a second annual Veterans Appreciation Day at the Iredell Fairgrounds, Troutman, NC on Saturday, October 3. The Chaplain also volunteered to continue in the appointed office of Chaplain. Jim is also very active as Liaison to "Richard's Coffee Shop and Living Military Museum" located at 165 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC. Jim is there representing USSVI most every Thursday morning when free coffee is offered to Veterans. The Shop also has a long standing tradition of free music, by Veterans, every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next meeting is to be November 14, 2015 at the American Legion Post, Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC beginning at 1300 hours.

Chaplain Jim Schenk delivered the Benediction.

Joe Howard Clark won the 50/50 raffle and donated his winnings to the Nat. Greene Base.

The meeting was adjourned at 1430.