

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2015
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

11:00: Breakfast and lunch at Cagney's for about 12 or more Subvets. And again we are all thankful for Joe Howard Clark who has again paid for our meals.

1:00: The meeting was called to order after the 50/50 ticket sales.

SIGNIFICANT OPENING REMARKS BY BASE COMMANDER:

Jim Myers requested a moment of silence for one of our departed members on eternal patrol, James A. Effinger from Spencer, NC.

Jim also requested that we remember our Chaplain, Jim Schenk in our prayers who is suffering from lung cancer.

INVOCATION: By Wally Walliser, III. This was in the absence of Jim Schenk. Wally who is a member of the Nat. Greene Base, is the Chaplain of the Denizens of the Deep Base in Aiken, SC.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Jim Myers

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 19 members. The 19 included the two members from Aiken, SC., Wally Walliser and Mike Adams. Also present was Mrs. Marge Kanning. Joe Howard Clark and George Bass represented the WWII veterans. Jim Myers requested we give them special recognition.

A special guest was Miguel Almazan, a qualified Submariner and the Navy Recruiter from Asheboro, NC who had been invited to attend after meeting him at the Asheboro parade on the 11th of November. He brought his wife and 3 children with him. They all seemed to enjoy the meeting.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: By Jim Myers and Ray Moore. The projector presentation was again provided by Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

Commander's Corner: Jim wanted to let us know of Jim Effinger's funeral next day to be held in Spencer, NC. Jim felt that as many of us who were able, were to attend.

Base Secretary: Ed Galaviz offered the minutes of September 5, 2015 be accepted as posted on the website. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Ed offered to show the Navy Cross which was presented to him from his former Commanding Officer's wife after the inurnment at the Naval Academy this past October 7, 2015. Captain Charles Rush earned it on the Billfish as a 24 year old LTJG and finally got it in April of 2002.

Vice Commander Corner: Ray Moore showed us some photos of the Submarine Memorial in New Jersey primarily to show us how they have been able to display a WWII torpedo.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports an ending balance of \$8,518.55. The special funds consist of Trailer Maintenance \$435.64, Kaps 4 Kids \$264.00, Joshua's Angel Center \$357.00, and Fuel Disbursement \$776.17; for a total of \$1,078.64. This leaves us with available funds of \$7,439.91. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Store Keeper Report: Gary Vernon has USSVI Calendars for next year for \$9.00. We also have a stock of longevity pins available for those who have earned them.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Dan Newcomer reports that the K4K event on Friday the 13th went very well. Dan and Fred Gunter at Brenners Children Hospital handed out hats and certificates. Dan would like to schedule some of these events on a quarterly basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Dale Patterson reports that VHVH was very thankful of our donation of a \$300 check and food. Right now, he reports, that they are in the process of training new management.

Jim Wilson has not much to report on the progress of a development of a torpedo mock-up. Apparently and according to Jim Myers, all of the bases will have to agree on what to do with the disposition of our current Mark 14 torpedo.

Gary Vernon gave us a report on the longevity pins. Those present at the meeting were given theirs. The remainder as we have many Nat. Greene Base members who do not attend our meetings or are out of State, will have to be mailed to them. Jim Myers has given this responsibility to Ed Galaviz to take care of this project with the assistance of Chuck Jensen.

NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Newcomer presented the election results for the new Base Officers commencing in 2016. Commander Ray Moore; Vice Commander Fred Gunter; Treasurer Chuck Jensen; and Secretary Ed Galaviz.

Eugene Ipox, NC Subvet Commander's request for the Arizona Base Memorial:

"I would like to propose that the NC Subvets pull together and get an 8" x 8" paver for \$250.00 it would come to \$41.67 a base. If we do decide to get the paver I would like inputs on what would be posted on it. The proposed wording would be voted on; the top 2 would do a runoff with the winner being the wording.

Base commanders please get back to me before December so we can get things moving if we wish to do this. Please call me after 1530hrs (5:30pm) if you would not like an 8x8, we would go for a 4x8. If all bases do, then we would go for the 4x8. Each Base vote and get back to me."

Our Base voted if all of our bases go for an 8x8, we would go for an 8x8. If all bases do not, then we would go for the 4x8.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

George Bass presented James Wilson with his 50 year Holland Club introduction and items that go with it. Chuck Jensen then took photographs of this eventful occasion.

Still on the table: Our past National Commander, Mike Bircumshaw has requested that all Subvet organizations within their States to see if we can get highways named as Submarine Veterans Memorial Highways.

At this point of our meeting, Jim Myers asked for Dick Kanning to come to the podium and say a few words. He covered the following:

1. Kings Bay, GA US annual WWII Submariner Memorial Service.
2. Holland Club and the \$1.00 yearly support contribution.
3. Pearl Harbor dinner on 12/5/15.
4. SE Regional meeting in April 2016 in Mobile, AL.
5. Elections of National Officers.
6. The Hunley in Charleston, SC now out of the tub and looking great.
7. A big thanks to Jim Myers for the fine job he has done in his Commander positions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Asheboro Parade on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

Our next meeting will be scheduled by our new Base Commander, Ray Moore, on January 9, 2016.

Wally Walliser delivered the Benediction

The meeting closed at 2:35 pm. The 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Myers with his winning of \$51.50.