

**NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2016
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Submitted by Base Secretary, Edward Galaviz

11:00: As customary and traditional, 13 Sub Vets met at Cagney's prior to our bi-monthly meetings for lunch/breakfast. It is always a good time to have an excellent meal, fraternize, 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 Base Commander Ray Moore.

Member Self-Introductions: 17members. This total included 2 WWII Submarine Veterans; Joe Howard Clark (3 war patrols aboard USS BREAM (SS-243), and George Bass (3 war patrols aboard USS BOARFISH (SS-327). Both esteemed members received applause for their successful war patrols.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: Base Members attention were humbly directed to the ceremony for January and February by the Chaplain. Vice Commander Fred Gunter manned the "Bell". The Projector presentation was provided by Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

Base Secretary: Edward Galaviz offered the minutes of the November meeting and asked that they be accepted as posted on the website. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Vice Commander Corner: Fred Gunter spoke about the "Pride Runs Deep" bracelets that were mentioned at our last meeting. He will meet with Dan about the possibility of buying them in quantities of 100 for the best price available.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports an ending balance of \$8,505.35. The special funds consist of Trailer Maintenance \$435.64; Kaps 4 Kids \$264.00; Joshua's Angel Center \$157.00; and Fuel Reimbursement \$742.67 for a total of \$1,604.31. This leaves us with available funds of \$7,081.04. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Store Keeper Report: Gary Vernon said that there is nothing new and provided copies of our current inventory list items and pricing. There are still 2016 calendars, at \$9.00 each, and 2015 calendars available. Gary also added that there are books available to read. If you take one, be sure to bring it back for others to be able to obtain.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Chairman, Daniel Newcomer, addressed the slowdown in K4K events due to the cramped Holiday Season and is in process of kicking off of planned events for the New Year.

OLD BUSINESS

VHVH Chairman, Dale Patterson, addressed the members on the progress, needs and successes of this esteemed organization. Dale said that VHVH is currently in the process of reorganization. One of the residents, Mark McCray, is one of our new members and at VHVH, attended the meeting with Dale.

“American Submariner” magazine sponsorship for USS NORTH CAROLINA SSN-777 was discussed and the payment has been made for 2016 so the boat will continue to receive the magazine.

Kris Bridges was not present to address the status of lapel pins.

Regarding the primary base longevity pins, Ed Galaviz with the assistance of Chuck Jensen will be responsible for notifying and mailing out the pins to those members who have qualified based on their years of continuous membership in USSVI. Gary Vernon is to provide pins for the non-primary members of the Nat Greene Base.

NEW BUSINESS

This is the premier meeting of our duly elected new officers:

CommanderRay Moore
Vice CommanderFred Gunter
SecretaryEd Galaviz (re-elected)
TreasurerChuck Jensen (re-elected)

Commander Ray Moore announced that Tarheel Base Chaplain Bill Whelan has stepped down and Butterbean has stepped up to fill the gap. We wait the upcoming naming by their Base Commander of a new Base Chaplain. Bravo Zulu to “long-time” Chaplain and WWII Veteran, Bill Whelan.

Discussion was made reference to “Tony”, the previous land owner at the Burnsville, NC Submarine Veterans’ Memorial on Moonshine Mountain. As a USAF Veteran, the four major Submarine Bases in our District have been approached to have a “Vest” custom made for this patriot. Our base has voted to kick in \$50.00 toward this project, which sum is estimated to be about ¼ of the final cost.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Myers updated the members on the USSVI Commander’s suggestion that all Bases attempt to have a segment of U.S. Highway named for “United States Submarine Veterans”. Business I-40 will be shut down for 2 years for construction, and 150 responses have come in for various “memorial” names to be presented it. The website for our membership to suggest the new name and to whom to make your suggestions to the NCDOT will be forthcoming in an email to Base Members by Jim Myers.

Joe Clark was again nominated to secure a reservation for the upcoming Base Picnic at the Triad Memorial Park Field of Honor. Our July 2nd scheduled meeting has been move to July 9th.

Discussion was made on the updated NC Sub Vets’ Constitution and Bylaws by Chuck Jensen.

Chuck Jensen has offered to be the NC Submarine Veteran Parade Float Coordinator.

According to Joe Howard Clark's proposal, Ed Galaviz offered to be liaison officer between our Base and a Navy Recruiter out of Asheboro who happens to be qualified in Submarines. First Class Petty Officer, Miguel Almazan will be stationed on a submarine in Guam in another 6 months. He will serve two more years and then retire after 20 years of service. His family will remain in Asheboro. Also with the help of Joe's niece who is a Social Worker in that area, Base members have agreed to assist the family, if need be, in his absence on any issues with the exception of financial.

Tom Richey asked for our Base Members to step up and help a disabled Submarine Veteran with some household repairs. Ray Moore offered to help in his capacity as a retired project engineer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 25th South East Regional Conference is to be held in Mobile, AL., April 20 to 23rd, 2016.

The 2016 National Convention will be held in Reno, NV, August 15-20, 2016.

The next meeting is to be March 5th, 2016 at the American Legion Post, Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC beginning at 1300 hours.

Chaplain Jim Schenk delivered the Benediction.

Fred Gunter won the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1440.