

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2016

HELD AT FIELD OF HONOR PARK, COLFAX, NC

Submitted by Edward Galaviz

Nathanael Greene Base Secretary

Meeting called to order at 12:50 by Base Commander Raymond Moore at pavilion #4 in the Field of Honor Park, Colfax, NC, following a great picnic lunch commencing at 11:00 of Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Rolls presented by Larry Hauser. Some of the wives and friends present also contributed by bringing a variety of deserts.

INVOCATON: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by COB Dale Patterson.

INTRODUCTIONS: Base Commander Raymond Moore introduced our two WWII members, Joe Clark who qualified aboard USS BREAM (SS-243), and George Bass that qualified aboard USS BOARFISH (SS-327). Jim Myers introduced his former Executive Officer Cmdr. Cotter and a former CO of USS STERLET (SS-392). We had eight wives. In addition Joe Clark's niece, Joan Landreth was introduced. Also present was Miguel Almazan's wife and three children accompanied by her sister. Miguel is the past Recruiter out of Asheboro and currently deployed on the USS OKLAHOMA CITY out of Guam. Miguel plans to join our Base upon his retirement when he returns. Secretary Ed Galaviz spoke with Miguel on the phone during our picnic. James Balderas was also asked to introduce his two lady guests as; Linda Wakefield and Susan. Richard Gant, a Yeoman on the GEORGE WASHINGTON and qualified in 1968 was also present.

All in all there were a total of 33 members present according to the Register Book.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: for July and August rendered by Chaplain Jim Schenk and Vice Commander Fred Gunter. As each boat was tolled, pictures of each boat's patch were passed around.

REPORTS:

Minutes: A motion to accept the May 9, 2016 minutes of Base Secretary, Ed Galaviz was made by Jim Myers and seconded by Dale Patterson and unanimously approved as previously posted on our Base Webpage.

Vice Commander's Corner: Fred Gunter took this opportunity to introduce our guest speaker as Dr. David Dillon and his wife, Maria.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Chuck Jensen and approved by the membership. Special funds of Fuel Reimbursement \$622.82; Joshua's Angel Center \$157.00; Kaps 4 Kids \$269.00; and Trailer Maintenance \$485.64 totaled \$1,534.46. With an ending balance of \$8,210.31, this left a balance of \$6,675.67. During this period there was also a check #1009 prepared in the amount of \$100.00 to cover USSVI Dues Payment and cleared on July 8, 2016. Funds available with this report are \$6,575.67.

Storekeeper's Report: Our storekeeper, Gary Vernon was absent. We need another member to step forward and become our Storekeeper.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Chairman Daniel Newcomer was absent but is in process of scheduling new K-4-K events.

The Agenda for this meeting was reduced somewhat due to the picnic festivities. There were, however, some subject matters that were covered in the Old Business and New Business portions of our regular meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: A "Book of Remembrance" for Base member RM3 (SS) Charlie C. Dye, Sr. who went on Eternal Patrol this past 27 February was presented to his nephew in Greensboro by Chuck Jensen.

"Book of Remembrance" for Base member ET2(SS) Roger D. Bjerke, who went on Eternal Patrol this past May 16 was mailed to his widow Benita by Chaplain Jim Schenk. He served aboard USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN-636) and USS SPADEFISH (SSN-668).

NEW BUSINESS: Base Commander Raymond Moore spoke about the USSVI Insurance that the National Office has asked the Bases to help defray the cost. There was a motion made by Dale Paterson to send in \$25.00 as our share for this insurance. The motion was seconded by Joe Clark. The motion passed with one dissention by Jim Myers. His contention was that the coverage should be extended, whatever the cost, to include from float hook-up to un-hooking in order to protect the trailer hauler, and not only for meetings, parades, etc. A recommendation for that contingency will be formally presented to the National Office, so the haulers are covered and the duty is not carried on the haulers' insurance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Carolina Piedmont Base member, John Rupertus, presented a listing of all of the area Veterans' Coffee Shops in the local area. He passed around a flyer telling of a fundraiser for K-9 Assistance Dogs to be sponsored by High Rock Outfitters of Lexington, NC.

Jim Myers showed and commented on the writing on the back of his T-Shirt, explaining that the Oath we all took, to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States", has no

expiration date. He also reminded the members and guests present of the importance of getting out and voting in the upcoming elections. Vote for the person that stands for our country's values.

Vice Commander Fred Gunter then had his former fellow professor, Dr. Dillon make his presentation. The Dr. gave a report on the "Veterans' History" program under the auspices of the American Red Cross, who video-tape Veterans being interviewed about their military experiences as an archive for future generations.

Ray Moore reminded everyone to wear our hats and vests out in public so as to spread the word to Submarine Veterans that may become future members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 11th - Marvin Beaver, of Carolina Piedmont Base, has requested the floats to attend the Third Annual Mooresville, NC Veteran's Day Parade.

August 15-20 - USSVI National Convention will be held in Reno, NV. Registration by July 17, 2016.

Next Meeting: will be on September 10th, at the American Legion Post on Miller Street in Winston-Salem, NC.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned: 1330.

50/50 raffle (\$73.00) was won by the deployed Miguel Almazan's daughter, Valerie.