

**NATHANAEL GREENE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2018**  
**HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC**  
**Submitted by Edward Galaviz**  
**Base Secretary**

1130: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. 13 members attended.

1300: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Raymond Moore after 50/50 ticket sales.

**INVOCATION:** In Chaplain Jim Schenk's absence Al Zilinski, Vice Commander was requested to say the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Base Commander, Ray Moore

**INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT:** 17 members in attendance and one new member, Timothy F. Seibert from Advance, NC. Our guest speaker, Cyndi Briggs who also attended our lunch/breakfast at Cagney's was present. Base Commander Ray Moore thanked Fred Gunter for extending the invitation.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:** For January and February was solemnly rendered by Base Commander Ray Moore, Vice Commander Al Zilinski tolling the bell and a simultaneous computer slide presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

Tolling the bell and a simultaneous computer slide presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen for Nat Greene Members going on Final Patrol since 2011 was solemnly rendered by Base Commander Ray Moore.

Base Commander Ray Moore then requested we say a prayer for those of our Nat. Greene Base members who have gone on final patrol since 2011. Base Commander Ray Moore also requested a moment of silence for those submariners who went down on the Argentine submarine this past month.

Before going into the Reports Agenda, Base Commander Ray Moore requested that Fred Gunter make the introduction of Cyndi Briggs and how some of us met her at the veterans meetings held at the PDQ restaurant in Winston-Salem.

Cyndi Briggs, PhD., a very talented young woman is Teacher, Writer and Speaker Documentarian. Although she is currently a counselor at Wake Forest University, her presentation centered on what she has been doing to record and preserve in the archives of the Museum in Winston-Salem the various interviews she has had with veterans and their experiences not only from WWII but from other wars and conflicts. She said this interest and

initiative all commenced when she was very young and began to inquire as to what her grandfather may have done during WWII. She found that no one had bothered to ask or document what he had accomplished and that motivated her.

## **REPORTS:**

**Secretary Report:** Base Commander Ray Moore said that according to the USSVI National Parliamentarian a vote on the minutes is not required, as long as the minutes have been published ahead of time. The membership may still ask questions or make corrections. (See article in American Submariner magazine, volume 2017 – issue 3 – page 9). Therefore, Edward Galaviz will not be making his normal statement regarding the minutes.

**Vice Commanders Corner:** Al Zilinzki became ill and had to leave prior to Cyndi Brigg's presentation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Jensen reports that we have an ending balance of December 28, 2017 as \$7,341.77. Checks not cleared at 1 for \$100.00 outstanding. Cash not deposited total \$130.00. Total Special Funds are (\$939.53). With all expenditures as noted by Chuck Jensen and we have been advised we now go into 2018 with available funds of \$6,432.24.

Sixty-Five members have paid dues for 2018. USSVI - \$1,140.00 and Base - \$1,350.00. Twenty members have not paid their dues thus far. Donald Godfrey's dues payment check was returned on September 14, 2017. There was a bank fee of \$27.00. A motion was made and seconded to forgive the fee due to Donald Godfrey's illness

**Store Keeper Report:** Bill McCormick reports that we have \$507.00 at our cost in current inventory of supplies. About half of that amount represents the Nat. Greene patch. We have \$250.00 of parking signs. Chuck Jensen responded on the parking signs by stating that Joe Clark made up those signs and paid for them. Bill reported \$47.00 in sales to the Treasury. Bill's objective is to continue to cut down his inventory.

Bill has "tons" of submarine books available. One in particular is "The War Below" by James Scott. During the Richard Childress veterans meeting this past month Al Zilinski was able to get the author's autograph dedicated to the Nat. Greene Base. Bill wants Al to receive recognition for this effort.

**Kaps -4-Kids Report:** Dan Newcomer was not present. Since Dan has not been at our meetings for almost a year, Edward Galaviz brought up a suggestion to perhaps relieve Dan of this responsibility. Ray Moore and some of the members felt that we should ask Dan if he wished to continue. Ray asked if anyone present was willing to assume the position. There were no Volunteers.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ray Moore reminded the members, particularly those new in attendance, that we have approved a contribution of \$35.00 as the Base share for the Patron Membership at the NC Air Museum in Asheboro for 2018. Chuck Jensen said that this contribution is good until the end of the year.

The Base approved the contribution of \$25.00 as the Base share for the RUST insurance (Floats) for 2018.

Ray Moore introduced to the membership the established way to handle motions. There are three types of motions: Regular Motions, Amended Motions and Substitute Motions, and the difference were explained. Anyone that needs more information should contact Ray.

Continued from our last meeting was a motion to support the Patriot Rovers with a donation of \$1,000.00. Treasurer Chuck Jensen reviewed a Nat. Greene Base Cash Flow Summary from 2010 to 2017 in order to provide the members with a better understanding of the income and distribution of funds. Of special note was the \$2,000.00 donation to the Burnsville Memorial Restoration Fund. Chuck also noted that some members pay their dues for as many as 3 years which can cause a deficit the following year. After pros and cons from the membership, the motion as originally made by Jim Myers and seconded by Dale Patterson was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ray Moore said that our July picnic meeting will be on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Edward Galaviz said that perhaps we should consider catering the event this year. He attended last year's Tarheel Base picnic in Cary and it was successfully carried out with less stress for those Base members that have to prepare the annual meal. Ed felt this may apply to Larry Hauser. Although Larry was not present at the meeting, Chuck Jensen and others felt that Larry may be hurt if not given the annual responsibility since he was a cook in the Naval Reserve. So Larry will be our cook again if he agrees. Edward Galaviz was given the responsibility to make the July reservation with the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation where the Carolina Field of Honor is located. Ed will provide a report on the reservation at our next meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

Ray recommended that we continue the Boat Sponsorship Program for the USS North Carolina (SSBN-777) at a cost of \$30.00 per year. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Only 2 members of the Nat. Greene Base attended the Pearl Harbor dinner this past year; Ray Moore and Chuck Jensen. Due to heavy snow in some areas, Al Zilinski and Edward Galaviz were not able to attend. Therefore, Dave Campbell, SE District 1 Commander, will attend our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and have both Al and Ed sworn in for their respective 2 year appointments.

The motion to donate \$225.00 (same as last year) to the Sailor of the Year award program was approved.

A motion was made and approved that we donate \$50.00 to the American Legion Post each time we have our meetings here. This will amount to 5 times a year since one of our bi-monthly meetings is the annual picnic in July.

A reminder was made there is an application process on how veterans may apply for an ID card. After much discussion, it was concluded that Ray will send out the information available to the program again. This information sent out again should satisfy the membership.

How do we get more meeting attendance from local members? After a lot of ideas were thrown out by many of those members attending, nothing positive was really attained. Ray suggested that this will be a good topic for discussion when Board Members meet before our next regular meeting in March.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Once again, Ray Moore reiterated the fact that everyone can help the membership by talking with veterans and wearing something submarine related.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the American Legion Post in Winston-Salem.

The 2018 Southeast Regional Conference in Virginia Beach, VA is on April 27 to 29, but now has been cancelled.

A past crew member of the USS NATHANAEAL GREENE said that Nat. Greene Base members will be invited to their next boat reunion to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro April 26-28. Conversations arose when those dates would conflict with the SE Regional Conference.

The Burnsville Memorial is scheduled for May 18 and 19.

The 2018 USSVI National Convention – Caribbean Cruise is set for October 21 to 28, leaving out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

The 50/50 drawing winner was Tom Richey for \$48.00.

The Closing prayer was given by Ray Moore.

The meeting ended at 1500 hours.