

NATHANAEL GREENE Meeting Minutes for 5 May, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 1300 by Base Commander Raymond Moore at the American Legion, Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC.

INVOCATION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

After the prayer the Chaplain asked for a minute of silence in honor of our esteemed and beloved recently departed NATHANAEL GREENE Base shipmates who are on Eternal Patrol.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by COB Dale Patterson.

INTRODUCTIONS: The attendance was 16 Members, and two guests, who were heartily "Welcomed Aboard".

Tony Williams, (who became a Member at today's meeting). He qualified in 1992 aboard USS BOISE (SSN-764). He becomes the first son of a Submariner to join our Base.

NATHANAEL GREENE primary Base Member in good standing, Wally Walliser from Aiken, SC, spent this weekend attending the USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN-636) Reunion held in Greensboro, NC. He qualified aboard USS NATHANAEL GREENE in 1976 and is also a Member of "DENIZENS of the DEEP Base" in SC.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: for May and June was solemnly rendered by Chaplain Jim Schenk, with Vice Commander Al Zilinski tolling the bell, and a simultaneously-screened computer slide-show presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

Commander's Corner: Base Commander, Ray Moore asked for prospective comments and/or changes to the minutes as posted on our USSVI website; there were no responses and the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Arizona Silent Service Memorial is looking for donations. Our members decided to keep our support local for this type of honorarium. Since our meeting, the "hat" was passed at the Burnsville meeting. \$405 was raised toward the \$500 cost of a brick honoring the S-28 (which is the sponsored NC Subvets boat). Saturday night two bases paid the remaining \$95. The S-28 is fully funded.

If you want to help support a great effort toward education, write a check to the USSVI Charitable Foundation and indicate on the check that it is to go toward the "Joe Clark Scholarship Fund". Joe's estate has created seed funds to begin this esteemed fund, but it is up to our Base to continue it into perpetuity.

A motion was passed to donate the base's portion of our bi-monthly 50/50 raffle with a 100% match from base funds for all of 2018.

Quarterly Socials - Dinners/Lunches (Old North State Base has success with this activity- their wives are pushing this). This would be difficult for a larger base (such as ours), because we would need an accurate count of those planning to attend and would need to reserve space.

Several of our Base Members attended the USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN-636) Reunion Banquet on Saturday, 28 April 2018 in Greensboro, NC.

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. Get some Submarine Decals for your car from our Storekeeper, Bill McCormick, or order a North Carolina Submarine Veteran license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles, to help recruit new membership of other boat sailors. Upon meeting another Sub Vet in your area, please obtain his Name, Phone number and email and forward to Chuck Jensen at chuck-focc@triad.rr.com.

Vice Commander's Corner: Al Zilinski brought three chilled liter bottles of "KVASS MIKULOV", a Russian (Ukrainian) fermented and sparkling beverage that was enjoyed by the crew attending.

Secretary Ed Galaviz had business out of State, so Chaplain Schenk took the minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report was orally presented by Chuck Jensen and subsequently the hard copy was handed over to the Base Commander.

Storekeeper, Bill McCormick presented a listing of the items currently in our Base Store for purchase. He delivered two HOLLAND CLUB hats today and took orders for two more.

{Here included in the minutes, from a former Base E-mail, explains how to order from our Base's Store}:

"Instead of trying to maintain a large inventory of items in the Nat Greene Base Stores, the Base Storekeeper has decided to focus his efforts on handling special orders from our Base members. By doing this, it will keep the monies in the Base treasury available for other uses instead on spending it on stores inventory items that might not sell in a timely manner. The new USSVI National Storekeeper has created an extensive catalog of submarine items for sale on the USSVI website. To view this, go to www.ussvi.org and click on the Storekeeper Button. This will bring up the homepage of The USSVI National Storekeeper. This home page also has links to other submarine related merchandise websites such as: Jenny Dugan "The Vest Lady":

<http://www.subvest.com/> Submarine Gear: <http://www.submarinegear.com/> Submarine Related Patches: <http://www.mcgrogans.com/servlet/the-NAVYSUBMARINEPATCHES-%28INSIGNIA%29/Categories> To order any item or items, just send an email to the Nat Greene Base Storekeeper Bill McCormick smccormick3@triad.rr.com listing the item(s) desired and the website that lists it. Bill will take it from there to place the order and will either give it to you at the next Base meeting after he receives it, or mail it to you if you desire. By placing your order through Bill, it will allow our Base to make a minimal profit for the Base treasury.”

OLD BUSINESS: **Chief of the Base (COB)**, Dale Patterson spoke about the importance of our continuing support for the “Veterans Helping Veterans Heal” program that offers help for needy Veterans that matriculate a two year course which gets them back on track to be self-supporting and a viable member of today’s society. There has been a Change of Command in the Directorship to Ron Connor, in relief of the former Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Claybourn who has done a wonderful job of educating and caring for Veterans over the past few years of our affiliation with the program. Ron Connor comes to the program from a former position at the Veterans’ Hospital in Salisbury, NC. Their VHVH building has been doing needed upgrades such as painting and repairs.

Dale also spoke of the great job that Don Timmons has been doing with starting up many new Veterans’ Coffee Shops in the area which reflect the long-time beneficial efforts of Richard’s Coffee Shop in Mooresville, NC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nat Greene Base Members in North Carolina:

At today’s base meeting, Bill McCormick started a discussion about the new North Carolina “Real ID” driver’s license he recently obtained and that many people are not aware of.

I believe the “Real ID” driver’s license will be a requirement for travel on commercial airlines and entry in other restricted areas by the end of calendar year 2020, but you need to verify this at any NC driver’s license office. Chuck Jensen has sent out an informational email covering this matter. For further information, please feel free to contact Chuck directly at chuck-focc@triad.rr.com

We will continue to have our Chaplain compile a “**Book of Remembrance**” for any departed shipmate whose family would like to have one. Bill Hinds of Mocksville hand-delivered the last “Book of Remembrance” to the family of member, Donald Lee Godfrey. Bill’s feedback to the Base from Don’s wife was graciously thankful.

OLD BUSINESS: No one has stepped forward to fill the post left vacant for “Kaps-4-Kids” Chairman. Wally Walliser offered to accept our inventory of K-4-K materials to help support the “Denizens of the Deep Base” who have an active program in South Carolina. He also offered to

help us with any future needs that our Base has to reinstitute our K-4-K program. A motion was made to donate to this Base, seconded and passed.

Commander Ray Moore informed the membership that Phase One of the restoration to our Burnsville Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain has been completed. The monies raised to complete the renovation are about \$14,000.000.

There was a Veterans' Stand Down near Hickory, NC for homeless and needy Veterans. They expected 3,000 to 4,000 Veterans to attend and approximately 2,000 actually came to be helped by this worthy cause.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The 55th anniversary of the loss of **USS THRESHER (SSN-593)** was observed on 10 April 2018. Her loss has been attributed to loss of 60-cycle power, shifting to the EPM causing a vital loss of speed at test depth coupled with emergency blowing all ballast tanks with 4,500 lb. air causing the filters to freeze and not operate correctly.

The 50th anniversary of the loss of **USS SCORPION (SSN-589)** will be observed on 22 May 2018. Her loss is still deeply felt by the Submarine Force and is now thought to have been caused by a battery explosion which caused 200 lbs. of pressure in the boat before a second explosion happened.

Member Bruce Lobach was appointed our new HOLLAND CLUB Coordinator. Thanks to Bruce for stepping forward.

Chaplain Jim Schenk made a suggestion that since Joe Clark was so instrumental in bringing about the "Field of Honor" in Kernersville, NC, that we officially name our continuing July meeting there as the "**Joe Clark Memorial Picnic**". A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Past Vice Commander, Fred Gunter, brought the information asked for at the last meeting about the cost of memorial bricks at the "Field of Honor". Available are 20" x 20" bricks containing 8-lines with 18 characters per line at \$2,000.00; 8" x 8" bricks at \$500.00; and the standard 4" x 8" bricks at \$200.00. A motion was made for continuance on the issue until the next meeting.

Fred also spoke of a June 10, 2018 Dinner honoring Female Veterans that is asking for "table-sponsors" at \$1,000.00 each. A motion was made for us to sponsor a table; no second to the motion was made and was not carried forward.

We will ask Ed Galaviz to check on the status of the Chief Petty Officer Miguel Almazan who was serving as Recruiter in Asheboro, NC and visited our Base Meeting March 5th 2016 with his family.

BASE SPEAKER: Jim Myers spoke on the history of our North Carolina Submarine Veterans' Organization. Chuck Jensen presented a screened-slide show to correspond to Jim's oral presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Meeting: The "Joe Clark Memorial Picnic" will be held on Saturday, 7 July at the "Field of Honor" in Kernersville, NC. All Submarine Veterans are invited to a feast including baked ham, potato salad, baked beans and various other selections that our members and their ladies bring to both the dinner and dessert tables.

USSVI National Elections will be forthcoming in July. Please don't forget to vote on the website: USSVI.org. As a side-note our Regional Commander, (and multi-Base member), Steve Bell will be running for National Junior Vice Commander.

Burnsville Memorial May 18th and 19th.

May 28th Memorial Day parade at Thomasville.

2018 USSVI National Convention – Caribbean Cruise, Oct. 21st to 28th, leaving out of Ft. Lauderdale.

Veterans day parade Nov. 11th at Asheboro.

Other parades to be announced when we receive information.

2017 Pearl Harbor Dinner – Dec. 8th in Raleigh at The NC State University Club.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned: 1520.

50/50 drawing winner: Jim Myers.