

NATHANAEL GREENE MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2017
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
Submitted by Edward Galaviz
Base Secretary

1100: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. 11 members attended.

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

INVOCATION: By Chaplain Jim Schenk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by COB Dale Patterson

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 15 members in attendance in addition to a new member, Tom Denegre.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: For November and December was solemnly rendered by Chaplain Jim Schenk with Vice Commander Fred Gunter tolling the bell and a simultaneous computer slide presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

REPORTS:

Commander's Corner: Ray Moore informed us that our Holland Club member, ETC(SS) Don Godfrey, Sr. from Salisbury, NC has been receiving dialysis for betterment of his health. Today we learned that he has had both kidneys removed and he is not doing well. Prayers for him are greatly appreciated.

At this point, Base Commander Ray Moore then asked Jim Myers, the Nat. Greene Base election coordinator, to give us the results of the elected Base officers for 2018 to 2019. There were a total of 34 votes. Those elected are as follows: Ray Moore - Commander; Al Zilinski - Vice Commander; Chuck Jensen - Treasurer; Edward Galaviz – Secretary. Jim Schenk - Chaplain with a bevy of health issues, the Base is asking a member to step up and be Assistant Chaplain.

Ray spoke about the great speakers that were at the WWII Submarine Veterans Memorial meeting in Kings Bay, GA earlier this month. There were 27 WWII veterans present including our WWII base member, George Bass. All of the North Carolina Bases were represented with the exception of the Albemarle Sound Base.

Our Chaplain, Jim Schenk carries Vest Stars for anyone who needs them.

Secretary's Report: According to the USSVI National Parliamentarian it is not necessary to vote on the minutes if published earlier. Edward Galaviz spoke about the importance of recruitment into our Base. some of us do this via car stickers and Sub Vet license plates.

Vice Commanders Corner: Fred Gunter spoke about Cyndi Briggs, PhD, a Teacher, Writer and Speaker Documentarian. She has recorded stories of several veterans in the Triad and more recently visited George Bass of our Nat. Greene Base.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reports that we have an ending balance of \$7,246.60. Checks not cleared at 3 for a total of \$320.20 outstanding. Checks not deposited total \$260.00. Total Special Funds are (\$1,044.86). It was noted that Joshua's Angel Center funds are now at \$0.00. Thus total funds available to date are \$6,141.54.

Chuck also reports that 2018 dues have been paid to date for a total of 65 members. \$800.00 for USSVI and \$1,065 for the Base. Total dues not paid for this period are 6 members for the Base; 5 Non-Primary Base and 9 Annual USSVI & Base for a grand total of 20.

Store Keeper Report: Bill McCormick had two "UNITED STATES SUBMARINES 2018" calendars left. First come, first served. Bill also told us about the expansive library that he is now in charge of. He has a nice box that he will bring the books for each meeting. Members are welcome to borrow and return.

Bill reminded the members of an email reprinted from 11/14/16 that explains how to order from the Base's Store. Basically it says that instead of maintaining a large inventory of items in the Nat. Greene Base stores, the Base Storekeeper will handle special orders from its members. It will keep monies in the Base Treasury instead of having items that may not sell. To order please call or email Bill and by doing so will allow the Base to make a minimal profit for our Treasury.

Kaps -4-Kids Report: Dan Newcomer was not present. Jim Meyers will cover this on the Old Business portion of the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Myers spoke concerning Joshua's Angels Center of the Carolinas and the meeting Nat. Greene Base members had with them at the equine riding center in Booneville on October 14. Seven Nat. Greene Base members attended. We assisted Tammy Hazelwood in building the ramp enabling the handicapped children to ride a horse and also upgraded the stalls for the horses. There were nine children that we presented caps and certificates. Jim has sent an article and photos to the American Submariner magazine for publication.

Thus far, the construction for the preservation of the Burnsville Submarine Memorial on Moonshine Mountain has been put on hold for scarcity of contractors that are booked up due to economic upturns and assisting in the latest disaster sites. The membership was urged to donate to this important fund via USSVI's Charitable Foundation. Point of contact on information about sending a donation is Chuck Jensen.

There was discussion about who would like to volunteer to continue our Nathanael Greene Base facebook page left vacant since the passing of our member, John Robbins. No volunteers at this point.

Ray Moore reported that it has been decided to turn the museum boat USS Clamagore SS-343 into an artificial reef off the coast of Florida. The project depends on the people involved raising four million dollars. The estimated cost to repair the sub is 6 million dollars.

Chuck Jensen spoke about a new underwater "Lost Boat" memorial in Florida that caters to divers.

NEW BUSINESS:

COB Dale Patterson, introduced our Guest Speaker for the day, Dave Cantara of "Patriot Rovers". He also announced the on-going efforts to assist the Veterans Helping Veterans Heal (VHVH) organization in the future

Our guest speaker, K-9 behavioral expert, Dave Cantara of "Patriot Rovers", delivered a very comprehensive report, with a slide show, on the amazing measures of helpfulness that his organization affords to special-needs veterans. His English Cream Golden Retrievers are highly trained from 14 to 16 months according to Assistance Dogs International Standards to suit the need of their owner no matter the handicap. All dogs are named for Gold Star personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice and families are intimately involved in the program. Two dogs were present with us and watched over by Richard Lester. This program, not being funded by the Veteran's Administration is always trying to generate funds to help defray costs of approximately \$20,000.00 of training per dog.

While Dave Cantara and Richard Lester were still present and getting ready to leave, Jim Myers made a motion and seconded by Dale Patterson to donate \$1,000.00 to "Patriot Rovers". Edward Galaviz then asked Ray Moore to wait, at least, until Dave Cantara left to further discuss the motion, particularly since Bill McCormick felt we should discuss the motion further. There was discussion and a substitute motion was made to postpone the first motion until the next meeting when an updated treasurer's report will be presented.

Jim Myers proposed that we have some vehicle stickers ordered through our Store Keeper. Pack of ten for \$29.00. He also showed his patriotic shirt that he ordered online and advised us to investigate what was available at www.teespring.com.

We will continue to have our Chaplain compile a "Book of Remembrance" for any departed members whose family would like to have one.

Ray, Chuck, George Bass, Charlie Cross, Fred Gunter and Hoppy attended the Kings Bay WWII Memorial Service this year. Ray said that anyone who has not attended should go as it is an event second to none.

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

The Base approved the contribution of \$35.00 as the Base share for the Patron Membership at the NC Air Museum in Asheboro for 2018.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ray Moore reminded everyone to wear our hats and vests out in public as as to spread the word to Submarine Veterans that may become future members. Submarine decals from our Store keeper or NC Submarine Veteran license plates from DMV to help spread the word is also another way to secure new members.

Mike Bircumshaw, past National Commander is still wanting Bases to see if highways or bridges be named after the Submarine Service or Memorials. No activity at this point in our Base.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pearl Harbor Dinner - December 9, 2017 at NC State University Club.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Raleigh, NC on March 17, 2018.

2018 Southeast Regional Conference at Virginia Beach, VA on April 27-29.

Burnsville, NC Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain - May 18-19, 2018.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2018

Benediction: By Chaplain Jim Schenk. The Chaplain also reminded us to stay updated on and continue our prayers for the status of the 44 men involved in the missing sub of the Argentine navy.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Charlie Cross in the amount of \$42.50. Also won was a 50th anniversary patch for the loss of the USS SCORPION (SSN-593).

Meeting Ended: 1500 pm.