

NATHANAEL GREENE Meeting Minutes for 5 January, 2019.

Submitted by Jim Schenk/Ray Moore

11:30, 14 sub vets gathered at Cagney's Restaurant for breakfast/lunch

Meeting called to order at 1300 by Base Commander Ray Moore at the American Legion Post #55, (see address in UPCOMING EVENTS).

INVOCATON: by Chaplain Jim Schenk. Earlier today the Chaplain passed out STARS to members who did not yet receive one. These stars are made by the NC Subvetties ladies of Carolina Piedmont Base with the following note enclosed: "I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that **'You are not forgotten'**." (StarsForOurTroops.org)

Please pray for our shipmates and our Base.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by COB Dale Patterson.

INTRODUCTIONS: The attendance was 19 Members, (of which one was a new member), two guests, and a Guest Speaker, who were heartily "Welcomed Aboard".

GUEST SPEAKER: Co-Author, with his Submarine Veteran brother Frank Hood, Dr. Charles Hood presented a computer slide-show promoting their book, "Poopie Suits and Cowboy Boots". It was well done and many books were sold during a 20-minute break in the meeting proceedings. Charles also donated three books to our Base, now in its third edition since Spring of 2018. Look for the book's facebook page of the same name as the book. All proceeds from the book sales go to USSV Charitable Foundation.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: for January and February 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.

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, with Vice Commander Al Zilinski tolling the bell.

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

Vice Commander's Corner: Al Zilinski spoke about a site in New Jersey that has a Mack Truck Museum. He passed around a computer photo of one of the 16" battleship guns from the USS MISSOURI (BB-62) that is on display at this museum. For further information, contact Al via the copy of the Nathanael Greene Base Roster that is emailed to you every other month.

The Base would like to thank Al Zilinski for finding us a large 10' portable screen to aid some of the older and sight-impaired members to more readily see the computer presentations.

Secretary Ed Galaviz was not present due to important business out of State, so Chaplain Schenk and Commander Moore assisted in the compilation of the minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report was orally presented by Chuck Jensen and subsequently the hard copy was presented to the Base Commander. Commander Moore asked for comments/questions and being none, the report was accepted as presented.

Storekeeper, Bill McCormick presented a listing of the items currently in our Base Store for purchase. We now have a nice supply of HOLLAND CLUB member hats and other items for sale in the Ship's Store.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funds for disbursement to the North Carolina Flight Museum and Hall of Fame, Asheboro, NC, was postponed until the next meeting. We don't have a cost from the museum yet. This venue offers us inside storage for our NC Sub Vets' parade floats.

Base funds of \$25.00 were agreed upon to continue as our Base's share of the USSVI Liability Insurance. This no longer needs a vote, we now get an invoice from national in lieu of past method of getting an email.

Our continued **Boat Sponsorship Program** for the **USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777)** continues at a cost of \$30.00/year. Several copies of the American Submariner magazine are sent to the boat as they are issued. The motion passed unanimously.

Our contribution to Sailor of the Year was reinstated unanimously in the amount of up to \$50.00. (Since the meeting, an e-mail from David Campbell put our contribution at \$100. A e-board meeting on Jan. 22th approved the increase of \$50 for a total of \$100. The 3 large NC bases contribution is \$100 each and the 4 smaller bases is \$50 each for a total of \$500 from the NC bases).

A motion to reimburse our Treasurer for the new "Quicken" program for the computer management of Base funds was approved unanimously in the amount of \$34.88. The program

will be installed on Chuck Jensen's computer; but, will travel to the next base treasurer when necessary.

A motion for a donation of \$100.00 was unanimously passed for "seed" money for the next Regional Convention.

A motion to continue our \$50.00 donation (\$250 per year 5 meetings with 6th meeting being the base picnic) to this American Legion Post site for hosting our meetings was unanimously approved. The Legion is having some financial trouble and we will present more information at the next meeting on this issue.

There will be an E-Board meeting later this month to address the pre-meeting meals to continue at Cagney's Restaurant or have some meals at the American Legion.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Base Commander will contact some of our other Bases for possible unsold USSVI Calendars, some base members have requested calendars and we don't have any.

Base is trying to locate Larry Gordon whose last known address was in Dobson, NC.

OLD BUSINESS: Our Base is continuing to find an Assistant Chaplain to help the current Chaplain who, because of health issues, is unable to attend every meeting.

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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 will bequest \$5,000.00 as seed funds to begin this esteemed scholarship fund; but, is up to our base and other NC Subvet Bases to continue it into perpetuity. One half of our bi-monthly 50/50 raffle money will be donated with matching funds by our Base for 2019.

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 boatsailors. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Meeting: Meeting begins at 1300 sharp on 2 March 2019 at the American Legion Post 55, 111 Miller Street, Winston-Salem, NC, 27113. The pre-meeting breakfast get-together is slated to be at Cagney's Kitchen, 2201 Cloverdale Ave, Winston-Salem, NC, 27113 in a reserved section for us at 1130.

March St. Patrick's Day Parade, date to be announced.

Burnsville, NC at the Submarine Memorial at Moonshine Mountain built by TMC(SS) Flowers, 17-18 May 2018.

The Joe Clark Memorial Picnic, annually held at the **Field of Honor** park in Kernersville, NC is tentatively set for June 29th. (Since the meeting, shelter 4 has been reserved for Saturday June 29th).

Memorial day Parade at Thomasville, NC.

Veterans' Day Parade on 11th November 2018 at Asheboro, NC.

Upcoming National Conventions are as follows:

2019 Austin, TX - Aug. 14th to Aug. 20th. (Central Texas and Brazos is hosting).

2020 West Coast (expected to be in AZ or NV)

Southeast Regional Conference April 29^{ht} to May 2nd in Cape Canaveral, Florida; hosted by the Snug Harbor Base.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00

50/50 drawing winner: Charlie Cross. (base's share was \$53).