

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2019.

Submitted by Edward Galaviz. Base Secretary

11:30 Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. 8 sub vets attended

Meeting called to order at 1300 by Base Commander Ray Moore.

Tickets were not available for the 50/50.

INVOCATION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Ray Moore, Base Commander.

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 15 Members in attendance in addition to a new member, Jason Smith

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: for March and April was solemnly rendered by Chaplain Jim Schenk, with Base Commander Ray Moore tolling the bell, and a simultaneously-screened computer slide-show presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

TOLLING THE BELL: As requested by our Base Commander, Ray Moore, this event was for Nat Greene Base members on Eternal Patrol that were missed at the Jan. 5th meeting. A projector presentation was also provided by Treasurer Chuck Jensen and tolling of the bell by Ray Moore for Bill Schneider from Greensboro and John Trubee from Buffalo, NY. A prayer was given by Chaplain Jim Schenk for those on Eternal Patrol.

REPORTS:

Minutes of January 5th, 2019 meeting: 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 was unable to attend due to an unexpected illness.

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 inventory for purchase. One of the many items included base patches. We have two 2019 calendars left. Bill also brings a lending library of books donated by base members.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: Vice Commander Al Zilinski has volunteered to take charge of this program, however, was not present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

According to Base Commander Ray Moore, we made the following payments since our last meeting: \$30 for the Boat Sponsorship Program for the USS NORTH CAROLINA (SSN-777); \$100 for the Sailor of the Year; \$50 to the American Legion Pose 55; \$34.88 to Chuck Jensen for financial software; \$100 seed money to the Snug Harbor Base for the 2019 Regional Conference. This year's donation for membership in the Asheboro Air Museum has been paid by Rick Pettit from available funds.

The e-board met on January 22nd, 2019 and decided we would have a pre-meeting meal at the American Legion Post before the November Meeting and meet at Cagney's for the May and September meetings. This is not set in stone and may change depending on what our membership prefers to do.

NEW BUSINESS:

July meeting: The bi-monthly meeting (our annual family Joe Clark Memorial picnic) will be held in June rather than July as it was felt that many members would not be able to attend due to July 4th family obligations/events. We were fortunate to be able to obtain the date we wanted. The event will be on Saturday June 29th. Reservations have been made for Shelter #4 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm according to Base Secretary Edward Galaviz. We will commence our activities at 11:00am (the meal will start at about 12:00) and adjourn after our meeting and meal. As always, our very good cook, Larry Hauser will be responsible for preparing the main meal. However, this year he will have the assistance of our new member Jason Smith if needed. The meal to consist of ham, beans and potato salad. Members/spouses may bring salads/desserts. As in past years, we will have a memorabilia table for members to bring items for display.

Ray Moore says that he has 2019 stickers for membership cards and can give them to anyone that needs one.

Longevity pins were given to Charlie Cross (25 years) and Bill McCormick (5 years).

September has been designated for Base Officers Elections for a two year term of 2020 and 2021. Ray Moore will not be running for Base Commander and nominations will be open for that position. Edward Galaviz will not be running for Base Secretary so that position will be open. Al Zilinski was not present at this meeting and according to Ray Moore, he may be willing to run for Base Commander which will leave the position for Vice Commander open. Chuck

Jensen will remain as Base Treasurer if no one desires that position. At this point of our meeting, Chaplain Jim Schenk brought to the attention of those present that he would like a Assistant Chaplain to be named to the base. With his medical conditions, he would like someone to attend our bi-monthly meetings in his absence.

The Nat Greene Base's 10th anniversary is August 21st, 2020. Ray Moore suggested that we have a dinner/luncheon at about that time to commemorate the occasion. Ray Moore felt that we should start planning for that event in January 2020 though he will not be the Base Commander commencing in 2020. Chuck Jensen suggested that since Edward Galaviz is a member of the Cardinal Golf and Country Club that we could again meet there as that is where our initial inauguration commenced. Edward Galaviz and Joe Howard Clark were responsible for organizing the initial meeting.

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

As scheduled in the Agenda, Ray Moore was to give a talk "The War of 1812 and the National Anthem". Due to technical problems, his presentation will be given at our next meeting.

Before moving on to the next subject in the agenda, Tom Denegre stood up and said that he had a presentation that would only take only about 7 minutes.

As reported by Tom Denegre: "Cartagena, today is a beautiful city in the country known as Columbia. In the Battle of Cartagena thousands of Englishmen and American colonists attacked this walled port city in 1741. Vice Admiral Vernon Washington led the attack on the Spaniards. A smaller contingent defending Cartagena was led by Admiral Blas de Lezo Y Olavarrieta, who had years before lost his left leg and left eye in battle. In the initial engagement Vernon sent a ship home announcing his accomplishment to his older brother Lawrence. However, the troops were weakened by rain and diseases. When they attacked the San Felipe fort again, they were slaughtered and soon departed in defeat.

Of 8,000 British troops, 2,000 remained. Of 3,600 American colonists, fewer than 2,000 remained. The Spanish had about 4,000 men. Nonetheless, Lawrence Washington went home full of admiration for Vernon and named his estate after him. It later became the home of his brother, George Washington.

Also, thanks to Tom Denegre for bringing the top one foot of a attack periscope to the meeting.

Ray Moore reminded everyone to wear our hats and vests out in public 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. A motion by Tony Williams, was seconded and passed to check into the possibility of obtaining USSVI cards. Chuck Jensen will check into the costs, etc. For the next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next meeting is scheduled on May 3th 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, in a reserved section for us at 1130.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Raleigh, March 16th.

Burnsville Memorial Meeting, May 17th and 18th.

Memorial Day Parade at Thomasville, NC May 27th.

Veterans' Day Parade in Asheboro, NC, November 11th.

Southeast Regional Conference April 29^{ht} to May 2nd, 2019 in Cape Canaveral, Florida; hosted by the Snug Harbor Base.

Nat Greene Base charter anniversary, August 20th. 2020.

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)

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 pm.