

NATHANAEL GREENE Meeting Minutes for 4 May, 2019.

Meeting called to order at 1300 by Base Commander Raymond Moore at the American Legion Post #55.

Invocation: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Please pray for our shipmates and our Base.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by COB Dale Patterson.

Member Introductions: The attendance was 13 members.

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 of the Lost Boats by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

Binnacle List: Prayers were asked for:

Our Storekeeper Bill McCormick who is recovering at home from open heart surgery.

Past Commander Jim Myers who is recovering at home from a heart bypass surgery.

Ed Galaviz who is experiencing debilitating knee problems and missed this meeting.

Our Chief-of-the-Base Dale Patterson who is recovering well from recent knee surgery.

Commander's Corner: Base Commander, Ray Moore asked for prospective comments and/or changes to the 2 March 2019 minutes as posted on our USSVI website and sent out in an email; there were no responses and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Vice Commander's Corner:

Secretary: Ed Galaviz was not present, so Chaplain Schenk and Commander Moore assisted in the compilation of the minutes for this meeting.

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

Storekeeper: Storekeeper Bill McCormick was not present.

COB: Dale Patterson spoke briefly on the status of one of our Base's beneficiaries, Veterans Helping Veterans Heal (VHVH). Tony Williams' father has joined our Base and they become the 1st Father & Son members of Nathanael Greene Base, here in our ninth year since commissioning.

PRESENTATION: The Base enjoyed a slide show presentation by Base Commander Ray Moore and Chuck Jensen, on the computer, about the origins of our National Anthem written by Francis Scott Key. Ray was on the commissioning crew of the Key and told many little known facts about the battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812.

OLD BUSINESS

Base business cards have arrived and some were allotted to the members in attendance.

Longevity pins are scheduled to be in soon for presentation:

5-years: Daniel Newcomer.

15-years: Robert Dabbs, Ricky Donohue, Paul Greene, Ray Hagwood, Ernest Morgan.

20-years: Dick Kanning.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was entered, seconded and passed unanimously to reimburse our Treasurer for the cost and shipping of the business cards, in the amount of \$33.08.

Ray Moore has 2019 stickers for membership cards for members desiring one.

September has been designated for Base Officer Elections consisting of a two-year term, of 2020-2021. The positions of Base Commander and Secretary will be open. In the event that Vice Commander Al Zilinski runs for BC, then the position of Vice Commander will be open. Chuck Jensen has volunteered to remain as Base Treasurer, if no one desires that position. Our Base Chaplain is continuing to find a volunteer Assistant Chaplain to be appointed in order to help the current Chaplain, Jim Schenk who, because of health issues, is unable to attend every meeting.

Our Base's 10th Anniversary is 21 August 2020. Ray Moore suggested that we have a dinner/luncheon at about that time to commemorate the occasion with all former Base Officers in attendance. He feels that we should begin planning for that event no later than January 2020, even though he will not be Base Commander at that time. Chuck Jensen suggested that since Secretary Ed Galaviz is a member of the Carolina Golf and Country Club, where our Base was commissioned, that we have the festivities there once again. Joe Clark and Ed Galaviz were responsible for organizing the initial meeting.

Ray Moore announced that the June 5th vets coffee at Childerss Racing has been changed from a morning coffee to a lunch in remembrance of June 6th 1944, D-Day. Doors open at 11:00 with

lunch being served at 12:00. This will not be a buffet; lunches will be served at the tables. There will be military vehicles on display and many WWII vets present.

The Good of the Order: Quarterly Socials or Dinners/Luncheons, such as the Old North State Base has had success with, are being suggested by some of the membership. This idea would be easy for a small Base, but difficult for a larger Base due to commitments and space that would need to be reserved. Please contact: Ray Moore at(raymondmoore125@yahoo.com) if there is any membership interest.

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. One half of our bi-monthly 50/50 raffle money will be donated with matching funds by our Base for a period of one year.

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: Our next meeting is at the Field of Honor in Kernersville, NC. The “**Joe Clark Memorial Picnic**” will be held on Saturday, 29 June 2019 at our reserved pavilion #4, from 0900-2100. Festivities will commence at 1100 with an abbreviated Base Meeting and then the serving of the meal at 12:00, by Wayne Houser (with assistance by our new member Jason Smith if necessary). The menu is ham, beans, potato salad, with members’ spouses bringing salads, pickles, breads, chips, condiments and desserts as per in the past. Following tradition, we will have a Memorabilia Table set up for members to bring personal submarine related items to display. ALCOHOL is prohibited by park regulations. Directions and mapping is being sent out via email to Base members. For further information, please contact: Ray Moore at(raymondmoore125@yahoo.com).

17 & 19 May 2019 - Burnsville Memorial Meeting and Festivities, sponsored by Asheville Base.

27 May 2019 – Memorial Day Parade at Thomasville, NC.

11 November 2019 – Veterans' Day Parade in Asheboro, NC.

Upcoming National Conventions are as follows:

14 to 20 August 2019 in Austin, TX (Central Texas and Brazos Bases are hosting).

2020 (expected to be in Phoenix, AZ or Orlando, FL)

Benediction: by Chaplain Jim Schenk.

Meeting Adjourned: 14:30

50/50 drawing winner: Richard Gantt \$30 (\$30 going to the base treasury).