

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2020
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 55, WINSTON-SALEM, NC
Submitted by Edward Galaviz
Base Secretary

1100: Breakfast/lunch at Cagney's. 12 members attended.

Prior to our meeting and next to our meeting room at the American Legion Post 55 we found out that a party was celebrating the 90th birthday of a Navy veteran. His name is Fred Dzik. Many of our members went to wish him a very happy birthday which he and his family were very pleased.

Tickets sold for the 50/50

1300: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Al Zilinski.

INVOCATION: By Bill Hinds our Acting Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the Base COB Dale Patterson

INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PRESENT: 20 members in attendance including a new member, Allen Gunsallus.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: For January and February was solemnly rendered by Base Commander Al Zilinski with Vice Commander Frank Gardner tolling the bell and a simultaneous computer slide presentation by Treasurer Chuck Jensen.

Chuck Jensen showed a 21-gun salute and taps video that was also shown at the NC Subvets Pearl Harbor dinner held in Raleigh, NC on December 7, 2019. Chuck provided a computer-slide presentation that listed the 27 past members of the Nat. Greene Base now on eternal patrol. This presentation was followed by a prayer by Bill Hinds for those now on eternal patrol.

REPORTS:

Commander's Corner: Al Zilinski in his opening remarks was to state to those members present that this his first meeting as the Base Commander.

Vice Commander's Corner: Frank Gardner stated that one of his mission's will be to determine how our Base can move forward in picking up more submarine veterans.

Secretary's Report: Edward Galaviz is not required to read the previous meeting's minutes as they are available on both the NC Subvets and Nat Greene Base webpages. Any comments regarding the previous meeting's minutes can be brought up at the current base meeting.

REPORTS (continued):

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jensen reported that we have an ending balance of \$7,528.96 in the base's checking account. Checks not cleared total \$346.50. 2020 Base dues of \$150 have since been deposited. The "Special Funds" total are \$397.33 which are funds earmarked for specific items. Thus, total funds available to date are \$6,665.13.

Chuck also reported that we have dropped 3 members and 2 other members have transferred to another base. The current base membership is now 96.

Storekeeper's Report: Bill McCormick reports that he has 24 Kaps-4-Kids coming in shortly. He has (3) "UNITED STATES SUBMARINES 2020 calendars left. It was recommended that those calendars be given to new members. The Longevity Pin issue was raised, and that Chuck Jensen will provide a list of those needing one to be ordered.

Kaps-4-Kids Report: This Base position has been vacant for quite a while. It was finally good news to hear that our Vice Commander, Frank Gardner has volunteered to be our Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Longevity Pins discussion came up for those to be awarded. Chuck Jensen will provide the list to Bill McCormick to place the order. Frank Gardner volunteered to mailing the pins to members living out of the area.

The Holland Club Rockers to be awarded in 2020. Clarence Allen 65 years, Ron Busila 55 years, Kerry Gentry 60 years, Dallas Jarrell 60 years, Jack Jeffries 55 years, Chuck Jensen, 60 years, Larry Lynch 55 years, Ray Moore 60 years and Carl Walker 75 years.

The Joe Howard Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund. A motion had been in effect since May 2018 to donating the Base's portion of its bi-monthly 50/50 raffle with a 100% match from the Base funds. Since raffle tickets were not available in two of the bi-monthly meetings, the funds donated in 2019 was \$262.00. A motion was passed to round out the donation to \$300.00 in 2020.

A motion was passed to continue sponsoring the USS North Carolina SSN-777 in USSVI's Boat Sponsor Program.

A motion was passed to continue sending \$20.00 a year, as part of the contributions divided by the other North Carolina USVI Bases, to the Asheboro Air Museum as a Patron Member of the museum

NEW BUSINESS:

Sailor of the Year Award. David Campbell, Southeast District One Commander and according to Chuck Jensen will let us know next month what our Base share will be in 2020. The bases share for 2019 was \$100.00

Comments and questions from Base members: Base Commander Al Zilinski asked members present if anyone had any questions or comments to make.

Ray Moore: The submarine USS LING located at the Memorial in New Jersey needs to be moved. A naval museum in Kentucky wants it. Current problems to be resolved are that the berth area has ten feet of water and the LING's draft requires seventeen feet, and a draw bridge needing to be opened that has not been opened in a long time. Information to follow when available.

A veteran has volunteered to pay off the mortgage for Richards Coffee Shop in Mooresville. The remaining amount was just under \$40,000.

Ray made a motion and passed to donate \$200 to the Asheville Base for the Burnsville new banner/maintenance fund.

Ray then asked about the July Base picnic. Discussions followed about the possibility of making the July picnic extended to August 10th Nat Greene Base anniversary meeting.

Bill Hinds: Since Bill had a recent heart attack and he wanted to know how one notifies the Base when one gets ill. To resolve some of these issues Chuck Jensen will send out the webpages' address for USSVI, NC Subvets, and the Nat Greene Base which do provided the information that was discussed. Vice Commander Frank Gardner will now be the contact for the Binnacle List.

Frank Gardner will receive POC distribution information from National and Base. He will then distribute. However, any changes to USSVI Website such as addresses, telephone numbers, etc. to please let Chuck know.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Al Zilinski reminded everyone to wear our hats out in public to spread the word to Submarine Veterans that may become future members. Nat. Greene Base business cards were passed out to members to help with the recruitment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next meeting is scheduled on March 7, 2020 at the American Legion Post 55 in Winston-Salem.

The annual Burnsville WWII Memorial Service at Moonshine Mountain May 15-16, 2020.

Anniversary Meeting on August 2020. Options were discussed; however, Tom Denegre recommended the Bermuda Run Country Club as a good location to accommodate most of the Nat. Greene Base members. A notice will be sent out to members by Chuck Jensen to see what is preferred; a lunch or dinner.

Raffle: 50/50 winner: Chuck Jensen \$45.00.

Closing Prayer: By Bill Hinds

Meeting Ended: 14:30 pm.