

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEEL GREENE BASE ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

DIVE THE BOAT

10:00 am: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Frank Gardner. Frank Gardner's opening statement was to announce that he was the new Base Commander.

INVOCATION: By Bill Hinds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Frank Gardner, Base Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES THAT LOGGED IN: Subvets that logged in were as follows: From our local membership: Frank Gardner, Chuck Jensen, Edward Galaviz, Bill Hinds, Jim Schenk, Kris Bridges, Rick Godbee, Scott Howser, Jim Myers, Ray Moore Bob Hopkins and Rick Woodson. Out of the area: Mike Murphy, St Marys, GA.; Tom Clayton, Eliot, ME; George Shepard, Los Osos, CA; Gerry Schemanski, Novi, MI; Dallas Jarrell, Roanoke, VA; and Bill Lewis, Jupiter, FL.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS: For January and February was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

REPORTS:

Commander's Corner: Base Commander Frank Gardner addressed those present of the resignation of Al Zilinski effective January 3, 2021. That he has assumed the duties of Base Commander following our base constitution and by-laws ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS, Section 4, EXECUTIVE BOARD, Paragraph D: "In the event the Commander's office is vacated, the Vice Commander shall assume the duties of the Commander. Any other vacated office will be filled by appointment by the Executive Board to fill the balance of the term of that office. At the end of the term the appointee is eligible to be elected and to serve his own term in office."

Frank Gardner continued by noting that he will use his efforts to make our Base better and improve on our recruiting efforts, i.e., develop outreach and goals for 2021 designed to attract young men recently out of the Navy. Frank Gardner used the words "new blood."

Secretary Report: Edward Galaviz said that according to the USSVI National Parliamentarian it is not necessary to vote on the minutes if published earlier.

On another subject Edward Galaviz requested that for future Zoom meetings we do them at 1:00 pm rather than 10:00 am. Our meetings have always been at 1:00 pm in Winston-Salem and some of our membership are located in different time zones. 10:00 is considered way too early. Base Commander Frank Gardner agreed and will make this future change.

Treasurers Report: Prior to our Zoom meeting the January 9, 2021 Treasurer Report was emailed to our Base Commander Fred Gardner and Secretary Edward Galaviz. The report was orally presented by Chuck Jensen and after comments and/or questions were made, the report was accepted as presented.

Storekeeper's Report: Bill McCormick was not present.

Kaps for Kids Report: According to Base Commander Frank Gardner, the program is on hold until further notice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Howard Clark Fund: Regarding the Joe Howard Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund. And according to Chuck Jensen a motion had been in effect since May 2019 to donating the Base's portion of its bimonthly 50/50 raffle with 100% match from the Base funds. Since raffle tickets were not available in two of the bi-monthly meeting during 2019, the funds donated in 2019 was \$262.00. A motion was passed to round out the donation to \$300.00 in 2020. A Base check (#1145) was written for \$345.00 as the Base's contribution to this fund. The additional \$45.00 was the donation of the winnings from the 1/11/2020 meeting.

Burnsville: A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 to the Asheville Base for the Burnsville new banner/maintenance fund. Base check (#1144) \$200 has been sent.

USS North Carolina (SSN-777): A motion was passed to continue sponsoring the Boat in USSVI's Boat Sponsor Program. A Base check (#1143 for \$30 was sent). The expense covers 3 copies of the American Submariner magazine per quarter. In order to continue this program, Frank Gardner requested a motion.

NC Air Museum: A motion was passed to continue sending \$20 a year as part of the contributions divided by the other North Carolina USSVI Bases to the NC Air Museum as a Patron Member. No action was taken as there was no request for membership donations from the NC Air Museum in 2020. Also, last Fall we were asked to remove our floats from the Museum as they needed room for a new exhibit. The Torpedo Float is currently in the possession of Jerry Emerson the NC Subvets State Commander. The Submarine Float is currently being housed at Chuck Jensen's lake house.

Longevity Pins: Longevity Pins came up for those awarded. Chuck Jensen will provide the list to Bill McCormick to place the order. Frank Gardner volunteered to mail the pins to members living out of the area. Chuck will again provide a list for the 2021 longevity pins to Bill McCormick and Frank Gardner.

After discussions, Base Commander Frank Gardner said that he will continue working on it once the list is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Howard Clark Memorial: Since it is unknown when Base meetings can resume in 2021, a motion to again donate \$300 to the Joe Howard Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund for 2021. If any additional winning from 50/50 raffles in 2021 become available, this should be added to the Base's 2021 donation. Chuck Jensen then gave those new members an update about the character and contributions made by Howard Clark, a WWII submarine veteran. Upon his passing in 2016, he willed \$5,000 to our North Carolina USSVI Bases. Chuck Jensen said that currently there is a balance of \$9,000 in the fund. Base Commander Frank Gardner then said that we needed a motion. A motion was made by Scott Howser and seconded by Chuck Jensen.

USS North Carolina (SSN-777): A motion is necessary to continue sponsoring USS North Carolina in USSVI's Boat Sponsor Program in 2021. A motion was made by Ray Moore and seconded by Scott Howser.

Holland Club Primary: Base Primary Members eligible for Holland Club this year are: Robbie Robinson, Gerald Schemanski and John Weaver.

Holland Club Secondary: Secondary Member eligible for Holland Club this year is Doc Clayton.

The Holland Club Rockers: The Holland Club Rockers to be awarded in 2021 are: 55 year – Don Barnhardt, Tom Keane and Troy Martel. 60 year – Terry Jones. 70 year – Bob Werner.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jim Schenk Book: Do not forget the book written by Jim Schenk titled "Covert Sailors Submarine Sea Stories."

Submarine Identification: As in previous meetings, Frank Gardner again reiterated that everyone can help with new membership by talking with veterans or by wearing something submarine related such as hats.

Before closing the meeting, Base Commander Frank Gardner wanted to thank everyone for the very good representation who attended the meeting. Notably, he was very encouraged.

Jim Myers also made a statement by saying that 2021 be better year than 2020. He closed by saying "God Bless America."

Next Zoom meeting and according by Base Commander Frank Gardner is scheduled for March 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Closing Benediction by: Bill Hinds.

Meeting ended at 11:00 am.

SURFACE THE BOAT