

# MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE BASE ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, March 6, 2021

## DIVE THE BOAT

13:00: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Frank Gardner. Frank Gardner's opening statement was to welcome those that logged in and he reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

**INVOCATION:** By Bill Hinds. Bill Hinds also updated us on the health of Jim Schenk. Jim's cancer is non-detectable and he doing better.

**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, Bill Hinds, and Scott Howser. Out of the area: George Shepard, Los Osos, CA; and Joe Finotti Bangor, Washington.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS:** For March and April 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.

**Guest Speaker or Submarine Movie Clip:** Base Commander, Frank Gardner showed the intro and submarine development chapters of the documentary *WWII Submarine Warfare*.

## **REPORTS:**

**Commander's Corner:** Base Commander, Frank Gardner discussed three areas of concern for the base:

- 1) Quite a bit of change this year. Frank discussed the resignation or retirement of our Base Commander, Chaplin, Secretary. Frank thanked Edward Galaviz for ten years of dedicated service as commissioning base secretary and thanked Bill Hinds for stepping up to be the Chaplin. Frank also discussed the upcoming base elections and asked each member to consider volunteering to run for base officer position. Service is our tradition and it is important the base have at its core a group of dedicated base officers to keep it running and growing. Chuck Jensen will send out the position descriptions for base officers up for election this year.
- 2) In person base meetings. Frank discussed the recent changes in the North Carolina Governor's executive orders allows 25 persons to meet indoors. This would allow us to meet in person. Although still much risk, vaccinations are mitigating those risks. The Base

Commander thinks our May meeting will still be virtual, we will make a final decision with the Executive Board in the beginning of April. He also stated that we should continue to host Zoom meeting as part of our in-person meetings through the use of a webcam. Frank thought the base Picnic will be possible with little risk and we should plan on this happen at the end of June or beginning of July. Date to be announced.

3) Facebook page for Nat Green Base. Frank is looking to revive this page and Scott Howser has offered to help. A Facebook page or some form of social media is necessary to compete for attention and attract new members.

#### **Vice Commander's Corner:**

Congrats New Holland Club Members:

William J. Robinson

Gerald Schemanski

John D Weaver

Frank Gardner has the certificates and Holland Club Membership packages to mail out this month.

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. Frank Gardner has these rockers and will send out in this month.

Longevity Pins: Frank Gardner has the pins in hand and will mail these out over the month of March and April.

**Secretary Report:** Acting Base Secretary, Frank Gardner said that according to the USSVI National Parliamentarian it is not necessary to vote on the minutes if published earlier.

**Treasurers Report:** Prior to our Zoom meeting the March 6, 2021 Treasurer Report was emailed to our Base Commander and Secretary Frank Gardner. 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 Memorial:** Base membership voted to donate \$300 to the scholarship fund on 1/9/2021. **Action completed: Base Check #1167 for \$300.00 has been sent to USSVI**

**Scholarship Fund.** The base also received a thank you letter on 15 January for the donation from the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation Board of Directors.

**USS North Carolina (SSN-777):** Base membership voted to continue sponsoring USS North Carolina in USSVI's Boat Sponsor Program in 2021. **Action completed: Check #1168 for \$30.00 has been sent to USSVI for the USSVI Boat Sponsorship Program for SSN-777.**

### **New Business**

**Base Chaplin:** On 22 Jan 2021, in accordance with our base by-laws the Nat Greene Base Executive Board approved the appointment of Bill Hinds as our Base Chaplin. Jim Schenk vacated the position for health reasons. Executive board voted 6 yes votes and three executive board members did not reply. This meets the 2/3 majority for approval of the appointment. Bill Hinds thanked the base for the opportunity and stated, "he was humbled by our confidence in him."

**Base Secretary:** Effective 01 Feb 2021, Ed Galaviz resigned his post as Base Secretary. Ed served Nat Greene faithfully for more than ten years. The entire base thanks him for his dedication to each of his shipmates in the base and the USSVI. 10 years is a long period for any position and it is up to all of us, if capable, to volunteer and take on these critical roles. Frank Gardner is currently performing the duties of Base Secretary.

**Moonshine Mountain Memorial Ceremony.** The Annual Burnsville/Moonshine Mountain Memorial Ceremony and Weekend events is currently scheduled for May 14-16. The Registration PDF form is attached in Chuck Jensen's email of 06 Feb 2021. Chuck Jensen stated the ceremony itself is an easy drive from the Triad if decide not to stay at the hotel. Deadline for registration at hotel and banquet is 22 Apr 2021.

**SE Regional Conference.** The USSVI South East Regional Conference scheduled for May 2021 was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns limiting attendance.

**USSVI National Convention.** The 2021 USSVI National Convention is being held at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Fl. From August 30, 2021 to September 4, 2021. Two items we discussed were support of the convention is a Sponsor Contribution from the base (individuals can also contribute) and whether or not we would advertise in the convention magazine. The base did not decide in this meeting to contribute any monies toward the convention and in line with actions will participate in a group advertisement of all North Caroline Bases if that is the decision made.

### **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. Several attendees had stories of fellow Submariners they had met in the last couple of months and hope to get them to a meeting once we can meet again.

Next Zoom meeting and according by Base Commander Frank Gardner is scheduled for May 01,2021 Time: 1300.

Closing Benediction: Bill Hinds

Meeting ended at 1400 followed by a social hour.

**SURFACE THE BOAT**