

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING

September 11, 2021

USSVI Creed: To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds, and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Dive the Boat

13:05: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Frank Gardner. Frank opened with a welcome to everyone who could attend in person and thanked base members for their support. Meeting held outside due to American Legion still being closed.

INVOCATION: By Bill Hinds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Frank Gardner, Base Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: We had 9 attendees including a new member, Dave Lemly.

Tolling of the Boats: For September and October 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.

9/11 Remembrance: Base Commander, Frank Gardner led a remembrance ceremony for 20th anniversary for those killed in the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack and 6700+ service members that died since 2001 fighting the Global War on Terrorism. Bill Hinds our Base Chaplin also led us in prayer and asked we remember the names of shipmates and friends that have passed since the creation of the USSVI. More than 22,000 on Eternal Patrol.

Reports

Commander's Corner - Base Commander, Frank Gardner discussed areas of interest to the base:

1. Base Picnic on 31 July 2021, was very successful. Frank thanked Bill Hinds for bring his friend and singer Willy Wilford for the entertainment. Frank also thanked Larry Hauser for providing a great meal for the base.
2. Frank discussed areas of interest from the District Commanders meeting held on Thursday 9 September.

- 2021 USSVI convention in Orlando was a big success. Over 600 people attended. The USSVI plans to shorten future conventions to 4 days of business. Next convention is 2022 in Buffalo, NY.

- District Commander is planning to campaign for 2024 USSVI convention in North Carolina. Each base needs decide whether they support this effort. In general those at the meeting seemed supportive of the idea. Frank did relay his experience being on planning committee for 2012 convention in Norfolk, VA and that this would require an all hands effort to be successful.

Vice Commander's Corner: Vice Commander - Vacant

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: Treasurer Report was provided 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 had 6 left over 2021 Calendars. Two sold at meeting and 4 remaining given to Kaps for Kids to use the pictures for presentations.

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

Old Business

Helping a good Shipmate. Base members voted to donate \$ 200. Chuck Jensen, Base Treasurer, mailed the check to Caroline Piedmont Base on 10 May 2021.

American Legion Hall. Base members voted to donate \$250 to American Legion Post #55. Our treasurer presented the check to Legion on 8 May 2021.

Annual Base Picnic. Base Picnic was held on Saturday 31 July 2021. The location was Caroline Field of Honor Park Shelter 4. Larry Hauser cooked for us and of course it was delicious. Special thanks to our Base Chaplin for bringing his talented friend Dennis "Willy" Williford and his wife Debbie. They provided great musical accompaniment for our picnic. About 30 attended this year's picnic.

New Business

Base Officer Elections.

In person nominations were held at the meeting.

- **Frank Gardner was nominated and accepted the nomination for Base Commander.**

- **Dave Lemly volunteered and was nominated for Base Secretary**

Our Point of Contact (POC) Chuck Jensen will send out an email asking for nominations for base officers from our members. Frank Gardner reiterated how important finding a Base Treasure is to train with Chuck Jensen. Chuck has been our treasurer for 10+ years. Email nomination will be open through the end of September.

The POC will then send out email ballots in the beginning of October. Email voting will run through October. Our Base Chaplin will collect the email ballots and tally them for us.

In our next regular meeting will hold an in-person vote and add the email vote tally to determine election winners. Members can only vote once either by email or in person on 6 November.

Information on Elected Base Officer positions:

Base Commander

The duties of the Base Commander shall include but not be limited to:

- Act as the chief executive officer of the Base and chairman of the Executive Board.
- Cause to be called all regular and special meetings of the Base.
- Preside over all regular and special meetings of the Base.
- Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Direct and supervise the operation of the Base.
- Be responsible for the promulgation of all pertinent information to the members of the Base.
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Work up, keep current, and pass immediately to his relief a "Turn Over" folder, including all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care.

Base Vice-Commander

The duties of the Base Vice-Commander shall include but not be limited to:

- Assist the Base Commander in the discharge of his duties.
- Assume the duties of the Base Commander in the event of his absence, illness, or call to eternal patrol.
- Act as Chairman of all Committees.
- The official POC (point of contact) for the Base listed on the National Website.
- The Base addressee for National ZAP email notices.
- Member of the Executive Board.

Base Secretary

The duties of the Base Secretary shall include but not be limited to:

- Be the yeoman of the organization.
- Be custodian of all non-financial records and materials, which shall remain Base property.
- Keep permanent records of the proceedings of all Base meetings.
- Serve as official Base correspondent, forwarding to officers such correspondence as may be appropriate to the performance of their duties.
- Member of the Executive Board.

Base Treasurer

The duties of the Base Treasurer shall include but not be limited to:

- Be the financial officer of the Base.
- Be the custodian of all financial records of the Base.
- Receive and be responsible for the collection of all monies due and payable to the Base and National and forwarding the latter to the National Office.
- Have custody of all Base funds and provide for their safekeeping.
- Prepare the yearly Base End-of-Year Report and submit this report to the National Treasurer.
- Perform the duties of the Base Membership Chairman
- Member of the Executive Board.

Annual Base Dues. Our Base Treasurer will begin collecting base dues for 2022.

Jack Jefferies Base Dues. Jack is a life member and was instrumental in recruiting for start-up of the Nat Greene Base. In recognition of Jack contributions to the Base A motion was made and seconded for Jack Jefferies to exempted from Base Dues for life. Members present voted and the motion passed. Our Base Treasure Chuck Jensen will inform him.

Margie (Ma) Bell's passing. On 10 September the USSVI was informed of the passing of Margie Bell the wife of National Junior Vice Commander Steve Bell. A motion was made to send a card and flowers from the base to her funeral. The motion was voted on and passed.

GOOD of the ORDER

Base Commander, Frank Gardner spoke about the USSVI Charitable fund and how many funds go underutilized because we are not aware. His plan is to present information on the 11 charitable funds at the next meeting.

Next Base Meeting - Saturday November 06, 2021 at 1300

Closing Benediction: By Bill hinds

SURFACE THE BOAT