

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING

November 06, 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

13:00: 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 at the American Legion Post 55NC.

INVOCATION: By Bill Hinds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Frank Gardner, Base Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: We had 10 attendees including a new member, Robert Cook.

Tolling of the Boats: For November and December was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner and assisted by Dave Lemly. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

USSVI Charitable Funds presentation: Base Commander, Frank Gardner gave a presentation on all the USSVI charitable funds. A power point presentation was also sent to all members for reference. The main fund discussed was the "Brotherhood Fund", this fund acts as an Emergency Relief fund for USSVI, submarine veterans and active-duty submariners during times of need.

All donations to the USSVI charitable funds have to specify which fund for the donation, otherwise all money goes into the General Fund.

Any questions should be directed to the fund managers as listed in the PowerPoint presentation or on the USSVI charitable fund website. <https://www.ussvcf.org>

Reports

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

1. Plug for base dues, always need the money.
2. Discussed upcoming events Asheboro veterans parade and Pearl Harbor dinner.

Vice Commander's Corner: Rick Woodson – NTR.

Secretary Report: David Lemly – Reported no correspondence and asked all members to identify themselves while the secretary is learning new faces and names.

Treasurers Report: Chuck Jensen – Ending bank balance as of October 26th \$6,666.82. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

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: NTR, on hold until further notice.

Old Business

Frank gave an update that all outstaying action items from the September meeting were completed.

-Jack Jefferies was informed that due to his outstanding support to the base his based dues were exempted.

-A \$100 dollar donation was made in honor of Maggie “Ma” Bell in lieu of flowers.

New Business

Base Officer Elections.

After a vigorous campaign season, all candidates were unanimously elected with 19 votes (email and in-person) each. Congratulations to:

Base Commander – Frank Gardner

Base Vice Commander – Rick Woodson

Base Treasure – Chuck Jensen

Base Secretary – Dave Lemly

Lets' give a shoutout to our shipmates for stepping up for the base. Hip Hip Horray!! Goal is to formally swear the elected officers in during the January 2022 meeting. Back up will be via a Zoom Call.

Annual Base Dues. Chuck reported dues collection is in progress and tracking.

GOOD of the ORDER

Next Base Meeting - Saturday January 08, 2022 at 1330

Upcoming Events:

- Asheboro Veterans parade, 11/11/2021. Staging at 1500 for parade start at 1600.
- Pearl Harbor Dinner, 12/4/2021. Separate email with details sent to all members.

Ray Moore provided an update on a previous base chaplain's recovery from Covid.

Frank Gardner provided an update on the torpedo float used in parades. Due to logistical and transport problems, this will be discussed further at the Pearl Harbor Dinner for disposition.

The group had a discussion on recent recruiting events by members and the successes.

Closing Benediction: By Bill Hinds

SURFACE THE BOAT