

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING

March 05, 2022

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

13:35: Meeting called to order by Base Vice Commander Rick Woodsen. The USSVI creed was read. Meeting held at the American Legion Post 55 in Winston-Salem, NC.

INVOCATION: By Bill Hinds.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Rick Woodsen, Base Vice Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: We had 9 attendees in-person.

Tolling of the Boats: For March and April was solemnly rendered by Rick Woodsen. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force. A moment of silence was held in honor of Ernest Morgan who had departed on Eternal Patrol.

Holland Club Award Presentation. Bob Cook was also inducted into the Holland Club in recognition of being qualified in Submarines for 50 years. Rick Woodson presented Bob with the Holland Club certificate, hat, patch and member challenge coin. Congratulations Bob and welcome to the base. Other primary base members Guy Bringley and Greg Hice were also inducted into the Holland Club, their presentations will occur at other locations. Secondary Base member Dave Creekmore was also inducted into the Holland Club.

Officer Reports

Commander's Corner – NTR. Frank was on travel for work.

Vice Commander's Corner: Rick Woodson – NTR

Secretary Report: David Lemly – Reported the January 2022 meeting minutes had been approved and posted on the NC Subvets website.

Treasurers Report: Chuck Jensen – Ending bank balance as of February 24th \$7,407.51, funds available \$7,298.93. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42. Chuck also reported that there are 87 base members. Overall the base received \$1,335.00 dollars from dues payments, this remains the base's main source of income.

Storekeeper's Report: Position vacant.

Caps for Kids Report: NTR, on hold until further notice. Researching current requirements for restarting the program.

Old Business

2022 Dues Collection: Dues collection for the 2022 year has been completed. Base membership now stands at 87 members of which 21 are secondary members. 5 primary base members elected to not renew their base or national USSVI membership and 2 secondary base members also did not renew membership at the Nat Greene base.

Base Annual Picnic: Shelter #7 has been reserved for Saturday July 9th at the Triad County Park. The shelter is directly behind the Carolina Field of Honor and within easy walking distance. Like last year the base will cater the food. The agenda for the picnic will be covered at the May meeting.

NC Subvets 2022 Dues: A check for \$65 was sent the Old North State Base for the base's dues payment.

New Business

Holland Club Challenge Coins: The base received a letter from Bud Atkins (National Holland Club Chairman) requesting that all Holland Club members send a \$1 donation to continue to fund the Challenge coins. These coins are not part of USSVI's budget for the Holland Club Awards Program. Motion was made by Chuck Jensen and seconded by Dave Lemly that the base make this donation for the Holland Club members. Motion was approved. Check #1201 was sent, action complete.

Base Storekeeper Position: The base needs a volunteer to become the Base Storekeeper as Bill McCormick is no longer able to fill the position. An inventory of merchandise and the lending library has been completed. John Ellenwood expressed an interest in the position in 3-4 months based on his current commitments. Position to remain vacant for now.

Base Webmaster: When the new USSVI database/website is rolled out the base will lose their current web-page. Base is seeking a volunteer for this position or to maintain a Facebook page for the base.

Base Public Relations Officer: The base is looking for a volunteer to become the Base Public Relations Officer, looking to have this position also be responsible for maintaining the base Facebook page.

Used Book and VHS Tape Sale: Bill McCormick has also donated his collection of Submarine related books and VHS tapes. Items are on sale and all proceeds will be donated to the Joe Clark scholarship fund that is managed by USSVI Charitable Funds.

Upcoming Events: The base received an email from Glen Donahue about a Fish Fry to benefit the Triad Honor Flight. The event is scheduled on March 12th from 1100 to 1300 at the Oakridge Fire Department.

Rick Woodsen gave a presentation on a program that teaches fly-fishing to veterans to help with PTSD recovery and general recovery from being a submariner.

American Legion donation: Chuck Jensen made a motion and Rick Woodson seconded it to make a \$50 to the American Legion for the use of the Legion Hall for base meetings. Motion was approved. Check #1200 was issued. Action complete.

GOOD of the ORDER

Chuck Jensen started a presentation on the history of Attack submarines he has made. This covered the history up to the Permit Class SSN. The remainder of the SSN classes will be covered at a future meeting. Thanks Chuck.

John Ellinwood volunteered to make a copy of a poster that shows all the submarines by class and name. He is also willing to get the poster laminated for a reasonable price. Contact John if interested.

50/50 raffle conducted. Richard Gantt won.

Next Base Meeting - Saturday May 07, 2022 at 1330.

Closing Benediction: By Bill Hinds

15:21 Meeting concluded.

SURFACE THE BOAT