

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING

May 7, 2022 Base Meeting Agenda

Face to Face Meeting at the American Legion Hall

111 Miller St. Winston Salem, NC 27103

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 Commander Frank Gardner. The USSVI creed was read.

Invocation: Bill Hinds

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Base Commander Frank Gardner

Introductions of Attendees We had 7 attendees in-person

Tolling of the Boats: For May and June was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner and Rick Woodsen. 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: Chuck Jensen our treasurer shared the video of the 2016 Moonshine Mountain SUBVETs Ceremony

Reports:

Commander's Corner - Frank Gardner shared recent news from around the submarine force including details of the most recent ICEX in 2022. Some interested in history of ice operations. Frank agreed to share a presentation on the USS Queenfish that the 2022 ICEX base camp was named for.

Vice Commander - Rick Woodson NTR

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly (Dave on travel) Frank Gardner our Base Commander reported the March 2022 meeting minutes had been approved and posted on the NC Subvets website.

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen delivered the treasurer's report. Available funds 7,213.93. Report is available on the NC Subvets website.

Store Keeper Report - Position is Vacant

Caps for Kids Report - Frank Gardner NTR

Old 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 J and seconded by Dave L that the base make this donation for the Holland Club members. **Motion was approved. Check #1201 was sent, action complete. Base Commander shared the thank you letter from USSVI National Commander and Holland Club Chairman.**

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 Ellenridge 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. Scott Howser has volunteered to upgrade and maintain our Facebook page.

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. Scott Howser has volunteered to upgrade and maintain our 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.

American Legion donation: Chuck J made a motion and Rick W 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.

New Business

Base 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.

Food. The Base Commander's son-in-law Matt Pleasants, a professionally trained chef has agreed to cook for us. The plan is a Carolina BBQ menu. Once invite goes out Frank Gardner asked that RSVPs be made so we have a good head count for the food.

Agenda. The group decided to conduct a memorial service for Nat Greene base members on eternal patrol at the Carolina Field of Honor. Bill Hinds has arranged for his friend Willy to sign the national anthem for the ceremony and a retired military pastor to lead in prayer.

Activities. Bill's friend Willy will sign for us again. Picnic details and Plan of the Day will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Events. The Base Commander Frank Gardner shared the details of a few events in May.

Moonshine Mountain Memorial Weekend. MAY 20 - 22. (Registration form on NCSUBVETS.ORG)

Coastal Carolina Base Picnic and Annual S-28 Memorial. The Coastal Carolina Base is holding their picnic, annual S-28 Memorial, and a tour of the battleship North Carolina on Memorial Day Monday May 30th. The tour is 0900 followed by the picnic at 1200. If interested contact Tom McFadden (tom@perfect-promos.com).

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade. Monday May 30th. We will not participate this year.

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GOOD of the ORDER

Next Base Meeting – Annual Base Picnic Saturday July 09, 2022

Closing Benediction by Bill Hinds

1515 - SURFACE THE BOAT