

MINUTES OF USSVI NATHANAEL GREENE ANNUAL PICNIC

July 09, 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

11:00: Meeting called to order by Base Commander Frank Gardner. The picnic was held at the Carolina Field of Honor.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Performed by Dennis “Willy” Williford USAF, ret.

A ceremony was conducted at the Navy memorial at the Field of Honor to recognize Nathanael Green Base members on Eternal Patrol. Members then transited back to the picnic shelter.

Diving alarm was sounded to officially start the meeting.

INVOCATION: By Deacon Ray Floyd.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Frank Gardner, Base Commander

INTRODUCTIONS OF ATTENDEES: We had 11 attendees and several family members. All guests and the chef were introduced. It should be noted that all members recognized and introduced their better halves.

LUNCH, followed by a medley of patriotic music by Willy Williford to help aid digestion.

1315: Meeting continued. Jim Wilson gave a submarine postage stamp picture to the base to be given to a deserving member.

AWARDS CEREMONY: The following awards were presented:

Tom Denegre – 5-year membership award

Bill McCormick – 60 years qualified

Jim Meyers III – 60 years qualified

Congratulations to all these deserving individuals.

Tolling of the Boats: For July and August 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.

GOOD of the ORDER

Next Base Meeting - Saturday September 03, 2022 at 1330

Frank Gardner provided an update on the torpedo float used in parades. The Albemarle base will use the float in an upcoming parade, after that it will be stored at Frank Gardner's house.

CLOSING BENEDICTION: By Deacon Floyd

SURFACE THE BOAT