

MINUTES OF NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MEETING

January 7, 2023

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.

1300 Dive the Boat

Invocation Prayer by Richard Gantt

Pledge of Allegiance by Frank Gardner

Introductions of Attendees, 10 members, 3 new members, and 2 guests in attendance.

Tolling of the Boats: For January and February was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner and Dan Newcomer. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

Awards: Frank Gardner presented the following awards to present members:

Tom Denegre and **Richard Gantt** received their 55 year Holland Club Rockers for being qualified Submarines for 55 years.

Larry Hauser received his 60 year Holland Club Rocker for being qualified Submarines for 60 years.

Chuck Jensen presented **Frank Gardner** with his 5 year longevity pin.

Reports

Commander's Corner - Frank Gardner.

Frank remarked on the number of new faces in the room. He is excited for the base in 2023. The number of new members reflect well on the base and the efforts of our members.

USS Gudgeon (SS-211). Frank reminded us of the importance of January to WW2 submarine history. On Jan 27, 1942 USS Gudgeon sunk the IJN submarine I-73 in the home waters of Japan. The US Submarine Force had to carry the war to Japan in the initial days of the war after Pearl Harbor.

Frank also read a letter from USSVI Charitable Fund thanking the base for our 1000 dollar donation to the Joe Clark Scholarship Fund. Chuck and others shared stories about Joe Clark and his many contributions to the USSVI and North Carolina SUBVETS Bases.

Vice Commander - Rick Woodson. NTR

Secretary Report - Frank Gardner for Dave Lemly. November meeting minutes approved and posted on website.

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen. Ending bank balance as of December 23rd - \$5894.11. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

Chuck also summarized our membership changes in 2022:

Lost 4 Life Members on Eternal Patrol:

Ernest Morgan - 2/25/2022

Jack Jeffries - 6/22/2022

Charlie Cross - 7/21/2022

Ed Galaviz - 12/7/2022

New members who joined the base:

Robert Cook - 1/8/2022

Pete Finne - 10/4/2022

Mike Daly - 10/13/2022

Donnie Hall - 11/19/2022

Storekeeper Report - Tom Denegre. 2023 submarine calendars are available and announced we revived the Nat Greene Lending Library. Contact Tom if you would like borrow a Submarine related book.

Caps for Kids Report - Frank Gardner. NTR

Old Business

2023 – 24 Submarine Veterans Scholarship. - The United States Submarine Veterans Inc. and the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation have sponsored educational scholarships for nearly 4 decades. These scholarships, given to submarine veterans and their families, have had a huge impact on their continuing education. The program has expanded eligibility this year. This expansion includes vocational training, trade schools, and apprenticeships for submarine veterans, their children, and grandchildren. The application period for the next academic year is open now.

2023 USSVI and Base Dues. – As of Oct 29th, dues collection has been going very well. To date, there are only 16 Annual Primary Base Members that I have not yet received their 2023 dues payment. **Dues collection Complete**

Joe Clark Scholarship Fund. – Motion was made to transfer \$1000 from the base to the fund. Motion passed. Action complete.

USSVI Charitable Foundation Hurricane Fund. – USSVI CF has established a Hurricane Fund to aid those US Submarine Veterans who were caught in the path of Hurricane Ian. To date \$35,000 dollars has been collected. A motion was made for the base to contribute \$300 to fund. Motion passed and Action Complete.

Standing Donation to Legion Post 55. Motion was made to authorize this as an automatic payment from base. Motion passed and Action Complete.

Amending Our Base Constitution and By-Laws (C&B). – Base Commander to provide proposed changes for review prior to a future meeting. Some of the proposed changes include:

Add Base Librarian to Base Storekeeper's duties

Add Base Historian to Base Secretaries duties

Change the title of Base Webmaster to Base Social Media Coordinator

Open Base Officer Positions. – We have the following open base officer positions. These are appointed positions.

Base Holland Club Coordinator

Base Public Relations/Social Media Officer

Base Eagle Scout Award Coordinator

Base COB

These positions will be evaluated as part of a future change to the Base Constitution and By-Laws.

New Business

Boat Sponsorship Program. Nat Greene Base sponsors the USS North Carolina. It is time for us to renew that sponsorship. Chuck Jensen shared the history and cost of the sponsorship which is 30 dollars a year. Motion passed. Action complete.

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Next Base Meeting – March 4th 2023 @1300

50/50 raffle was conducted, Dan Newcomer was the big winner.

Closing Benediction by Richard Gantt.

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