

# MINUTES OF NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

March 4, 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.

## **Dive the Boat**

1 – 1:00pm meeting begins.

2 - Invocation Prayer by Bill Hinds

3 - Pledge of Allegiance by Base Commander.

4 - Introductions of Attendees. 15 members, 1 potential member and 2 guests. Also since the first of the year 6 new members have joined the base.

**Tolling of the Boats.** For March and April was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner and Bill Stirewalt. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

## **Awards**

Larry Gordon (also awarded 10 year longevity pin) and Donnie Hall were awarded their Holland Club membership.

Robert Cook was awarded a Holland Club 5-year rocker for 55 years qualified.

Bob Hopkins was awarded a 20-year longevity pin.

David Lemly was awarded a 10-year longevity pin.

**Guest Speaker or Submarine Movie Clip.** Chuck Jensen gave a history lesson of the Moonshine Mountain Event scheduled for 19-21 May 2023.

## **Reports**

Commander's Corner - Frank Gardner. Still working on revised base constitution and bylaws. ETA – soon.

Vice Commander - Rick Woodson. NTR

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly. NTR

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen. Ending balance as of February 24, 2023 - \$5,654.61. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre. 2 calendars left and base library is available.

Caps for Kids Report - Frank Gardner. NTR

50/50 drawing held. HP Henry won the pot.

## **Old 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.

**Amending Our Base Constitution and By-Laws (C&B).** Frank Gardner led the review of the proposed changes and made some edits to respond to comments and questions from members that were present. The next step is a base wide vote to approve the changes. Vote will be done via email in April 2023.

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

- **Base Holland Club Coordinator.** Filled by Chuck Jensen.
- **Base Public Relations/Social Media Officer.** Filled by Scott Howser
- **Base Eagle Scout Award Coordinator.** Vacant
- **Base COB.** Vacant

### **New Business**

**Annual Base Picnic.** Nathanael Greene's annual Base Picnic will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 at Triad Park Shelter #7. Shelter #7 is located next to the Carolina Field of Honor.

Items discussed:

- Entertainment. Researching a possible blue grass band.
- Menu. Frank to research using same catering company as last year.
- Remembrance Ceremony. Discussion held about ceremony, the base has decided to do full list of members on eternal patrol. The same as last year.

**Carolina Field of Honor Paver.** At the January Base Meeting, our Vice Commander proposed the Base cover or at least provide in part for the cost of a paver for members. Ricky did some research and we will discuss the details of his recommendations. The cost of a paver is \$250. Frank made a motion that base support the cost of the pavers, Chuck J seconded. Motion carried. Guidelines will be provided at the May meeting.

Synopsis: This program would only be from this date forward. The base would work with the family to see if they are interested in having a paver with the members name on it. This would only be done for members in North Carolina area (case by case locations would be determined for people living near state line). Not applicable to members already having pavers or if the family is doing it.

**USSVI website update.** Update is on hold, old website is still available.

### **GOOD of the ORDER**

#### **MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN 2023 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

Annual Moonshine Mountain Memorial in Burnsville, NC and weekend at Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC. FRI 19TH - SAT 20th - SUN 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 DINNER SAT MAY 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Thomasville Memorial Day Parade.** May 29. We have the Torpedo Float reserved. Details on the parade will come out soon.

There will be a memorial service celebrating the end of the Vietnam war on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Carolina Field of Honor.

**123rd Charleston Submarine Birthday Ball.** The Naval Nuclear Power Training Command Heritage Committee invites you to "Remember the Thresher" at this year's Submarine Birthday Ball! Guest speaker: Admiral James Caldwell, Director of Naval Reactors. Saturday - April 8, 2023 - 1730 Social Hour - 1830 Ceremony Begins. Location: North Charleston Marriott: 4770 Goer Dr, North Charleston, SC 29406.

**Next Base Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup> 1300**

Closing Benediction (Bill Hinds)

**1440 SURFACE THE BOAT**