

MINUTES OF NATHANAEL GREENE BASE PICNIC

July 08, 2023, Carolina Field of Honor

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 – 11:00 ceremony begins. Members and guest made their way to the Navy Memorial. The national anthem was sung acapella by base members and guests. Numerous birds were seen flying away from the area.

2 – Ceremony was held to honor the three base members who are now on eternal patrol since the last picnic. They will be missed and are thanked for their service to our country and others. After the ceremony members and guest transited back to the picnic shelter. A group picture of base members was taken. 15 Base members and numerous guests were present.



3 – 1130 Lunch was served and it was deemed excellent by all present. Many thanks to Matt Pleasants for the meal.

4 - 1230 meeting begins. Frank Gardner led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Bill Hinds (Base Chaplain) provided an invocation.

Awards Ceremony

Bill Hinds is celebrating his 80th birthday. The base and guest sang a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday in his honor.

Matt Pleasants (the Chef) was recognized by the group.

Paul Green was awarded his 70th year rocker for the Holland Club.

Jim Schenk was awarded his 55th year rocker for the Holland Club.

Tolling of the Boats For July and August was solemnly rendered by the Base Commander and a volunteer from the audience. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

Several members told sea stories to the group. All were entertaining and only slightly classified. Thanks to everyone for sharing a little bit of their history.

Closing Benediction (Bill Hinds)

50/50 raffle was held, Bill Hinds was the big winner. A birthday present from Karma. Chuck Jensen explained to the group what happens with the 50% that goes to the base. This money is used to fund the Joe Clark scholarship fund.

1300 SURFACE THE BOAT

OFFLINE ITEMS:

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen. Ending balance as of June 26, 2023 - \$5,604.65.
Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42. 6 new members have joined the base in 2023!!

Next Base Meeting – September 2nd – Winston Salem American Legion
9th