

# **MINUTES OF NATHANAEL GREENE BASE**

Sept 09, 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 – 13:11 meeting begins.
- 2 - Pledge of Allegiance Frank Gardner
- 3 - Introductions of Attendees. 11 members and 2 guests.
- 4 - Invocation Prayer Bill Hinds

## **Tolling of the Boats**

For September and October was solemnly rendered by Frank Gardner and Joe Peek. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force. An additional tolling was conducted in memory of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to honor those heroes and their sacrifices. Several members told 9/11 stories about their experiences on that fateful day.

## **Awards**

USSVI Longevity Pins/Holland Club Awards – Jim Wilson was awarded his 65 year rocker for the Holland club. Bravo Zulu Jim!!!

## **Guest Speaker**

Dave Lemly presented two vides showcasing the US Navy's submarine rescue systems and performance during international rescue exercises.

## **Reports**

Commander's Corner - Frank Gardner. Reported that SSN 805 will be named the USS Tang, since almost all states now have a SSN/SSGN named after them.

Vice Commander - Joe Peek. Working on the base facebook page and investigating a facebook group for the base for information exchange.

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly. July minutes approved and posted. All members agreed that the minutes had an excellent picture of a group of very handsome, virile men.

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen. Ending balance as of August 23, 2023 - \$5,788.65. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre. NTR

Caps for Kids Report - Frank Gardner. NTR

### **Old Business**

**USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN-795).** The base received a letter from the Rickover Commissioning Committee asking for us donate to their organization to support commissioning activities they are planning for the crew and guests. Commissioning is scheduled for sometime in May 2023. The base discussed and decided not to send a donation.

**Annual Base Picnic.** Our annual base picnic was held on July 08, 2023 at Triad park shelter #7. The Base held a ceremony 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. 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.

### **New Business**

#### **Base Officer Elections.**

Nominations were opened for Elected Base Officer Positions of Base Commander, Base Vice-Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. The following base personnel were nominated:

Base Commander – Joey Hunley

Base Vice-Commander – Joe Peek

Secretary – Dave Lemly

Treasurer – Frank Gardner.

Members can nominate other base members for these positions. They must be in good standing (i.e. they have paid their dues and are willing to serve in the position) via email to Frank Gardner or Joe Peek. Please, check with the person before nominating them. Nominations will close on September 30<sup>th</sup>. In October an email will be sent out with voting instructions and the election point of contact. Members can vote in-person during the November meeting (only one vote please, no ballot stuffing). The votes will be tabulated and approved during the November meeting.

**Annual Base Dues.** The Base Treasure will begin collecting base dues for 2022. As a reminder dues are \$30 for National USSVI and \$15 for base dues. Total \$45. Probably one of the last bargains in existence.

**Base Workday.** Our Parade trailer is in need of attention. The goal is to refinish the woodwork and make any other repairs necessary. Volunteers will muster at The Base Commander's residence at 0900 on 3 Oct and a possible second day on 4 Oct if needed. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Directions and more information to be provided SEPCOR.

### **GOOD of the ORDER**

**SE1 District Commander.** Effective August 10 Micheal Sears assumed the duties as District Commander SE1 from Vince Sievert. Contact information below:

**Mike Sears**

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**October 14, 2023 Navy Football Visits Charlotte.** Tailgate will be hosted by USNA AA Charlotte. Stadium seating will be hosted by the North Carolina Submarine Museum Foundation. In support of this inaugural contest, UNCC will broadcast during the game a Greeting from the Commanding Officer of the USS Charlotte SSN-766 and our NC Submarine Museum will present ensigns flown over the USS Charlotte to representatives of UNCC, the City of Charlotte, and the Charlotte Fire Department which has long supported the 766. Time TBD.

Base Member Ron Hall is in Florida assisting in hurricane relief efforts as part of the North Carolina base organization – Samaritan Purse. BZ Ron.

**Next Base Meeting – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Closing Benediction Bill Hinds

Bill Stirewalt was the big winner for the 50/50 drawing.

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