MINUTES OF NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

Nov. 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 13:00 meeting begins.
- 2 Invocation Prayer (Bill HInds)
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance (Joe Peek)
- 4 Introductions of Attendees. 12 members in attendance.

<u>Tolling of the Boats</u>. For November and December was solemnly rendered by Joe Peek and Dave Lemly. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

Awards. NTR

Guest Speakers:

Chuck Jensen – Interesting Facts about the USS Gunnel (SS-253)

Joe Peek – Biography of a WW II NC vet.

Reports

Vice Commander - Joe Peek. Nat Greene Base to participate in Asheboro Veterans Day parade on November 11th. Details to follow SEPCOR

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly. September minutes approved and posted on website.

Treasurer's Report - Chuck Jensen. Ending balance as of October 25th, 2023 - \$6952.58. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre. 2024 Submarine calendars are on order. The base will have 2 extra for those last minute present ideas.

Caps for Kids Report - NTR

Old Business

Base Officer Elections - Bill Hinds was the designated election master for the 2024 Base Officers Election. 20 votes were received and the results are:

Base Commander - Joey Hundley

Base Vice-Commander – Joe Peek

Base Secretary - Dave Lemly

Base Treasurer - Frank Gardner

The newly elected base officers will be sworn in at the January 6, 2024 Base meeting.

New Business

Annual Base Dues. Our Base Treasure began the 2024 Dues collection process on September 11th. Now in progress. Chuck to send out a reminder email.

Base Workday. Three base members assisted Frank G in an SRA of the base float on October 4th. Certification has been maintained. Bravo Zulu to all.

There was a motion to buy a new video projector due to the old one breaking. Motion passed. Chuck J to research cost.

Don Hall gave an update on his recent work with Samaritans Purse in the Lahaina, Maui recovery efforts.

Next Base Meeting – Jan 6, 2024. New base officers will be sworn in.

Closing Benediction (Bill Hinds). Bill Hinds announced that his retiring as Base Chaplain effective immediately. Don Hall has agreed to take over this position. Don can be contacted at: donniehall3@gmail.com or phone 336-681-5152. BZ to Bill for all his hard work and support. Welcome to Don.

1400 SURFACE THE BOAT