

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE

March 02, 2024 Base Meeting Minutes

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 (Don Hall)
- 3 - Pledge of Allegiance (Joey Hundley)
- 4 - Introductions of Attendees, 18 members and 2 guests.

Tolling of the Boats

For March and April was solemnly rendered by Joey Hundley and Dave Lemly. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

Awards

The following awards were presented. Awards for members not present will be mailed to them:

USSVI Longevity Pins

5 Year: Matt Dewalt and Rick Woodson

10 Year: Ellinwood, Ray Hagwood, Tom Manfredi (GA) and Dan Newcomer (Present)

15 Year: Jim Harris (SC) and George Shepard (CA)

20 Year: Dave Creekmore (OH), Robert Daabs, Ricky Donohue, Paul Greene and Ken Lamine (VA)

Holland Club Awards

60 Years: Mike Adams (GA), Paul Crossland and Bill Hinds

65 Years: Jim Harris (SC), Tom Richey (Present)

75 Years: Dale Patterson (Present) and Billie Stirewalt (Present)

Reports

Commander's Corner – Joey Hundley.

- Gave an update on dates/location for USSVI National Convention.
- Reported that the North Carolina State Commander was stepping down and looking for a replacement.
- Reminded everyone that registration for the Moonshine Mountain Submarine ceremony is due by April 22nd.

Vice Commander - Joe Peek. NTR

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly. NTR

Treasurer's Report - Frank Gardner.

- Ending balance as of February 26th, 2024 - \$7,190.88. Special Funds – Kaps 4 Kids \$35.42.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre.

- Reported that some items had been given for donation for sale to the base. Two 33 1/3 rpm vinyl records for you coinsures and a jacket.
- Also USSVI Groton Base is putting out a 60th Anniversary patch and coin for sale. If interested contact Tom for ordering.

Chaplain's Report – Don Hall

- Gave a brief bio and how he became the Base Chaplain.
- Talked about providing contact information to next of kin so they can contact USSVI for assistance with going on Eternal Patrol.
- Gave an update on Bill Hinds (currently in a rehab center recovering from Pneumonia. In good spirits and fighting) and Bill McCormick's memorial service.

Caps for Kids Report - Joey Hundley.

- Working on establishing program after Covid shutdown.

Old Business

Boat Sponsorship Program. Nat Greene Base sponsors the USS North Carolina. It is time for us to renew that sponsorship. Motion approved.

Projector. Decision to purchase. Recommend approving up to \$200 to purchase. Motion approved.

Open Base Officer Positions. – We have the following open base officer positions. These are appointed positions. If interested, contact Joey Hundley.

- **Base Holland Club Coordinator** Chuck Jensen volunteered.
- **Base Public Relations/Social Media Officer** Joe Peck volunteered.
- **Base Eagle Scout Award Coordinator** Open.
- **Base COB** Open.

New Business

USSVI (Groton Base) 60th Anniversary. Golf Sponsorship of a pin or hole. The base approved sponsoring a hole for \$100.

Saturday Morning Breakfast. Joe Peek proposed that the base have an informal gathering for Brunch before meetings to increase comradery. This would occur at a local restaurant (Cagney's) at 1100. The first brunch will be May 4th, Dan Newcomer to make reservation.

Annual Base Picnic. Nathanael Greene's annual Base Picnic will be held on June 29th, 2024 at Triad Park tentatively. Will try to get same location as last year (Shelter #7 located next to the Carolina Field of Honor)

Items to discuss:

- Entertainment- TBD
- Menu – Frank Gardner volunteered his Son In Law to provide the meal. Excellent food and excellent choice.
- Remembrance Ceremony to be lead by Joey Hundley.

GOOD of the ORDER

MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN 2024 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE. Annual Moonshine Mountain Memorial in Burnsville, NC and weekend at Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC. FRI 17th - SAT 18th - SUN 19th May 2024 DINNER SAT MAY 18th.

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade. May 27th. We have the Torpedo Float reserved. Details on the parade will come out soon. This is reported to be a large parade and event, attendance is encouraged.

Veteran events at Richard Childress Racing (425 Industrial Dr, Welcome, NC 27374):

- March 13, Special presentation by Air Force Veteran Alia Schenck. Other program details to come.
- April 10, Recognizing all Vietnam “in country” and era Veterans. This will be a unique morning of food, information and comradery.
- May 8, Master Chief James Parlier will be discussing his firsthand experiences and history on the USS Cole. The attack occurred on October 12, 2000.

Veterans Bridge Home coffee events – Don Timmons email sent Sepcor.

National Convention in Cleveland, scheduled for August 19-24th.

NC State Fair Military appreciation day, October 23rd in Raleigh NC.

Pearl Harbor Dinner Scheduled for December 7th (Tarheel Base)

Next Base Meeting – May 4th 1300, Brunch at 1100.

Closing Benediction (Don Hall)

1402 SURFACE THE BOAT

Rober Hopkins won the 50/50 drawing.