

## **NATHANAEL GREENE BASE Minutes**

Sept 07, 2024

**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.

### **Lunch Before the Meeting 5 members attended**

1100-1230 hours - Golden Corral

### **Dive the Boat**

- 1 – 13:03 meeting begins.
- 2 - Invocation Prayer (Vice-Commander)
- 3 - Pledge of Allegiance (Vice-Commander)
- 4 - Introductions of Attendees - 2 New Members

### **Tolling of the Boats**

For September and October. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force.

### **Guest Speaker or Submarine Movie Clip**

photos of Submarine Float and Jim Myers

### **Reports**

Commander's Corner – Joey Hundley – Nothing to report

Vice Commander - Joe Peek – Nothing to report

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly – Absent

Treasurer's Report - Frank Gardner - Now collecting annual dues.

Chaplain Report – Joe Peek - Donnie had concerns about Dale Patterson who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in his kidneys and lungs.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre - Tom is taking orders for USSVI Calendars

Caps for Kids Report - Joey Hundley – Updated contact info with John Riley. Nothing further at this time.

### **Eternal Patrol Report**

-Tudor Davis. Past National Commander WWII veteran, Qualified 1943, Bremerton base

-Mike Adams. MMCS (SS). Secondary member of Nat Greene Base Member since 2011 and served onboard USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636). Primary Base was the Denizens of the Deep in Aiken, South Carolina. Qualified 1964

### **Old Business**

**Projector.** \$250 was approved in March to spend on a new projector. Joey has spoken with American Legion Post Commander, and they are good with us mounting a smart TV on the wall to the right of the flag. This serves as notice that we will NOT purchase the projector that was approved in March. Joey recommends the money be spent to reimburse the cost of purchasing a TV mount.

Notes: We gave Tom Denegre's 40+ inch TV a try and while everyone could see, the guys in the back said it could be larger. Tom has also provided a quality wall mount.

**Annual Base Picnic.** Our annual base picnic was held on June 29, 2024 at Triad Park shelter #7. Ten Base members and numerous guests were present. Several members told sea stories to the group and brought memorabilia. All were entertaining and only slightly classified. Thanks to everyone for sharing a little bit of their history.

The Base held a ceremony to honor the six 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 where a group picture of base members was taken.

**Torpedo Plaque.** Chuck has the Jim Myers plaque to install on the torpedo float.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual Base Dues.**

-Our Base Treasure will begin collecting base dues for 2025.

-Vote on exempting Mike Adams 2024 Base dues since he was in a care facility after having a serious stroke according to his wife. On eternal patrol August 12th, but this

action needs to be done to closeout 2024 base dues payments. **Voted on and approved**

-Vote to formalize Greg Hand not paying base dues in the future as he was voted to be exempt for the 2022 & 2023 base dues. He had a serious stroke that has caused him to have a financial problem. His primary base has been paying his USSVI dues since 2022. **Voted on and approved**

**NC SUBVETS.** Vote to disband the NC Subvets as requested by the current NC Commander Jerry Emerson. To date, the Old North State & Tarheel bases voted to do this. Jerry has been unable to find someone to replace him. The funds in the NC Subvets Treasury have been sent to Frank to be used for the Mk-14 Torpedo Float maintenance. **Question on what happens to NCSubVets.org website.**

### **GOOD of the ORDER**

**National USSVI Elections.** New elections were held for national offices. Results are as follows: National Commander- Jon Jaques; Senior Vice Commander- Tim Carlisle; Junior Vice Commander- Tom Williams; Secretary- David Farrugia; Treasurer- John Sidlovsky; Southeast Regional Director- Ken Nichols.

**Calendar Orders.** If you want a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USSVI calendar, you need to reach out to Tom Denegre by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events.**

- **NC State Fair** Military appreciation October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **WWII Memorial Week** – Information has been sent out via email. Contact Chuck Jensen if you are interested in attending but have not received the email with directions to attend and access the base. Actual ceremony is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- **Pearl Harbor Dinner** December 7<sup>th</sup> (Tarheel Base)

### **Next Base Meeting – Nov 2, 2024**

Closing Benediction (Joe Peek)

**SURFACE THE BOAT** - Klaxon battery needs charge or be replaced.