

NATHANAEL GREENE BASE MINUTES

January 04, 2025

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.

BREAKFAST BEFORE THE MEETING @First Watch. 10 members attended.

Dive the Boat

- 1 – 13:00 meeting begins. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 - Invocation Prayer (Base Chaplin)
- 3 - Pledge of Allegiance (Base Commander)
- 4 - Introductions of Attendees. 14 members and 3 guests.

Tolling of the Boats

For January and February. This event honors the memory of Submarine Men and Boats lost since the establishment of the United States Submarine Force. Conducted by Joey Hundley and Dave Lemly

Awards

USSVI Longevity Pins. Will be presented after dues are collected at a subsequent meeting.

Holland Club Awards. Will have 3 base members inducted this year.

Guest Speaker or Submarine Movie Clip

Don Hall led a discussion on President Jimmy Carter's time as a naval officer and some of his work after the presidency.

Reports

Commander's Corner – Joey Hundley. NTR

1. District Report. Last meeting was November 2024.
2. Pearl Harbor Dinner. Chuck J attended.

Vice Commander - Joe Peek. Will continue to research breakfast spots for pre-meetings.

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly. NTR. November minutes distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Frank Gardner

1. Ending bank balance on Nov 26, 2020. \$5823.25
2. Funds to date: \$6682.89

Storekeeper Report - Tom Denegre. Has USSVI shirts for sale and Diamond Jubilee patches also.

Caps for Kids Report - Joey Hundley

1. On November 8th, the Groton Base K4K Team visited Yale New Haven Children's Hospital for their annual Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week visit. We gave the Kids the newest K4K Program gift offering: K4K Teddy Bears! The bears were a huge hit! Attached are pictures of the [Teddy Bears](#) and of an [overjoyed Penny](#), who excitedly hugged hers and named it Honey Bear!

John "Sid" Sidlovsky, K4K Chairman at the Hampton Roads Base and USSVI National Treasurer, had these made for his base about a year ago and sent me a couple of bears. I immediately loved them and added them to the items we could give to the Kids. Sid told me it was the idea of Hampton Roads Base member EMCS(SS) Craig Werner to give stuffed animals to the kids. Craig went on Eternal Patrol in August and had K4K Teddy Bears at his bedside when he passed.

Based on the many requests from base members to buy them for grandkids, etc., they are also great for Base K4K Program fundraising. Our USSVI National Storekeeper, Barry Commons, has them in stock: \$6.75 each.

Barry's contact info: nsk.ussvi@yahoo.com 925 679-1744

Offering them for a minimum donation of \$10.00 is a surefire way to raise money for your program.

With appreciation,
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Old Business

None to report.

New Business

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

Will Cronkrite (a writer from Rock Hill SC) joined the meeting to get some facts about a book, he is writing about Gato class submarines built in Wisconsin during WWII. Chuck J agreed to send his contact information to some submariners living in the Rock Hill area for consultation.

The base library has been updated and can now be stored at the American Legion building.

Chuck J volunteered to research the NC Subvetts scholarship balance. The base will make a donation at a later date.

The base is looking to move the Annual picnic to September vice July for better weather. Will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

GOOD of the ORDER

1. USSVI 2025 South East Conference. Update provided.
2. Bill Stierwalt gave an update on his recent Honor Flight trip to Washington DC.
3. **Next Base Meeting – March 1st 1300.**

Closing Benediction (Base Chaplin)

Joey Hundley won the 50/50 drawing.

1430 SURFACE THE BOAT