

NATHANAEAL GREENE BASE

May 03, 2025, 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 (Base Chaplain)
- 3 - Pledge of Allegiance (Base Commander)
- 4 - Introductions of Attendees. 14 members and 2 guests.

Tolling of the Boats

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

Awards The following base members received awards. Many are secondary members or not present. Members present are in bold.

USSVI Longevity Pins

5 Years: Russ Collins, Rick Godbee

10 Years: Bill Hinds, Tom Keane

15 Years: Bruce Lobach, **Ray Moore**, Charles Boynton**, Guy Brinkley**, James Burwell**, Ron Busila**, Robert Capra**, Tom Carr**, Jean-Lop Combemale**, Sean Fillpowski**, Joe Finotti**, Kerry Gentry**, Greg Hice**, Terry Jones**, Bill Lewis**, James McClain**, Dave Nelson**, Gerald Schemanski**, Steve Sutton**, Russ Toy**, Wally Walister**, John Weaver**

20 Years: Kris Bridges

25 Years: Kirk Smith**

Holland Club Awards

Rick Woodson, Steve Sutton**, Greg Hand**

Holland Club Award Rockers

55 Years: Andy Nelson, Kirk Smith**

60 Years: Ron Busila**, Larry Lynch**

65 Years: **Chuck Jensen, Ray Moore**, Dallas Jarrell**

** Denotes the member is not local

Guest Speaker or Submarine Movie Clip

Joey presented You-tube video on loss of the USS Scorpion (<1 year old so the controversy remains.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_38CDLS2KY

Reports

Commander's Corner – Joey Hundley

- Base picnic – will be held in September vice July. We will hold a normal meeting in July.
- The ussvi.org website went down and has been redirected to the SUBVETS website at <https://ussubvets.org>. Contact Joey or Chuck if assistance is required.
- Groton Base Annual Appeal letter was forwarded to the base by Chuck.
- SSN 777 Spring newsletter was forwarded to the base by Chuck

Vice Commander - Joe Peek

- Has ordered new base stickers, will be on sale at a future meeting for \$4. Destined to be a collectors item.

Secretary Report - Dave Lemly - March meeting minutes approved and distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Frank Gardner

- Bank balance as of April 23,2025 - \$7110.76. Total available funds to date \$7110.76.

Store Keeper Report - Tom Denegre - Raised discussion on continuing the base library. Don Hall to contact Charlestown Museum to see if they want some of the books.

Caps for Kids Report - Joey Hundley – Research program and possible locations, much red tape to cut through.

Old Business

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New Business

Don Hall showed a video of the After Battery Museum in Charlestown SC.

Contact information: Web site – [Www.theafterbsttery.org](http://www.theafterbattery.org)

Email – theafterbattery@gmail.com

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WILLS. The USSV Charitable Foundation is excited to announce the launch of a new, valuable service for our members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. This service, available at MyLegacyWill (<https://mylegacywill.com/ussvcf>), allows you to prepare your Will for FREE, starting today. Take the first step towards securing your legacy by building your own Will with this complimentary service.

MOONSHINE MOUNTAIN 2023 NC SUBVETS BURNSVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Annual Moonshine Mountain Memorial in Burnsville, NC and weekend at Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC. FRI 16TH – SAT 17TH – SUN 18ST May 2023.

Thomasville Memorial Day Parade. May 26 starting at 0900. We have the Torpedo Float reserved. Details on the parade will come out soon.

National Convention. USSVI national convention will be held in Orlando, FL August 31 – September 6.

NC State Fair – Military Appreciation Day is October 22nd.

Next Base Meeting – July 12th (2nd Saturday vice 1st Saturday due to 4th of July Weekend)

Closing Benediction (Base Chaplin)

Congratulations to Richard Gant for winning the 50/50 drawing.

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