



Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes



When: June 18, 2011 at 1900

Location: VFW, Carolina Beach Road

Attending: Kuhn, Brincefield, Backes, Dixon, Hawkes, Kostbade, Pacilli, and Turano (new member), plus visitors

Meeting Notes

Bill Whelan, Tarheel Base Chaplain said grace before meal

Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Butterbean Dixon, CCB Chaplain said invocation

Treasurer's Report: \$342 dollars in the account. Payments of \$24 for checks and \$47 for donuts for the Azalea parade. We had \$275 income.

Charlie Backes introduced new business of supporting the Knights of Columbus 21 day flag salute. Our base will cover June 24th. This involves being at the courthouse downtown at 7:45 to lower the flag and raise it again at 8:00. He and Jim Brincefield were signed up to participate and everyone was invited to attend. He mentioned that the K of C had a fundraiser he was involved in. He also reminded the group of the loss of the Scorpion 43 years ago.

Storekeeper's report: \$36 in cash, \$63 in material assets.

It was decided to review designs for a base patch and at our October meeting to pick a design to have made.

Butterbean spoke about the importance of having all of our primary members vote in all of the elections and to strive for 100% participation.

- There is some confusion among the group about "official" E-mails. He stated that anything from him is submarine related, anything from the Base Commander is definitely "official". Jim Brincefield forwards all of the district and national news.

Butterbean introduced a preliminary motion to establish a new tradition in the base. In the future when the base loses a primary member to eternal patrol, we have that member's name embroidered on our vests. The motion will be formally introduced and voted on at the next meeting.

- He asked the group to try to make a good turnout for any funerals. VC Brincefield asked the group to call the missing members and invite them to the meetings.

Open Discussions

An open discussion was held on the following topics:

Mr. Charlie Copeland representing the VFW was invited to tell the members about the VFW and its activities. Primary requirement to join is service during a conflict, FBM service counts, or you may join the auxiliary group. Anyone wishing to join should visit the VFW website for more information: www.vfw.org.

The VFW will charge the group a \$20 fee to hold meetings there. We made preliminary arrangements to have three meetings, those in February, June and October.

Dick Kanning, SED1 Commander gave the group an update on the big picture. Our participation in the Sublant Sailor of the Year program was well received again, SED1 won a plaque for its participation, first time it was awarded to a veterans group. We gave \$800 to the runners up.

- SED1 got the first ever award for the best district in the region, Dick said this was due to the activities of the bases.
- At the regional meeting held in Tennessee it was pointed out that USSVI is in very good financial shape as well as the USSVI charitable fund. USSVI-CF has given out 87 scholarships this year.
- USSVI's tax status. 501(c)19 is non-profit tax exempt. They submit an annual report to stay qualified. This doesn't equal tax deductible. In order to qualify for tax deductible we must have 90% of our members as war veterans. This lets us accept tax deductible donations. This is why it is so important to keep up with our members service dates. USSVI Charitable is listed as a different organization.
- 2012 national convention in Norfolk should be one of the best because of the participation of the Norfolk/Hampton Roads base plus all of the NC bases. Volunteers are already signing up, the web site is up and the schedule is set. You can't make reservations yet. They have 9 golf courses, 6 camp grounds and tours plus a casino night scheduled. Their goal is to make zero profit and not to lose any money.
- He pointed out how some of the other conventions have been less than stellar, USSVI isn't allowing the hosting bases as much freedom anymore.
- SED1 led the district with the number of members who were nominated for awards.

We talked about volunteering projects, Work on Wilmington, Flag Day, etc. Jim Brincefield is already working with Habitat for Humanity and will let us know when the next building project starts, usually Thursdays and Saturdays.

Terry Kuhn gave an update on the hull repairs on the Battleship NC, the cofferdam was in place and the first cuts were ready to be made. Eventually the cofferdam will be moved to the port bow for repairs and long term, plans are to construct a permanent concrete cofferdam around the whole ship. The S-28 memorial is scheduled to be moved further down river at Battleship Park. The NC WW2 subvets are purchasing a stone bench for the site.

License Plates: were sent to the House previously and passed, they were sent to the Senate where they passed with an amendment that only the standard plates should be accepted. They have to go back to the House to get revoted. There were 57 plates in the bill.

Upcoming event at Saint Mary's Museum should be very good as usual.

Charlie Backes, Jim Brincefield and new member Barry Turano live close to Ashley High school and will make contact with the NJROTC group there. BC Kuhn will continue working with the group at Hoggard, they are having a change of command at the moment, Captain Prince retired.

Motion was made to retire and seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Actions by next meeting

- Our next meeting is set for 19th August at the First Baptist Church Activity Center.

Next Meetings

Date	Time	Location	Purpose	Topics
19 th August	7 PM	First Baptist Church Activity Center		

If you have any comments or suggestions on these meeting minutes format please provide them to Ron Willems at ronw32s@aol.com

Thank you.

Base Secretary