



Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes



When: April 14, 2012 at 1230

Location: Battleship North Carolina

Azalea Festival Parade

The day began with a beautiful sunrise as about 20 members met in the Battleship parking lot between 0530 and 0600 on Saturday, April 14 to set up and man the two floats for the Azalea Parade. The NC USSVI floats drew a lot of positive attention from the parade attendees. Several of the members remarked that the reception and respect shown by the parade attendees for the submarine veterans was remarkable this year. It was deeply appreciated and heartfelt by the members manning the floats.

Tolling of the Bell for the Lost Boats



Base Commander Terry Kuhn, Vice Commander Charlie Backes and Base Secretary Bill Underwood conducted a reading of the names of the, recounting of the loss and tolling of the bell in remembrance of the submarines lost over the years. The ceremony was conducted at the S-28 and Submarines Lost in WWII Memorial by the river in the Battleship Memorial Park.

Luncheon on the Fantail of the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial

Following a blessing given by Base Chaplain, Butterbean, about 31 USSVI Southeastern Region District members and guests enjoyed a catered luncheon on the fantail of the USS North Carolina BB55. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

USSVI Southeast Region District 1 Business Meeting

Attending from Coastal Carolina Base: Terry Kuhn (Commander), Charles Backes (Vice Commander), Frank Blackmon (Storekeeper), Bill Underwood (Secretary), Bill "Butterbean" Dixon (Chaplain), Mary Backes, Pat Blackmon, Chuck Troyon, Carolyn Troyon, John Norosky, Bob Govern, Brian Craig, Bill Lowe, Jerry Leppart, and Everett Morgan and Margaret Morgan.

Attending from other Bases: Steve Bell (Carolina Piedmont), Margie Bell (Carolina Piedmont), Tom Richey (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), JoAnn Barnes, Arvin Klemp (Tarheel), Gail Klemp (Tarheel), Henry Hagwood (Tarheel), Judy Hagwood (Tarheel), Sylvia Murrell (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), Edward Galaviz (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), Chuck Jensen (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), Mary Jensen (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), Jim Myers (Nathaniel Greene/Tarheel), Gordon Banks (Tarheel), Clarence Huffman (Nathaniel Greene),.

Coastal Carolina Base Commander, Terry Kuhn welcomed the visiting attendees from USSVI Southeast Region District 1 to Wilmington and called the meeting to order.

1. The first order of business was the installation of newly elected Coastal Carolina Base officers. Steve Bell, District Commander Southeast Region District 1, administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers of the Coastal Carolina Base. Terry Kuhn took the oath as Base Commander. Charlie Backes took the oath of office for Vice Commander and Bill Underwood took the oath of office for Base Secretary.
2. Commander Bell announced that he would take over as District 1 Commander since Dick Kanning will be running for the office of Southeast Regional Director. He urged all members to visit the USSVI website and vote in the Regional and National USSVI elections. Steve stated that he was excited about the growth of the membership of the Coastal Carolina Base and encouraged all attendees to keep recruiting. Commander Bell thanked Commander Kuhn for hosting this District meeting and announced that the next District meeting would be in Elizabeth City on July 14.
3. Butterbean reported that the Coastal Carolina Base was the fastest growing base and now has over 50 members. He reminded members when they meet a prospective member to please get the prospective member's name, email and phone number and be sure and get it quickly to him for follow-up. We met two new recruits that morning while prepping the floats in the parade parking lot.
4. Frank Blackmon, Base Storekeeper, reported that he has an ample supply of Coastal Carolina Base patches and CCB rocker panel patches available for purchase by members.
5. Jerry Leppart reminded the attendees that he is still looking for more volunteers for manning the Reservation Desk during the USSVI National Convention in Norfolk, VA. He still needs Subvets to fill slots for Friday September 7 and Saturday September 8, 2012.

6. Charlie Backes reminded all attendees that the North Carolina subvet license plates are now available from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and encouraged members to apply for one. A number of the CCB members already have their plates and are very happy with them.
7. Terry Kuhn encouraged USSVI members to be active with the ROTC groups in the local schools. The interaction can be very rewarding and meaningful to the ROTC participants and the subvet.

Next Meeting

The next Coastal Carolina Base meeting will be on June 16. The meeting will convene at the Golden Coral on New Centre Drive in Wilmington at 0900.

If you have any comments or suggestions on these meeting minutes format please provide them to Bill Underwood at bunder343@aol.com

Thank you

Base Secretary