



## Coastal Carolina Base Meeting Minutes



**When:** October 20, 2012 at 09:00

**Location:** Golden Coral, New Centre Drive  
Wilmington, North Carolina

### Coastal Carolina Base Meeting

**Call to order:** Base Commander Terry Kuhn called the meeting to order promptly at 09:00.

**Attendees:** Terry Kuhn (Base Commander), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary), Bill Dixon (Base Chaplain), Frank Blackmon (Base Storekeeper), Brian Craig (Base COB), Steve Croom, Dick Gudis, Mark Siewert, John Williamson, Jim Simon, Jerry Hawks, Bernie Maguire, Charlie Patch, John Norosky, George Stalker, and Robert McIntyre, a guest.

**Invocation:** Bill Dixon, Butterbean, gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commander Kuhn led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Tolling of the Boats:** Terry Kuhn (Base Commander), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary) and Steve Croom led the attendees in the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony recognizing the sacrifice of the sailors and submarines lost in the months of September and October.

**Recognition of World War II Submarine Veterans in Attendance:** There were no World War II Submarine Veterans in Attendance for this meeting.

**Introductions:** Each attendee introduced himself and gave a little background on their submarine experience.

**Holland Club Presentations:** Base Commander Kuhn Presented member George Stalker his Holland Club Award. We were all proud of George for achieving this milestone; Qualified submariner for 50 years!



**Treasurers Report:** Commander Terry read Barry Turano's (Base Treasurer) report that the Base bank account now has \$1,278.09 in it. He also reported that since the last meeting we took in \$375.00 and had an expense of \$140.02.

**Storekeeper Report:** Frank Blackmon (Base Storekeeper) reported that the improved Storekeeper page on the National USSVI website is online now and he advised the attendees to visit the site and shop for merchandise. If you log in as a member



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and shop, some of the items generate royalty back to the Base of the purchaser. Frank also announced that he plans to set up a storekeeper shop on our base website in the near future.

### Appreciation Award to Steve Croom

Base Commander Kuhn recognized Steve Croom for his efforts, to man the reception desk at the National USSVI Convention last month. Steve and his wife Mickey went above and beyond representing CCB and supporting National USSVI. Terry presented Steve with a plaque and a patch for his extra efforts representing our base.



**COB Report:** Brian Craig (Base COB) gave an update on the Base Library. The library now

includes 3 submarine books and a dress sword. Brian explained that a dress sword is now being issued to enlisted men, apparently for those super formal occasions. The sword stimulated quite a discussion regarding the practicality of enlisted men dealing with it in the real submariner world. Brian suggested that all base members look through their artifacts, books, DVDs, etc. that are submarine related to see if there are other books, artifacts, or DVDs that would be of interest to other members in a library.

Brian also opened a brief discussion about Base Library logistics. Currently, the library is very small and consequently Brian brings the "Library" to the base meetings to give attendees access. We briefly discussed having a Library page on our website with library contents listed and some check out process for borrowing library contents. Ideas are welcome on this subject.

**Recruiting:** Butterbean reported that the Base membership currently stands at 55 members and that he has a very large list of potential members and asked for help in following up on contacting those potential members. The Coastal Carolina Base was on a rapid growth rate for the first half of the year, but the rate has slowed since July. He encouraged members to actively pursue leads on subvets in southeast North Carolina and give him the contact information to follow-up. **He needs the prospects Name, email address and phone number** for each potential recruit.

Bernie Maguire wanted to give special recognition to Butterbean for his persistence in recruiting and for feeding members a steady stream of interesting email information to keep our submariner heritage at top of mind. Kudos to bb!



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**Base and National Dues:** Butterbean also reminded attendees that he is collecting 2013 dues and has reminder tickets from National for National Dues for those who are not Life Members.

**Amendment of Base By-Laws:** At the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting Charlie Backes (Base Vice Commander) submitted proposed amendments to the Coastal Carolina Base By-Laws. The changes were primarily to align the base by-laws with National USSVI By-Laws and correct a few typos. The amended by-laws were published in the minutes for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as due notice of a vote to adopt the amended by-laws at the October Meeting. Commander Kuhn submitted the Amended By-Laws for vote by the attending members.

**MOTION: Steve Croom offered a MOTION that the Amendments to the By-Laws be voted on as a whole rather than in parts. The motion was SECONDED by John Norosky. The motion was CARRIED by a unanimous vote of the attendees.**

**MOTION: John Norosky offered a MOTION that the base adopt the Amended Base By-Laws as presented. Bill Underwood SECONDED the motion and the motion CARRIED by a unanimous vote of the attendees.**

**Parade Participation:** Base Commander Kuhn announced that he has submitted a formal request to District to get the Torpedo Float for the 2014 Southport July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. This would be in addition to getting the float for the Azalea Festival parade.

Commander Kuhn also reiterated his intention for the Base to adopt Southport July 4<sup>th</sup> parade as one of our routine activities.

Discussion turned to acquisition of our own Base float. Commander Kuhn mentioned our previous discussions in which a number of ideas were floated as to how CCB could have its own float. Butterbean mentioned that he has been in communication with another base at the National Convention that is purchasing a submarine float from a source in Oklahoma that custom builds submarine floats. They are going to take delivery on their new float soon and will send us pictures and information for our consideration and planning.

**Deceased Member Recognition:** At the June Meeting, Vice Commander Charlie Backes brought up a suggestion to create an album with a picture and a write up detailing each deceased member's service in the submarine service. The attendee's supported Charlie's suggestion with a unanimous vote to create a **Book of Remembrance**. Charlie expressed his feeling that the book is an opportunity to record a unique part of a fellow submariner's life. Charlie pointed out that eventually all of us will be in the book and we should consider writing down what we would like to be remembered about our years in the submarine service.

At the August meeting Charlie brought in a book that he was using to set up the Base Book of Remembrance. It was realized that we don't have good pictures of base members and that we should start to collect those pictures.

Base Secretary Bill Underwood agreed to start to collect the pictures and at the October meeting took individual pictures of the following members: Butterbean, Commander Kuhn, Jerry Hawks, John Williamson, Jim Simon, John Norosky, Steve Croom, Bernie Maguire and George Stalker.



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**I will bring the camera to the December meeting so make sure you come with your best navy haircut best Base attire on. Maybe you can use the ‘Library’ sword in your pictures if you promise not to injure yourself or anyone else.**

**Scholarship:** No report at this meeting.

**Golf Tournament Fund Raiser:** No report at this meeting.

### **New Business**

**Sailor of the Year Program:** Commander Kuhn opened a discussion about the CCB supporting the Sailor of the Year Program. He explained that every year USSVI selects a sailor of the year from 4 finalists. CCB usually gives \$50 for appreciation plaques for the other 3 finalists to recognize their achievement even though they did not win.

In the open discussion the attendees were reminded that currently our only source of revenue is dues and we should be very frugal with our bank account.

**MOTION: John Norosky offered a MOTION that the base commit \$50 to support the Sailor of the Year Program. The motion was SECONDED by Steve Croom and CARRIED by a unanimous vote of the attendees.**

### **Open Discussion**

#### **Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis:**

Commander Kuhn reminded the attendees that October 20<sup>th</sup> was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. He asked if any of the attendees had any recollections of the crisis that they would like to discuss. Dick Gudis remembered that he was on patrol and it was a cold and miserable 80 days. He said that they got back on Christmas Eve and were

in a hurry to get back and he remembered the Captain took a shortcut through a shallow channel to shave some time off the return trip and Dick perked up when he heard a zero sounding called out. Then the Captain said “Keep going. We are already past that point”.

Bernie Maguire recalled the four times that he interacted with President John Kennedy. The first was when he was selected to march in Kennedy’s inauguration parade. The second was at an Army v Navy football game and President Kennedy came down the aisle right beside him. The third was at a seminar at the Academy regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis and the fourth was marching in the Presidents funeral procession.

#### **“Patriotic Pops – A Salute to Veterans” :**

Commander Kuhn reminded us of the “Patriotic Pops - A Salute to Veterans” concert by the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra scheduled for Kenan Auditorium on the UNCW campus on November 11, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

#### **Free Mess Call on November 11 at Golden**

**Coral:** Butterbean reminded the attendees that Golden Coral offers free meals to all veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Veterans Parade in Nakina, North Carolina on**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>.** John Norosky reminded attendees that November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VFW Parade in Nakina. He said it is an interesting, fun event and invited the attendees to participate. Contact John if available and interested in participating.



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### Adjournment:

Steve Croom offered a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Base Secretary Bill Underwood SECONDED the motion and the motion CARRIED by unanimous vote by the attendees.

### Next Scheduled Base Meeting

The next Coastal Carolina Base meeting will be on Thursday evening December 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will convene at the First Baptist Church on Independence Boulevard in Wilmington at 19:00.

If you have any comments or suggestions on these meeting minute's format please provide them to Bill Underwood at [bunder343@aol.com](mailto:bunder343@aol.com)  
Thank you,  
Base Secretary

## Never Forget Our Brothers!

