



## **CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE MEETING MINUTES 100327**

**1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Ftitz, Pledge of allegiance, tolling of Boats presented by Ray Fritz. Member introduction 27 members present.**

**Special Presentations. Commander Bell presented to base members the District Commander Award Certificate, that Dick Kanning, presented to us at the District Meeting held at Elizabeth City. Also presented was a letter of appreciation from the District Commander for the our base participation in donating to the COMSUBLANT SOY presentations. Steve presented 10 year USSVI membership pin to Howard Dachs.**

**Secretary Jack Jeffries read minutes of previous meeting, approved and seconded with minor corrections, St. Patrick's day parade date changed to 13 March, date of Azalea Festival parade to be April 10<sup>th</sup>, Autism Speaks participation scheduled for 9 October.**

**Treasurer Lee Hickerson presented financial report, Balance on hand, \$5376.59, Restricted funds, Burnsville Memorial \$1563.50, Kaps4Kids 1299.80, Refreshment Fund \$105.00, Spruce Pine Reservations\$540.00, Challenge Coin Reservations \$90.00, Outstanding Bills \$44.00, Available funds, \$1697.09 Approved and seconded as read**

**Storekeepers report, still have a few calendars on hand. Displayed USSVI jacket purchased by Hal Rutter, members present decided to have Jeff to handle orders for those desiring jackets. Jeff to advise us as to cost and distribute order forms for jackets**

**Old Business, Steve updated us on presentation at Victory Junction scheduled for 10 April, 32 Children as well as their siblings and parents to attend. Discussed Challenge coin design and approved both side designs. Members decided to have coins epoxy coated with rope (line) border 2 sides Sample should be ready shortly for presentation. Purchase price to be \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 non-members. Patch for base members honoring our Golden Anchor and Silver Anchor awards should be available within 2 weeks**

**New Business-** We discussed the possibility of purchasing an ad for the program at the National Convention. The proposal was turned down by the members present. The members voted to send \$10.00 to the Holland Club for the members of our base. This will be added to the National pool of money and be used for supplying patches and certificates for new Holland Club members.

**Good of the Order-** Dale Moses stated that anyone can submit an article for our newsletter. We need inputs to make Dale's job easier. Don't be bashful, any article welcome. We commended Dale on the superb job he is accomplishing. We received a Thank You for our contribution to the USS DRUM restoration fund. The Executive Board held a short meeting before the general meeting to discuss the resignation of our Jr. Vice Commander due to health reasons. The board put it to the members at the general meeting and it was voted on that we not replace the position at the present time. Motion made and seconded. We discussed the upcoming National Elections and stressed the importance of each member casting their vote. The election slate of candidates is to be published in the next American Submariner edition. The Massing of the Colors that was held in Greenville, SC was discussed. Rick Petitt, Dale Moses and Walt Sealy represented our base. There are two more ceremonies slated, 18 April at Columbia, SC and 24 April at Rock Hill SC. Walt Sealy to coordinate these events. We need as many members as possible to attend. We discussed the upcoming Burnsville gathering and reservations need to be turned in to Steve Bell ASAP. If you need a reservation form please contact Jack Jeffries. We have 4 parades coming up, Azalea festival in Wilmington NC 10 April, Thomasville NC June 31, Faith NC 4 or 5 July, Newton NC and Troutman NC dates to be published when we know them. Dale Moses presented his proposal to bring Flag Awareness program to local schools, he has forwarded an initial program to Jack Jeffries for review. Steve Bell presented to us that he has an Eagle Scout Award scheduled for sometime in the month of May. He will inform us as to the exact date and location. The upcoming 2012 National Convention to be held in Norfolk, VA area was discussed. Volunteers from our base are needed for manning the registration desk. The possibility of a group outing to the Charlotte Knights Baseball Park in Ft Mill was briefly discussed, more info to come, Dale Moses checking on it. Howard Murray discussed an Easter egg hunt at the Ft Mill VFW on 3 April at 11AM, and **A SUPER BZ TO PAUL AND SANDRA MYERS FOR THEIR DONATION OF 980.00** to our KAPS4KIDS program. They raised this amount by raffling chances for a one week vacation at their condo at Myrtle Beach, all expenses paid. The winner of the raffle was Glenna Hubbel. Next meeting scheduled for 24 April at VFW Ft. Mill

**2030-**Motion made and seconded for the meeting to end. Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the benediction.

Submitted,

Jack Jeffries, Secretary