



## **CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE**

**26 June 2010**

1900-Meeting called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell. Invocation delivered by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance.

Tolling of the Boats- Chaplain Ray Fritz. Member introduction-28 in attendance. Welcome to new members George Birmingham, Winborne Springs, James Taylor and Ken Evans.

Reading of minutes from last meeting- approved and seconded with 1 correction, Glenn Harris reported on Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill not Walt Sealy.

Reading of Treasurers report by Secretary Jack Jeffries. Current Balance-\$2573.32, Memorial Restoration fund-\$63.50. Kaps4Kids fund \$955.80, Refreshment fund-105.00 Approved and seconded as read.

Old Business- Paul and Sandra Myers gave a report on their experience while at the Victory Junction presentation June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We distributed 85 Kaps and certificates and museum photos.

New Business-Commander Bell presented program describing the USSVI scholarship program. Base members voted to donate \$75.00 in addition to the funds raised from raffle of American Flag and Eagle leather framed artwork donated by Steve Bell. Total of funds donated by the base to the Scholarship Fund was \$232.00. Dale Moses discussed the possibility of forming a Color Guard for ceremonies involving Veterans. More research into the feasibility of such an undertaking to be conducted. Membership voted to make annual payment of National Dues for Medal of Honor recipient and associate member Rudy Hernandez. Members present voted to donate \$50.00 for a commemorative brick at the Military Sea Service Museum located in Sebring FL.

SK report. Jeff Nieberding reported we still have 5 calendars remaining. Price is \$5.00 each. He also reported he is ordering a few A-Gang patches for those desiring them.

Good of the Order.. Carolina Piedmont base was represented at 7 different

venues during the Memorial Day holidays. We participated in the parade in Thomasville NC. Paul and Sandra Myers made a presentation and Tolling of the Boats at the Union County Memorial Day Ceremony in Monroe, NC, The Carolina Piedmont Color Guard did the opening ceremony at the Charlotte Knights ball game, Rick and Cindy Petitt participated at the picnic for veterans at the Veterans Home in Salisbury. Members of the base participated at the Massing of the Colors in Rock Hill, SC. Joel Tuchfeld participated in a choral group that presented a group of patriotic songs in Huntersville, NC. Jack Jeffries attended the dedication of a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Mint Hill, N.C. with associate member Rudy Hernandez, Medal of Honor Recipient and his daughter Martha. Steve Bell made a report on the Barbeque given by the Denizens of the Deep Base in Aiken SC. This was an event attended by members of the SC/GA bases. A report on the Annual weekend at the Burnsville Memorial on Moonshine Mountain and housed at the Pinebridge Inn located in Spruce Pines, NC that was well attended by members of the NC Subvets and their wives. The Carolina Piedmont Base hosted the event and realized a profit of \$300.00. At this event, Rudy Hernandez Korean War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient was presented with Honorary Submarine Certificate and cap as well as induction into the Carolina Piedmont Base as an associate member. The owners of the property where the memorial is located was also awarded honorary Submariner Certificates and caps. They are associate members of the Tarheel Base. Upcoming parades at Troutman and Faith were discussed by John Rupertus and all members are urged to attend. The upcoming National convention being held in the Cincinnati area was discussed, several base members plan to attend. Commander Steve Bell urged everyone to vote in the ongoing National election.. We discussed the formation of the new base in the Triad area, this base is to be named the Nathanael Greene base in honor of General Nathanael Greene. Next base meeting is scheduled for July

Benediction given by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

2040 motion to adjourn. seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Jeffries, Base Secretary

