



**Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes
For March 24th, 2012**

-Call Meeting to Order

1900hrs the meeting was called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell.

-Invocation

The Invocation was given by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Bell.

- Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling of the Boats was presented by Ray Fritz and Paul Myers.

-Member Introductions

There were 20 members present.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on February 25th, 2012 as posted in Carolina-Piedmont Periscope News Letter was made and seconded. The motion carried.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's Report was given by Steve Bell.

As March 24th, 2012 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,779.45
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 288.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,346.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 320.65
BURNSVILLE MEETING	\$ 960.00
HALFWAY NIGHT	\$ 77.78
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$2,786.47

-Old Business

Veteran's Pins

Steve Bell reported the North Carolina Veterans pins are currently on back order. Steve will check on the availability of South Carolina Veterans pins. Due to the low number of South Carolina residents in the Base and the lack of response from South Carolina bases, it was decided that paying a setup fee would not be cost effective. If the pins are available without additional costs, Jeff will order some.

CPB Challenge Coins

Steve Bell reported that the company that makes the base challenge coins was under new management. Steve reported that he was still trying to find out the status of the order as well as the dyes used to make the coins. These dyes were a one-time cost to the base and may be considered base property. At this time Steve has been refunded by his credit card company. Any new information will be passed to the membership as it becomes available.

-New Business

There was no New Business at the time of the meeting.

-Store Keeper's Report

There was no SK Report at the time of the meeting.

-Good of the Order

Flight of Honor

Steve Bell reported on the last Honor Flight from North Carolina. This program transported our World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. During the return flight each veteran are given a letters from various sources. Carolina Piedmont base has provided a Letter of Appreciation for each member of the flight. This letter was drafted by Mike Toomey and Jack Jeffries.

Kaps-4-Kids Report

Ray Zieverink reported on the Base's latest visit to the Victory Junction Camp. About 66 children and family members were present at this event. All members were reminded that each member will receive an opportunity to participate at one of these events.

Jack Jeffries reported that he is arranging a visit to the Lavern Children Hospital in Charlotte. Up to 8 additional base members will be allowed to attend this event. Further details will be sent out once the dates are set.

Halfway Night Performance

Dale Moses reported on the latest installment of the Lone Stranger as well as a preview of the newest show featuring Snoopy and the Red Barron. This group provided a "Halfway Night" performance at the Caroline Assisted Living Center in Cramerton, NC earlier today. All members are encouraged to participate in these shows.

Massing of the Colors

Dale Moses reminded the membership of the Massing of the Colors event at the Rock Hill High School. To be held on March 25th, 2012 at 3:00PM.

Checkers Hockey Tickets

Steve Bell reported that Dick Kanning sent the Base free tickets to the Checkers Hockey team's home games. Steve handed out the tickets to interested members.

Charlotte Knights games

Dale Moses reported that the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be presenting the Colors at the Charlotte Knights baseball game on May 26th, 2012. Dale is double checking on ticket prices for this game. Dale also requested volunteers to present the Colors before the game. Interested members should contact Dale.

Welcome Home Vietnam Vets

Steve Bell reported that the North Carolina Submarine veterans will be participating in the Welcome Home Vietnam Vets to be held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on March 31st, 2012. The gates open 9:00AM, with the event ending around 5:00PM. The Tarheel Base will bring the Torpedo and the Submarine Floats and will be set up in the infield area of the Speedway. Jack Jeffries handed out additional tickets to those who did not already have theirs. Rick Pettitt offered to carpool from his house close to the Speedway.

Parades

Steve Bell reminded the membership of the Azalea Parade in Willington NC on April 14th, 2012. Please contact Steve Bell if you plan to attend. Steve also reported that Ollie Thompson's Memorial Plack was added to the Torpedo Float.

Burnsville Meeting Update

Steve Bell reported that 38 people have currently registered for the meeting. Steve reminded all members to turn in their registrations ASAP. Further reported was that due to North Carolina Liquor Laws, the "Traveling Bar" can no longer have "hard liquor". Beer and wine are allowed. Any person who desires hard liquor is asked to BYOB and keep it in their rooms during the event. You are allowed to bring a glass or cup to the common room. The final disposition of the remaining liquor will be decided at the meeting at Burnsville.

-News Letter Deadline

Dale Moses reminded all members the deadline for April's newsletter is April 13th, 2012.

-Next Meeting

Due to a schedule conflict with the VFW, the next CPB meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday April 21st, 2012. All members are reminded to change their calendars.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Ray Fritz.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Hubbell
Base Secretary