



**Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes
For July 28th, 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 21 members and 1 guest present.

-Special Presentation

Hall Rutter and Ed Erb were given WWII Veteran Challenge Coins. The "Ruptured Duck" was given to returning veterans to wear on their civilian clothes to show that they had served during the war and to help them to find work. Jim Schenk gave Ed a scaled model of the USS Ronquil SS396.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on June 23rd, 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 Lee Hickerson.
As of July 28th, 2012 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5443.23
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 482.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,791.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 9.65
HALFWAY NIGHT	\$ 77.79
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,100.03

-Old Business

SC PIN

Jeff Nieberding reported that he was still researching the availability of an American and South Carolina Veterans' Pin.

NC Veterans Council Update

Steve Bell reported that at this time the Base will not be directly involved in the NC Veterans Council.

-New Business

Fuel Cost for transporting the Float to Convention

Steve Bell reported the NC Subvets will have the Floats at the National Convention to honor the WWII vets. The hat was passed to help offset the cost of the fuel transporting the Floats. Any left over monies raised will go to the Trailer Maintenance Fund.

New Flag/Flag Equipment

Dale Moses reported on the cost of adding the MIA/POW Flag and related equipment for the Color Guard. Dale recommended using the Halfway Night Funds and an additional \$53.00 from the General Fund to cover the cost. The motion to use these funds was made and seconded, the motion was carried.

-Store Keeper's Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that a partial order of the North Carolina Veterans Pins has arrived. Pins are being sold for \$5.00 each.

-Good of the Order

National Elections

Steve Bell again reminded all members to go online at the USSVI website and vote. At this time only 45% of the base membership has voted.

National Convention

Steve Bell reminded those that are attending the Convention that the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be manning the registration table on Tuesday. Steve asked that base members to set aside part of their day to help man the desk. At the meeting Steve Bell did not know if he would be present due to Jury Duty; please note that since the meeting Steve has learned that he will be able to attend on Tuesday.

Steve bell also asked that those attending help sell raffle tickets for the Sea Chest that Lee Hickerson made and donated.

Membership Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all members to start getting your 2013 due in ASAP. Under the new rules, USSVI will drop those who do not get there dues in on time. National and Base dues are \$30.00 total.

Halfway Nite

Dale Moses reported the next performance of "Snoopy and the Red Barron" will be on August 18th the Loral's at Pineville. Also there will be a special performance by Bilge Rat Productions at Jack's House during our Annual meeting there.

Camp Corral

The NC Subvets will participate at Camp Corral on August 1st.

North Carolina War Memorial

Steve bell has open discussions for the NC Subvets support and possible purchase of a bench at the memorial. Further details on this effort will be forth coming.

Pearl Harbor Dinner

The Nat Green Base will be hosting the Annual Pearl Harbor Dinner on December 8th, 2012. The dinner will be held at the Village Inn, in Clemmons NC. Additional details will be forth coming.

Kings Bay Tolling of the Boats.

Steve informed the membership that at this time the Navy Lodge was not accepting reservation for the weekend of the Tolling of the Boats. The lodge is waiting until boat schedules are firmed up before accepting reservations.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-piedmont base will be held on August 25th, 2012.

-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