



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes For September 22nd, 2012

-Call Meeting to Order

1430hrs the meeting was called to order by Base Commander Steve Bell at the home of Jack and Carol Jeffries.

-Invocation

The Invocation was given by Walt Sealy.

- Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Bell.

- Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling of the Boats was presented by Walt Sealy and Paul Myers.

-Member Introductions

There were 25 members and one visiting USSVI member present.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on August 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 Treasurer's Report was given by Lee Hickerson.

As of September 22nd, 2012 the following funds were available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,118.70
MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,691.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 69.65
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,815.50

Lee further reported that the Sea Chest raffle ticket sales at this year's USSVI National Convention netted \$1,010. As per agreement \$100 will be forwarded to the Hampton Roads Base.

-Special Presentations

John Rupertus and James Schenk presented Hal Rutter with a scale model of his qual boat the U-2513.

Steve Bell awarded Silver Enlisted Dolphins to RM3(SS) Hal Rutter, who qualified in 1946 aboard the U-2513. Steve also awarded Silver Enlisted Dolphins to TM1(SS) Ed Erb who qualified in 1944 aboard the USS Ronquil (SS-396). Steve reminded all members that when they were qualified in submarines, they were only given patches to wear on their uniforms.

-Old Business

Color Guard Shoulder Cords

Dale Moses reported that gold shoulder cords had arrived and was being issued to members of the Carolina-Piedmont Base Color Guard. Dale reminded guard members to add the button to the left shoulder of their vests, to facilitate the wearing of the cords at events.

-New Business

Sailor of the Year

As USSVI District Commander, Steve Bell requested a donation from the district in support of the SOY Program. The monies raised will go to the runners up in this year's competition. Steve noted that Federal Law places a \$200 limit to be awarded to each recipient. Any excess funds will be forwarded to the Chief Petty Officer Association at Hampton Roads to help defer the costs of the SOY Awards Night Dinner and program expenses. The motion was made and seconded to make a donation of \$250 from the Base Funds. The motion carried.

Autism Speaks

Lee Hickerson reviewed the efforts for this year's event. Lee reports that we are well behind in contributions this year. Lee reports that this year's event will be held at the Z Max Dragway in Charlotte. Thus far we have 3 confirmed walkers participating. Any members wishing to make a contribution to this worthy cause may do so by contacting Lee or by going to the Autism Speaks website and going to the NC Subvets link. A motion was made and seconded to make a donation of \$250 from the Base Funds. The motion was carried.

-Store Keeper's Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that the 2013 USSVI Calendars had arrived; all members who had ordered calendars should see him. Jeff also reminded the membership that he has Base window stickers, Challenge Coins and various patches for sale. He further noted that all items currently on hand have been paid for, and all future sales of these items will go to the Base Funds.

-Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation

Steve Bell reported that our base was presented with a Letter of Appreciation for our ongoing participation and support of the National Holland Club program. The letter was awarded to the Base during the Holland Club Breakfast during this year's National Convention at Norfolk, VA.

CPB SubVettes President's Award

The SubVettes President Sandra Myers presented the 1st Annual Gloria Myers Award to Cindy Pettit for her efforts in support on behalf of the SubVettes and the Base. The Gloria Myers Award is named in honor of the late Edith "Gloria" Myers, one of our first SubVettes and mother of Paul Myers.

CPB Cruise

Sandra Myers reminded all those attending this year's cruise that they are scheduled to depart on October 11th.

National Convention Reports

South Eastern District 1

Base Commander Steve Bell has been sworn in as SED1 District Commander. Steve Bell will continue as Base Commander until Base Elections have been held and the new Officers have been sworn in. Our outgoing District Commander Dick Kanning has been elected and sworn in as USSVI Regional Director.

USSVI Constitution and Bylaws

Steve Bell reported on the Director's Meeting and Annual Business Meeting held during this year's Convention. As a result of the approval of all amendments' voted on this year, some changes will have to be made to the Base C&B to stay in conformance with those changes made to the National C&B. Steve reported that at this time our Base is not in conflict with the new changes, but to prevent any possible conflicts the Base Board will make those changes as needed. Steve explained that the most important issue for both the bases and for the national organization was to comply with Federal regulations for veterans' organization status. Complete details will be forthcoming in the Piedmont Periscope.

ISA/USA Submarine Vets

Steve Bell reported that during the ISA/USA meeting held during the Convention, Butterbean (Tarheel Base Vice Commander) has accepted to position of Membership Chairman. Expect much more information on the ISA/USA in upcoming issues of the NC Subvets/Tarheel Base's All Clear newsletter.

National Elections

Steve Bell reported on the results of this year's USSVI National Elections.

National Commander:	T. Michael Bircumshaw
National SR, Vice Cmdr.:	Carl Schmidt
National JR, Vice Cmdr.:	Al Singleman
National Secretary:	Tom Conlon
National Treasurer:	Richard McPherson

USSVI National Chaplin

Base Chaplin Ray Fritz has been appointed as the USSVI National Chaplin.

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.

Kaps-4-Kids

Jack Jeffries reports that the Base will be visiting Victory Junction on the 20th of October. The base will be planning a visit to the Levin Children's Hospital in the near future. The date has not yet been set; Jack will send our E-mails once the times have been set. Jack also reported that the base will also be adding the Jeff Gordon Children Center to our K4K program, details on dates and times will be e-mailed by Jack.

Kings Bay Memorial Service

Steve Bell reported that those wanting to attend this year's annual Tolling of the Boats at Kings Bay Naval Base to get their registrations in ASAP. The Navy Lodge is now accepting reservations, off base lodging is also available.

Base Officer Elections

Steve Bell reminded all members that election for CPB Officers will be in 2013. All Base officers are up for election, nominations will be made in early 2013. Voting will be completed in April, 2013. The elected officers will be sworn in during the annual Burnsville NC Subvets Meeting. Jeff Nieberding will be the election master.

News Letter

Dale Moses reminded that the newsletter deadline will be October 18th.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on October 27th, at the VFW in Fort Mill. After the meeting the VFW will be having a fund raiser and Bilge Rat Productions will put on their show for the VFW.

-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