



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes For November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jack Jefferies.

### **-Member Introductions**

There were 24 members present.

### **-Special Presentations**

Ray Fritz was presented the Base Atta Boy by Steve Bell in recognition for his services to the Base and to USSVI as Chaplin for the last 4 plus years.

Ma Bell and Glenna Hubbell received special 2012 USSVI National Convention Challenge Coins in recognition of their efforts and time as volunteers during the convention.

### **-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes**

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,431.70
MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,861.05
USSVI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 146.65
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3,881.50

### **-Old Business**

None

### **-New Business**

None

### **-Store Keeper's Report**

Jeff Nieberding 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**

#### **-Hurricane Sandy Relief Donation**

The membership passed the hat in support of all those affected by the hurricane. A total of \$131.00 was raised. Steve Bell directed the Base Treasurer Lee Hickerson to forward the donation to the American Red Cross.

#### **-Special Donation to the Kaps-4-Kids Fund**

Lee Hickerson reported that our Base Commander Steve Bell gave a speech at the Bill Parker Sertoma Club. As a result of Steve's speech a \$100 donation was made to the Base Kaps-4-Kids Fund.

#### **-Hurricane Sandy Relief Update**

Rick Petit reported on his personal experiences with the American Red Cross in New York City. And of the time he spent in Levittown, NY assisting those recovering from the storm damage.

#### **-USS Thresher Memorial**

Steve Bell reported on the national effort to raise petition signatures for a USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Project. The intent is to have the Memorial dedicated on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher. The USSVI Official Business – Subvet News 2012-104 refers. Steve Bell noted that it would only cost you a stamp.

#### **-Veterans Day at Saluda Middle School, Rockhill, SC**

Jack Jefferies reported on the Base visit to the Saluda Middle school. It was very similar to a “show and tell” for the entire school.

#### **Kaps-4-Kids**

Jack Jefferies reported on the Base visit to the Jeff Gordon Children's Center. Jack also reported that there will be a visit to the Levine Children's Hospital on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Up to ten members may attend this visit. Those wishing to attend should contact Jack for further information.

#### **Membership Renewal**

Steve Bell reminded all members who have yet to pay their membership dues that time is almost up. 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 for one year.

#### **News Letter**

Dale Moses reminded all that the newsletter deadline will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**-Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Dinner will start at 1730 hrs. The VFW will be providing the meal again this month.

**-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