



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes For March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

### - 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 28 members present.

### - Base Group Photo for the USS Thresher Anniversary

Tom Kelly took a group photo of base members and our wives to be included in the online web-cast of the 50 Year Anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher.

### - Special Presentations

Holland Club Inductions: Walt Sealy inducted Shipmate Dave Peck inducted into the Holland Club for 2013, in recognition for being Qualified in Submarines for 50 years.

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

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 in Carolina-Piedmont Periscope News Letter, with one correction (the date of the next meeting was corrected to read 23 March 2013) 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 March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,840.33
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,921.05
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 46.00
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$3.330.78

## **- Old Business**

None

## **- New Business**

### **- USS Thresher 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Assistance**

Steve Bell reported to the membership that on April 6<sup>th</sup> the Thresher Base will present a web-cast of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the loss of the USS Thresher. As a result of the Sequester, funding from the Navy for this event was cut off. Thresher Base-USSVI requests that the bases help fund this once in a life time event. The national Commander assures the membership that excess funds will be returned to the bases (Post meeting note is the funding levels were met and excess would be used for future Thresher Memorial Services). Steve Bell passed the bucket for individual donations. The motion was made and seconded for a Base Donation of \$200.00 plus the funds raised in the bucket is sent to the Thresher Base to help cover their costs for this memorial event. The motion passed, and a total of \$450.00 will be sent by check on Monday (3/25/2013).

### **- USS Scorpion Memorial Service Sponsorship**

Steve Bell reported on the 99 for 99 programs for the upcoming Memorial Service for the USS Scorpion. Steve Bell further reported that he had already made a donation of \$99.00 in the name of the Base. The motion was made and seconded for Steve Bell to be reimbursed from Base Funds. The motion carried.

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

Jeff Neiberding reports that he has Base Challenge Coins, Patches, Stickers and a few 2013 USSVI Calendars' available.

### **- Good of the Order**

### **- Base Officers Elections-**

Base Commander Steve bell opened the floor to nominations for the Carolina-Piedmont Base elected officers. As no new nominations have been added, Jeff Nieberding closed nominations and held the Base Officer's Elections. The following shipmates are the elected officer for the 2013/2014 term. They will be sworn in during the NC SUBVETS Meeting in May at Burnsville.

Base Commander – Steve Bell

Vice Commander – Jack Jeffries

Base Secretary - Michael Hubbell

Base Treasurer - Raymond Zieverink

### **- Burnsville 2013**

Steve Bell reminded all members that the Annual NC SUBVETS meeting in Burnsville, NC will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Registration forms have been sent to all members via E-mail, Steve requests a prompt response for those planning on attending. Steve reminded all those interested that a few rooms at the Skyline Village Inn were still available. Also the overflow hotel was also still available.

### **- Regional Convection**

Steve Bell reminded the membership of the upcoming Convention on April 7<sup>th</sup> thru April 11<sup>th</sup>, in Charleston SC. He stated that a few rooms at the host hotel might still be available.

### **- Lost Boat Brochures**

Steve Bell reported on the follow up on the brochures. USSVI National has ordered a production run of 10k brochures. Steve Bell ordered 200 for the base at a cost of \$15.00. He expects delivery before our next meeting.

### **- Color Guard Update**

Steve Bell reported on the efforts by Dale Moses and the members of the Color Guard to produce a video for the Carolina Panthers. This video was made as an audition for the honor to present the Colors at the opening of a Panthers football game in Charlotte. The Carolina Panthers organization will review the videos submitted in late spring or early summer.

### **- Memorial Day Weekend**

The membership was reminded that the NC SUBVETS will again participate in this year's Thomasville Memorial Day Parade. Further details will be sent out by Jack Jeffries. After the parade those interested may join with the Color Guard as they present the Colors before the Knight's baseball game in Fort Mill. Ticket prices are \$13.00. Members were reminded to tell the ticket office that you are with the SUBVETS.

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

Tom Kelly reported on his experience during the Victory Junction visit. Jack Jeffries also reminded the members of the upcoming visit to the Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte. This visit will be at 1400 on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Up to 8 additional members and wives are encouraged to attend this worthy function. Please contact Jack if you wish to attend. The Base is planning on additional events at the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital as well. Jack will contact the membership with the upcoming dates when they become available.

### **- Rock Hill Massing of the Colors**

Walt Sealy reviewed the purpose of the Massing of the Colors. All members are encouraged to attend the Massing of the Colors at the Rock Hill High School Auditorium at 1500 on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The CPB Color Guard will be presenting our American Flag and the base flag. USSVI National and base Chaplin will be giving the invocation.

### **- Eagle Scout Program**

Tom Hulme reported on the expansion of the USSVI Eagle Scout program. Tom is a Scout master himself. This program recognizes the top achievement of the Boy Scouts of America. The USSVI as added those young women in the Girl Scouts and those in the Sea Scout programs. Steve Bell noted that the Base will continue to support this program and will expand it to these other worthy groups.

### **- News Letter**

The award winning Piedmont Periscope News Letter deadline for April will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **- Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 201 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Dinner will start at 1730. The SUBVETTES 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