



**Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes
For July 27th, 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 Michael Hubbell.

-Member Introductions

There were 20 members present, and special Guests.

-Special Presentations

Jim Meyers presented a scholarship check from the Robert E. Fennell Scholarship Fund to Ms. Shelby R. Hopkins, the granddaughter of Robert F. "Hoppy" Hopkins of the Nat Greene Base. Ms. Hopkins will be pursuing a nursing career and attending UNC Charlotte in the fall.

-Reading/Approval of the last Meeting Minutes

The motion to accept the Minutes of the Base Meeting held on June 22nd, 2013 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 Ray Zieverink.
As of July 27th, 2013 the following funds where available to the Base.

CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,606.85
MEMEMORIAL RESTERATION FUNDS	\$ 542.50
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 205.80
KAPS-4-KIDS	\$1,809.67
BASE FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$4,048.88

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-Bible procurement

Steve Bell reviewed the current procedures for the Memory Bibles given to the families of departed shipmates. Base Commander Steve Bell and Base Chaplain Ray Fritz were given the authority to procure and present these Bibles on a case by case basis. Steve took the time to explain that some Bibles have been presented to those not directly related to the Carolina-Piedmont Base. All present agreed that Steve and Ray have done well and should continue with the current policies.

-Operating Budget

Steve Bell reviewed the current Annual Operating Budget. This covered the \$100.00 annual Base Budget to cover expenses incurred while conducting Base business. And the \$100.00 annual budget for our Bilge Rat Productions. After open discussions, Ray Zieverink made the motion to increase the Base Operating Budget to \$250.00 a year, including moving the Bilge Rat Productions budget into the Base Operating Budget. The Motion carried. (Note: Bilge Rat Productions expenses will come from the operating unless it is a capital purchase).

-Store Keeper's Report

There was no report for July 2013.

-Good of the Order

-Eagle Scout Presentation

Base Commander Steve Bell reported on the presentation of the Honorary Submariner to the 2nd grandson of Ollie Thompson. Ollie was the man responsible for donating the NC Subvets Mk14 Torpedo.

-USS Scorpion Challenge Coin

Steve Bell presented the USS Scorpion Challenge Coin. These coins are being sold to help raise funds for the USS Scorpion 50th Memorial. Steve Bell is taking orders for those wishing to purchase a coin. Each coin is \$10.00 (cash).

-Kaps-4-Kids Update

Jack Jefferies updated the membership on this summer and fall K4K visits. On August 7th the Base will be visiting the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital. Up to 5 members are welcome to attend. On October 19th the Base will again be visiting the Victory Junction Camp, 2 members are welcome to attend (in addition to Jack and Steve). A date for the Levine Children's Hospital visit has not been set yet, Jack will be providing additional information on the date. Any members interested in attending any of these visits are asked to contact Jack Jefferies.

-Bilge Rat Productions

Season 3 has kicked off with a visit to the Pineville Assisted Living facility. Dale Moses requests that any members who have music stand consider donating them for the use of the shows musicians and singers. A volunteer is needed to a non-speaking role at the Salisbury VA show to be held at 11AM on the 21st of ~~September~~ [August](#) at Bldg. 10.

-Membership Renewal

Steve Bell reminded the membership that annual dues for the base and USSVI are due by December (for calendar year of 2014). Steve asked that all members get their dues in to Ray Zieverink as early as possible.

-E-Board Meeting

Steve Bell reviewed some of the issues covered during the E-Board meeting held prior to the monthly business meeting. Opened for discussion was a possible weekend event to replace the Burnsville Meeting now being hosted by the USS Asheville Base. Steve suggested combining the Troutman 4th of July parade with a weekend event. This event could be a major fund raiser for our Base. The membership was asked to give this serious consideration, further discussions will be held during future Base meetings. Further details of other subjects covered during the E-Board meeting will be forth coming through Steve.

-CPB August meeting

Steve bell reported that to avoid conflict with this year's National Convention, the August meeting will be moved up to August 17th, 2013. Please mark your calendars.

-Jack's Annual Picnic

Ray Zieverink made the motion to increase the funding of the CPB Annual Picnic held at Jack Jefferies' home in September to \$250.00 to help cover the costs. The motion carried.

-NC Subvets

NC Subvets Commander Jim Myers reported that at the time of the meeting over \$2000.00 has been raised state wide for our member in distress. Jim expressed his admiration and heartfelt thanks to all hands. Jim reported that the 2014 USSVI Southeast Regional Convention will be hosted by the Tarheel Base next year. Planning for the convention has just begun and all members will be kept up to date as the planning progresses. Jim also reported that Tony has decided to donate the area of his property that has the Lost Boat Memorial (Burnsville) on it to the NC Subvets. The NC Subvets Board is currently working on creating a separate legal entity to oversee the Monument. This action is to prevent any complications with the by-laws of USSVI and with the I.R.S. Further information shall be released as the legal issues are resolved.

-News Letter

Dale Moses reminded all that the newsletter deadline will be August 8th, 2013.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont base will be held on August 17th, 2013 at the VFW in Fort Mill. Dinner will start at 1730 hrs.

-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