



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

### **-Call Meeting to Order**

1900 hrs. Base Commander Steve Bell called the meeting to order.

### **-Invocation**

Base Chaplin Ray Fritz gave the Invocation.

### **-Pledge of Allegiance**

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **-USSVI Creed**

The USSVI Creed was recited by Base Commander Steve Bell.

### **-Tolling of the Boats**

The Tolling for March was presented by Base Chaplin Ray Fritz and COB Rick Pettit.

### **-Member Introductions**

There were 20 members present.

### **-Special Presentations**

Shipmates Rick Pettit, Andy Miller, and Bob Bunny were awarded their USSVI 5 year membership pins by Base Commander Steve Bell.

Shipmate Stanley W. Shultz was inducted in to the Holland Club by Walt Sealy. Stanley qualified aboard the USS Alexander Hamilton SSBN 617 in 1964.

### **-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes**

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the February, 2014 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and Emails sent to the membership. The motion carried.

### **-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report**

Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink gave the report for February 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,856.65
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Memorial Restoration Fund	\$ 552.50
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 43.00
General Base Funds Available	\$3,937.65

## **-Old Business**

None

## **-New Business**

District Commander Steve Bell requested that our district show their support for this year's National Convention by purchasing a full page ad in the USSVI 2014 Convention Program. The cost of this year's ad will be \$350. The cost of the ad will be shared equally between all the Bases in our district. The motion was made to purchase the ad. The motion carried.

## **-SK Report**

Members were reminded if they needed anything to see Jeff Nieberding.

## **-Good of the Order**

## **-Sailor of the Year**

Steve Bell reviewed the events for this year's awards, held in Norfolk VA. With the restructuring of the awards program by the Navy, there were 4 winners and 7 runners-up (one candidate eliminated after being selected for LDO). In previous years there was only 4 of each. In keeping with regulations, each runner-up was awarded \$150. The remainder of the monies collected was donated to the Chief's Fund to help offset the cost of putting on the award program.

## **-National Election**

Steve Bell reviewed those running for National Offices. He also briefly reviewed all of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to be on the ballot this year. He asked that you read each of the biographies and the Amendments and vote how you feel, not by name recognition or just because the BOD approved the Amendments.

## **-Regional Convention**

Steve Bell remind all members of the upcoming Regional Convention. Those interested in attending but have not yet made their reservations should contact Butterbean (Tarheel Base Commander) as soon as possible.

## **-Burnsville Memorial Service**

Steve Bell reminded all members that the Burnsville Memorial Service will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Members can download registration forms at the USS Asheville Base website, <http://www.ussashevillebase.com>. The cutoff date for reservations will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The host hotel will be the Skyline Village Inn in Little Switzerland, NC.

## **-BSA Eagle Scout Presentation**

Chaplin Ray Fritz reported on last month's Eagle Scout Presentation. In addition to presenting the scout with a special award from the Base, Chaplin Ray Fritz also present to the family a Book of Remembrance. The grandfather, who passed away in the 1980's, had served aboard 4 submarines.

## **-Base Commander's Qual Card**

Steve Bell explained a program from the USSVI Board of Directors. The purpose of the qual card is to better prepare those considering the office of Base Commander of their local Base. Even those not desiring the position of Base Commander are encouraged to complete the qual card. Those who complete the qual card will receive a "Base Commander Certified" patch. This program is strictly voluntary.

## **-Victory Junction Camp Visit**

Shipmate Jim Shank reported on the latest visit to Victory Junction. There were 38 campers and their families during this visit. Jim encourage any who would like to attend to contact Jack Jeffries. A fall visit to Victory Junction is being planned.

**-Levine Children's Hospital**

Shipmate Jack Jeffries reports that there will be a visit to the Levine Children's Hospital on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> a 1:30 PM. This visit will be held in the Hospital's Atrium. Up to 10 members can attend, further details will be emailed out to all by Jack.

**-Saluda Trails Middle School Visit**

Jack Jeffries reported that we will be conducting Submarine Classes to the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Saluda Middle School in Rock Hill, SC on 22 April 2014. We will be conducting 3 classes of 90 minutes each to approximately 100 students during each session, starting at 0900. Bob Schilke will bring his Model Submarine Fleet. Any who wants to attend please let Jack know. Also, any submarine memorabilia would be appreciated.

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

Base Commander Steve Bell reminded the membership that there will be the Annual Massing of the Colors at the Rock Hill High School in Rock Hill, SC on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will start at 3:00 PM. Those wishing to attend should muster at the high school at 1:45 PM. Shipmate Rick Pettit has indicated that he will be bringing the equipment from Burnsville. Jack Jeffries will be sending out reminders by email.

**-Piedmont Periscope Dead Line**

Shipmate Dale Moses reminded all members that submissions for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope are due by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**-Benediction**

The benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

**-Motion to Adjourn**

The motion was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Michael Hubbell  
Base Secretary