



**Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes
November 22nd, 2014**

-Call Meeting to Order

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

-Invocation

James Schenk gave the Invocation.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

-Tolling of the Boats

The Tolling for March was presented by Steve Bell and Rick Pettit.

-USSVI Creed

The USSVI Creed was recited by Tom Kelly.

-Member Introductions

There were 25 members present.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

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

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Raymond Zieverink gave the Treasurer's Report for October 2014. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,494.09
Kapss4Kidss	\$1,785.37
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 179.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,529.72

-Old Business

None

-New Business

-SOY 2015

Steve Bell reported on the upcoming Sailor of the Year Awards for COMSUBLANT. Steve is waiting for the particulars for the 2015 awards. Naval regulations and Federal laws restricts the amounts of monies that can be awarded to each recipient. As in the past any overages will be given to the CPO Mess that puts on the event. The motion was made and seconded to donate \$400.00 to the SOY 2015 Awards. The motion passed. The Base Treasure was directed to reserve those funds from the General Fund.

-SK Report

Jeff Nieberding reported that he Base Challenge Coins, Patches and will take orders for anyone needing a vest.

-Good of the Order

-Dues Renewal

Steve Bell reminded all hands that Base and National dues are coming up. Steve urges all hands to consider the 3 year or 5 year option for national dues. The Life Membership is pro-rated base on the age of the member, and might be a more viable option for our senior shipmates. Dues should be paid to the Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink.

-Veteran's Day at Saluda Trails Middle School

Steve Bell report on the Saluda Trails Middle School's Annual Veterans Day celebration in Rock Hill, SC. Robert Schilke brought the "Fleet" for display. Jeff Nieberding, Bob Bunney, and Steve Bell were also participants. The event was again well received by the students and was greatly enjoyed by all who participated.

-Kaps-4-Kids - Levine Children's Hospital

Steve Bell reported on the Halloween visit to the Levine Children's Hospital. Due to HIPPA violations on the part of others, at this time no groups are permitted to visit the wards. This visit was restricted to the atrium. Even with the current restrictions Base members saw 60-65 children. Jack Jeffries, Bob Schilke (with his submarine fleet), Rick Petitt, and Steve Bell participated.

-NC SUBVETS Torpedo Float

Steve Bell reported that Jim Meyers was involved in an accident while towing the torpedo to a parade. There were no injuries as a result of the accident. Since USSVI insurance only covers the events, Jim's insurance will have to cover this accident. As result Jim Meyers has decided that he will no longer tow the float to parades. Those bases wishing to use the float may do so, if they provide their own tow vehicle and insurance while in transit. Due to the high tongue weight and overall weight of the trailer the tow vehicle should be at least a ¾ ton truck with full tow package. The torpedo and submarine are stored at the Asheboro Air Museum in Asheboro, North Carolina. Those wishing to use either floats should contact Jim Meyers or Chuck Jensen.

-1st Annual Mooresville Veterans Day Parade

Jim Schenk reported on this year's parade and invited those members who can attend to plan to attend again next year.

-A Christmas on the Boat Poem

John Wardean shared a Christmas Poem written by a fellow diesel boat sailor.

-Piedmont Periscope

Robert Schilke reminded all hands that submissions for the newsletter needs to be sent to him not later than December 15th.

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on December 13th, 2014 at the VFW in Fort Mill. This will be an unofficial meeting, and will be brief, followed by our annual Christmas Party. The gathering will be start at 1800 hours.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Respectfully Submitted by
Michael Hubbell
Base Secretary