



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes January 24th, 2015

-Call Meeting to Order

1900. 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 Joel Tuchfeld.

-Tolling of the Boats

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

-Member Introductions

There were 25 members present.

-Special Presentations

Jack Jeffries and Jack Anulies were inducted in to the Holland Club.

Dave Peck, John Wardean and Howard Dachs were awarded longevity pins for their 15 year membership in USSVI.

-Reading/Approval of the last meeting minutes

The motion was made to accept the minutes for the November, 2014 meeting as posted in the Piedmont Periscope and E-mails sent to the membership. The motion carried. No formal meeting was held in December.

-Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

Raymond Zieverink gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2015. The Motion was made to accept the report as read, the motion passed.

Current Balance	\$6,915.57
Kapss4Kidss	\$1,899.37
Sailor of the Year (Escrow) 11/22/14	\$ 400.00
USSVI Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
General Base Funds Available	\$4,616.20

-Old Business

None

-New Business

None

-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 must be paid no later than January 31st, 2015. Those members' who have not paid their due will be dropped for the National Roster. Dues should be paid to the Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink.

-Base Elections

Steve Bell report that as the out-going Base Commander he will be over seeing the Base Elections. All nominations for the elected Base Officer are now open. Nominations shall be closed at the March meeting. Voting will occur between the March meeting to just prior to the April meeting. Results will be announced at the April meeting with officers being installed at Burnsville in May. All members wishing to be nominated or desire to make a nomination should contact Steve Bell. Self Nominations were encouraged.

-Bilge Rats 2015

Steve Bell reviewed the history of the "halfway nite" style performances of the Bilge Rat Productions. A new show has been planned for 2015 and the first performance will at the Burnsville Memorial event. New members to the group, either as a regular or as a backup, were solicited. All members are encouraged to participate in the worthy and enjoyable base program.

-S.E. Regional Convention and Burnsville

Steve Bell reminded all members interested in attending this year's S.E. Regional Convention in Cape Kennedy FL on April 20th. The Burnsville Memorial Service will be on May 15 and 16. All members planning on attending should get their registrations in soon.

-Save the USS Clamagore

Shipmate Jack Harden from the Charleston Base gave an up-date on the current efforts to save the USS Clamagore from being sunk as a reef. Currently the US Coast Guard will not allow the boat to be towed to sea in its current condition. It was reported that at this time the company intending to use the boat as a reef is unwilling to spend the funds necessary. If the current deadline (December 31, 2015) is not met, it might be possible to raise the funds needed to restore the boat and transfer it to a new location in the Charleston area. Jack will keep the membership advised of all future developments.

-A Special Thanks

Walt Sealy led the membership in a voice of thanks to Steve Bell for his many years of service to the Carolina-Piedmont Base as Base Commander.

-Piedmont Periscope

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

-Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on February 28th 2014 at the VFW in Fort Mill.

Pot luck dinner will be at 1730 with the meeting starting at 1900.

-Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made and passed.

-Benediction

The Benediction was given by Chaplin Ray Fritz.

Respectfully Submitted by
Michael Hubbell
Base Secretary