



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

Meeting Date:  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015



### **Call Meeting to Order**

- 1900 hrs. Base Commander Rick Pettit called the meeting to order.

### **Invocation**

- Base Chaplain Raymond Fritz gave the Invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Special Presentations**

- William Hulme (son of base member Tom Hulme) was awarded \$1000 from the Robby Robertson Memorial Scholarship Fund. William will be attending NC State University this fall.
- Andrew Dunton (son of base member Edward Dunton) was awarded \$1000 from the USS Tunney Association Scholarship Fund. Andrew will be attending the University of South Carolina this fall.
- In addition to their monetary awards, Jack Jeffries also presented to both William and Andrew certificates as Honorary Submariners.
- Steve Bell was presented with a gift from his district bases which was a handcrafted wooden box representing the 2 states and 8 bases currently in his district. (Steve is currently serving as USSVI's S.E. Region District Commander).
- Steve Bell reminded us to continue bringing in our recycled cans as this money adds to our scholarship fund.

### **USSVI Creed**

- The USSVI Creed was recited by Robert Schilke.

### **Tolling of the Boats**

- The Tolling of the boats for July was presented by Raymond Fritz and Joel Sparnon.

### **Member Introductions**

- There were 30 regular members present plus 2 new members (Don Haseley & Cal Bolton) who were attending their first Carolina Piedmont base meeting.
- It was a special privilege having Don join our base as Don Haseley is a WWII qualified submariner who qualified in 1945 aboard USS Cavalla (SS-244).
- Checking the base roster listing of Carolina-Piedmont members with the addition of Cal and Don our base now stands at an even 100 members. Well Done, now keep on recruiting new folks!

### **Reading/Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made to accept the minutes for the June 2015 meeting which were both posted in the July edition of the Piedmont Periscope and were also distributed to the membership directly via email. No discussion and the motion passed.

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

- Raymond Zieverink gave the Treasurer's Report for July 2015. The Motion was made to accept the report as read; No discussion, Motion passed.

| Category           | July 2015 Balances | Last Reported Balances |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Kapss-4-kidss Fund | \$ 1,639.37        | \$ 1,949.37            |
| Scholarship Fund   | \$304.00           | \$ 268.00              |
| General Base Fund  | \$5,340.95         | \$ 5,334.20            |
| Total Balances     | \$ 7,284.32        | \$ 7,551.57            |

### **Old Business**

#### **- Color Guard**

- A follow-up to last month's business of providing funds to Dale Moses to purchase reserve color-guard uniform items; Dale has purchased and received those additional uniform items.
- Dale again reminded members of the need for additional volunteers to support our bases' color guard activities.

### **New Business**

#### **- September's Meeting at Jack's**

- Proposal & Motion to allot \$200 for a porta-john out at Jack's house for the use of members at the September Meeting/Picnic. The motion carried.
- Proposal that money collected for the dinner at our next base meeting in August will be distributed as follows:
  - 5/6 goes to purchasing food for the September meeting/picnic.
  - 1/6 goes to the scholarship fund.
  - Members agreed.
- Additional information about September's Meeting:
  - Jack noted that the local volunteer fire dept. donates the use of their tables and chairs for our meeting. It was recommended we "Pass the hat" at the September meeting to provide a monetary thank you for their generosity.
  - As it was done last year, the Sun Valley Jr. ROTC Color Guard will be presenting the colors for the beginning of our meeting.
  - Reminder, plenty of food will be on hand but this will be a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) event.

### **SK Report**

- Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reminded members that patches, vests, challenge coins and those special parking posters are all available for purchase thru him.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **- Back-up Personnel for Base Chaplain**

A call was put out again that we were still looking for a replacement for our Base Chaplain Ray Fritz and during the meeting Tom Hulme answered that call by volunteering to takeover for Ray. A big thanks goes to Tom Hulme and a bigger thank you goes out to Raymond Fritz who has done a "Four Oh" job during his many years while serving as our base chaplain.

## **Good of the Order** (cont.)

### **- National Dues**

Again the reminder goes out that the cost of our USSVI National membership dues will be going up by an additional \$5 next year. This will bring the yearly cost of National Dues up to \$25 per year. The cost increase is primarily due to the increased costs of producing the hardcopy version of the American Submariner quarterly magazine. It was mentioned also that members can sign up for multiple-year memberships (i.e. 3 or 5-year memberships) and they will receive a discounted fee verses the single-year renewal fee.

### **- National Convention**

September is fast approaching and we were reminded that this year's USSVI National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh PA over the dates of September 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Pittsburgh is home to the USSVI Requin Base and also berthed in Pittsburgh is the submarine USS Requin (SS-481).

### **- Bilge Rats**

Coming up on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> is the next performance of the Carolina-Piedmont Bilge Rats production of Ned Sullivan, (a "southernized" version of the *Ed Sullivan Show*). The show will feature performances by the Elm Valley Boys and the Limitations and will be performed in Concord, NC.

### **- Museum Boats**

Mike Hubbell reminded us to take the opportunity to tour any museum boats when we can. Mike mentioned the USS Cod (SS-224) in Cleveland Ohio near the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame also mentioned were the USS Drum (SS-228) located in Mobile Alabama and the USS Clamagore (SS-343) located at Patriot's Point near Charleston, SC.

### **- Schedule Changes to the November and December Base Meetings**

- November's meeting will be held on the third Saturday (Nov 21<sup>st</sup>) because the following weekend will be the Thanksgiving weekend.
- December's meeting is also moved to the third Saturday (Dec 19<sup>th</sup>) because the following weekend will be the weekend after Christmas. December's meeting will be very brief followed by having a base dinner afterwards.

### **- Piedmont Periscope**

Robert Schilke reminded all hands that submissions for the newsletter need to be sent to him no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Base Meeting**

- The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on August 22nd, 2015 at the VFW in Fort Mill. A pot-luck dinner will be served at 1730 hrs followed by the meeting which will start at 1900 hrs.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1957 hrs; the motion passed.

### **Benediction**

- The Benediction was given by outgoing base Chaplain Raymond Fritz.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:  
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Base Secretary