



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

Meeting Date:
August 22nd, 2015



Call Meeting to Order

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

Invocation

- Base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave tonight's Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

- All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentations

- A special gift was handcrafted by Jim Schenk to outgoing base chaplain Raymond Fritz showing that he is truly a fisher-of-men and to thank him for his 4-0 service as Carolina Piedmont's Base Chaplain. Raymond could not attend tonight's meeting because he was out celebrating with his wife and best-friend Diana on their 56th wedding anniversary. Raymond's gift was presented to him the next day at his home in Lake Wylie.

USSVI Creed

- The USSVI Creed was recited by Jim Goins.

Tolling of the Boats

- The Tolling of the boats for August was presented by Tom Hulme and Joel Sparnon.

Member Introductions

- There were 26 regular members present tonight.

Reading/Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to accept the minutes for the July 2015 meeting which were both posted in the August 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	August 2015 Balances	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,639.37	\$ 1,639.37
Scholarship Fund	\$388.00	\$ 304.00
General Base Fund	\$5,122.45	\$ 5,340.95
Total Balances	\$ 7,149.82	\$ 7,284.32

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Military Order of the Purple Heart Donation

- A donation basket was made available for the Military Order of the Purple Heart by base member Bob Bunney who himself was wounded in Vietnam and awarded a Purple Heart.
- Bob expressed a willingness that he would match any monies received up to \$100 for donations to the Purple Heart organization. \$70 was generously donated by the base membership this evening and then a motion was made and seconded that a contribution of an additional \$30 from the general fund would be added to this donation to bring the total amount given to an even \$100; the motion carried.
- The base would like to recognize Bob Bunney for his generosity and for his service in Vietnam.

SK Report

- Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding informed members that he was now taking orders for the 2016 USSVI calendars and the price would be \$8 per calendar. Jeff said calendars would be made available starting at the next meeting in September at Jack's place.

Good of the Order

- Subvettes & Kaps-4-Kids

A special donation of \$50 was made to the Kaps-4-Kids Fund by Glenna Hubbell on behalf of the Carolina Piedmont Base Subvettes.

- Kings Bay

- A reminder was made to the base membership about making plans for the next WWII Submarine Memorial Service coming up at Kings Bay Submarine Base from November 4th thru the 8th.
- Past meetings at Kings Bay included exceptional tours, food and celebrations.
- A Memorial Service will be conducted Friday morning. Friday evening will be the steak dinner at the CPO Club.
- Applications for taking a submarine tour are now being taken in which there are a limited number of openings for this opportunity.
- Accommodations are available for staying on base or there are a number of hotels available immediately off base.
- As a reminder, a schedule of all the Kings Bay events was emailed out previously to the membership. Contact Jack Jeffries if you need to have him email you this information again.

- 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.

NOTE: Dues will not be taken at the next meeting as the base treasurer will not be able to attend the meeting at Jack's. Dues can again be paid at the October meeting for 2016.

- National Convention

September and the USSVI National Convention are here. Special hotel rates continue if you still haven't made your reservations yet. Dates of convention in Pittsburgh PA is September 7th thru 12th.

Good of the Order (cont.)

- Color Guard

- Dale Moses reminded members of the need for more volunteers for the base color-guard unit. Practices can be held for those not remembering the do's and don'ts of marching.
- The opportunity is available for our color-guard unit to present the colors at a Charlotte Checkers hockey game. We're looking for those interested in attending the game in order for us to get a group- seating rate which then would also get our base name mentioned on the scoreboard.
- The game will be at the newly remodeled Bojangle's Arena at a date yet to be determined.
- For anyone interested in attending the game please let Dale Moses know so he can get a head-count of all those interested. The group-rate takes 30 or more people to get the special price.

- Flag Etiquette

- Inquiries have been sent out to area schools researching interest in having a flag-etiquette presentation made at their school.
- Future presentations are being scheduled as follows:
 - A presentation will be made at Stalling's Elementary School on Friday, August 28th.
 - Another presentation will be held at Western Union Elementary School on Friday, September 25th.
 - A third presentation is scheduled for October 9th at Indian Trail Elementary School and includes 2 sessions.
- Dale asks for base members interested in learning to do the Flag Etiquette presentation to just come and observe how simple it is to present the message of flag etiquette which can be easily communicated through the use of a PowerPoint presentation.

- Mooresville Veteran's Day

Information was passed along to the membership about a big Veteran's Day celebration in downtown Mooresville beginning on Wednesday (Veteran's Day) and proceeding throughout the remaining week in November. Members are encouraged to participate in the scheduled parade, which will be followed by a luncheon and will conclude on Wednesday with a concert starting at 1600 hours. Additionally a ceremony for fallen veterans will be held at Glenwood Cemetery. More information and a schedule of events will soon follow.

- NC Subvet License Plate

A reminder was put out to meeting attendees that a U.S. Navy Submarine Veteran's license plate is available from the state of North Carolina DMV. *See example of license plate below.*

The license plates are \$10 for the next sequential-numbered plate or \$40 for a personalized plate. NOTE: The fees listed above are an annual fee and are added to the standard registration fee.



- Victory Junction

- Jack Jeffries updated us that the next trip to Victory Junction is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. Mike Toomey and Zeke Rybcyzk will be joining Jack and Rick on this next trip in October.
- The last trip to Victory Junction guest attendees from our base were Joel and Anna Tuchfeld. Joel provided a report on his and Anna's experience while visiting the facility and they were privileged to experience NASCAR week there along with seeing the Pit Crew's practice. Many of the children were awarded honorary submariner certificates and were given a submarine ball cap as part of the USSVI's Kaps-4-Kids program.

Good of the Order (cont.)

- Schedule Changes to the November and December Base Meetings

A reminder again was put out about the date changes for the November and December base meetings.

- November's meeting will be held on the third Saturday (Nov 21st) because the following weekend is the Thanksgiving weekend.
- December's meeting is also moved to the third Saturday (Dec 19th) because the following weekend is the weekend after Christmas. NOTE: 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 September 15th.
- Robert also requested a copy of the Bilge Rats schedule.

- Special Notes

- Tom Hulme (our base chaplain) asked for prayer for himself as he will be having back surgery on Sept. 17th.
- Tom also asked for prayer for his father-in-law.
- Rick Pettitt mentioned his good friend who was 87-years old and who was a WWII veteran was just honored by being buried at sea.
- Raymond Zieverink mentioned he had the privilege of giving an Eagle Scout presentation on August 8th in Rock Hill with Steve Bell. The full story can be read in the August edition of the Piedmont Periscope.
- Bilge Rats just gave their latest presentation at Crescent Heights in Concord; a good time was had by all.

Next Base Meeting

- The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on September 26th, 2015 at Jack & Lady-J Jeffries' house out in Monroe, NC. Some details of the event are:

- Base Meeting starts at 1400 hrs. The meal will begin shortly after the meeting is over (~ 1530 hrs).
- As was done last year, the Sun Valley Jr. ROTC Color Guard will be presenting the colors for the beginning of our meeting and will be staying for a longer period of time this year.
- We'll be raffling off a Richard Petty autographed cap on Saturday.
- Reminders:
 - Jack will be sending out directions on how to find his home.
 - Bring your own "comfortable" chairs
 - We may need an extra table or two, if you have one you can bring.

Motion to Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2010 hrs; the motion passed.

Benediction

- The Benediction was given by base Chaplain Tom Hulme.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary