



**Carolina-Piedmont
Base Minutes**

**Meeting Date:
September 26th, 2015**



Call Meeting to Order

- Base Commander Rick Pettitt called the meeting to order @ 1538 hrs. at our special meeting place of the Sandhills Cowboy Church in Pageland, SC (which was the plan B location after a rainout at Jack & Lady-J's place in Monroe, NC).

Invocation

- Jim Schenk gave today's Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

- All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

USSVI Creed

- The USSVI Creed was recited by Lee Hickerson.

Tolling of the Boats

- The Tolling of the boats for September was presented by Jim Schenk and Joel Sparnon (COB).

Member Introductions

- There were 21 members present at this month's meeting at Jack's & Lady J's church near Monroe NC, including 1 new member attending his first Carolina Piedmont base meeting (Dan Jackson who qualified in 1965 and who lives with his wife Martha in Belmont, NC).

Special Award

- Jim Schenk was presented with a Robert Link Award given out by the National Commander of USSVI. *Robert 'Bob' Link was the first National Commander of USSVI. This award is the USSVI's version of a 'Letter of Commendation.'* Congratulation goes out to Jim Schenk!

Reading/Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to accept the minutes for the August 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 or changes were made and the motion passed.

Reading/Approval of the Treasurers Report

- Steve Bell substituted for base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink to give the Treasurer's Report for August 2015. A Motion was made to accept the report as read; No discussion or changes and the Motion passed.

Category	August 2015 Balances	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,369.37	\$ 1,639.37
Scholarship Fund	\$430.00	\$ 388.00
General Base Fund	\$5,037.45	\$ 5,122.45
Total Balances	\$ 6,836.82	\$ 7,149.82

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

SK Report

- Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding has obtained the new 2016 USSVI calendars and was fulfilling orders placed by base members. The price is \$8 for each calendar. This year's calendar theme is "Undersea Warriors" and contains great pictures of many of our newest-built American submarines.

Good of the Order

- Awards

- Carolina Piedmont Base received three separate awards at this year's National Convention.
 - A Meritorious Award was presented to our base for our civic involvement; this is the 2nd time we have received this honored award. *The Meritorious Award is awarded "to the base that most exemplifies the U.S. Submarine Veteran's motto "Pride Runs Deep" and by its efforts and involvement in local veteran's affairs, parades, school activities"... "promoting the concept of honor, duty and pride of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force to the General Public."*
 - The base also was presented with the Golden Anchor Award. This was the 4th time the base has received this award. *"The Golden Anchor Award is presented to the Base that has best demonstrated a leading role in developing and promoting creative membership renewals, and has developed successful recruiting tools, programs and ideas. Factors considered for this Award include Base development, recruitment of new Members, as well as renewal and retention of current Members."*
 - The base's third award received was Newsletter of the Year 2015 First Runner Up to a Class III base for our Piedmont Periscope monthly publication. *This award was presented "For its Editorial Achievement in Content, Appearance, Layout Graphics, General Interest, Originality, Members Information, Professionalism, Readability, National Information and Overall Value to its Readers."*
 - A WELL DONE goes out to all base members, contributors, and officers for their extra time spent and volunteerism to rise up Carolina Piedmont Base to its continued standards of excellence!

Good of the Order (cont.)

- National Convention

- The 2015 USSVI National Convention from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is now in the history books. The Carolina Piedmont base was represented by Carolina Piedmont's founding Base Commander Glenn Harris, and by the Petitt, Bell, Moses and Brough families and was a good time this year. Attendees were able to see a Pirates baseball game at PNC Park and a special event this year was the Tolling of the Boats being presented onboard the submarine USS Requin which is moored at the very beginning of the Ohio River in Pittsburgh.
- Next year's convention will be hosted by the USSVI Corvina Base in the city of Reno Nevada and will be held from August 14th thru 20th, 2016.

- Hockey Game

- Base members were reminded again regarding the opportunity for our base's color-guard unit to present the colors at a Charlotte Checkers hockey game. We're looking for 30 or more folks interested in attending the game in order for us to get a group-seating rate which would then also allow us to get our base name mentioned on the arena's scoreboard.
- Charlotte hockey games have been moved from Time-Warner Arena in uptown to the newly remodeled Bojangle's Arena and the date of our choosing has yet to be determined.
- For anyone interested in attending the game please let Dale Moses know soon so he can get a head-count of all those interested.

- Flag Etiquette

- Carolina Piedmont base continues to perform Flag Etiquette presentations, lead by Dale Moses, at area elementary schools.
 - A presentation was made at Stallings Elementary School on Friday, August 28th.
 - Multiple presentations were made at Western Union Elementary School in Waxhaw, NC on Friday, September 25th. 3 different sessions were conducted by Dale educating a total of 247 kids and 12 adults.
 - A big WELL DONE goes out to Dale Moses for his continued education of American children on the proper handling of Old Glory!
- Future presentations are being scheduled as follows:
 - In November, on Friday Nov 20th, Dale will be presenting at Antioch Elementary School in Matthews, NC.
- Dale continues to ask base members interested in learning to do Flag Etiquette presentations 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.

- Victory Junction

- Next trip to Victory Junction is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. Marvin Beaver and Zeke Rybcyzk will be joining Jack and Rick on this next trip in October.

Schedule Changes to the November and December Base Meetings

- November's meeting will be held on November 21st (the third Saturday in November) due to the following weekend is the Thanksgiving weekend.
- December's meeting will also moved to the third Saturday (Dec 19th) because the following weekend is the weekend between Christmas and New Years. NOTE: December's meeting will be very brief followed by having a base dinner afterwards.

Open Mic

- Chuck Jensen visiting from the Nat Greene base announced arrangements have been made to pull the torpedo & submarine floats for the Veteran's Day parade on November 11th in Asheboro, NC. Chuck also mentioned that the NC Subvets are still looking for someone with a ¾-ton truck to pull the torpedo float at future parades.
- Sandra and Paul Myers will be making a submarine presentation to a group of 3rd graders on Oct 5th.
- Here are some recent highlights of the Subvettes Stars Program:
 - Dave Peck recently traveled to a New Jersey South Boat Yard to a pig roast and had the opportunity to give out almost an entire bag of stars to veterans.
 - Sandra Myers stated she had a wonderful opportunity to give a star to a WWII Air Force veteran who was brought to tears by her gesture ... *a reaction we pleasantly experience very often ... both to the receiver and even as the giver.*
 - Jack had mentioned at the meeting that on October 3rd in Waxhaw NC a group was planning a Welcome Home Veteran's event at the Museum of the Waxhaw's and the group had requested 1,000 stars to distribute at the event. **UPDATE: Jack informed me after the meeting that the Welcome Home Veteran's event scheduled for Oct. 3 has now been postponed until next year.**
 - When asked, Cindy Petitt said to date that 36,000 stars have been cut out and packaged for giving out to veterans of the United States Armed Forces.
- Jim Schenk reminded us all about the continued happenings at Richard's Coffee Shop in Mooresville such as the gathering of the WWII veterans on Thursdays and on Saturday mornings folks getting together for some pickin', playin' and just some good ol' fun jammin' with friends.
- Mike Hubbell reminded us about registering for attending the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner which will be held December 5th.

Piedmont Periscope

- All hands reminded that submissions for the base newsletter need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

Next Base Meeting

- The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on Saturday, October 24th, 2015 at 1900 hrs. at the VFW in Fort Mill, SC. A pot-luck meal will precede the meeting starting at 1730.

Motion to Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1620 hrs; the motion passed.

Benediction

- The Benediction was given by Jim Schenk.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary