



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

Meeting Date:  
October 24th, 2015



### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 base meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. at the Fort Mill SC VFW Post.

### **INVOCATION**

- Tom Hulme gave tonight's Invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **USSVI CREED**

- The USSVI Creed was recited by Mike Hubbell.

### **TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

- The Tolling of the boats for October was presented by Tom Hulme and Mike Hubbell.

### **MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

- There were 20 members present at this month's meeting.

### **READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES**

- Base Secretary Tom Kelly reported there was a minor error in last September's meeting minutes. He wrote that the August meeting minutes were posted in the 'August' edition of the PP; Tom meant to write that the minutes were posted in the 'September' edition of the PP.
- The September meeting minutes were posted in the October edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent to the membership directly via email on October 5th.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes for the September 2015 meeting, no further discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

**READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink gave the September 2015 treasurer’s report *which is shown below*.
- Minor discussion occurred regarding a payment made to Jack (for last month’s picnic) and for how scholarship money is distributed; all questions were satisfactorily answered.
- There was no further discussion and no changes were made.
- A Motion was made to accept the report as read and the motion carried.

Category	September 2015 Balances	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,369.37
Scholarship Fund	\$444.00	\$ 430.00
General Base Fund	\$5,037.45	\$ 5,037.45
Total Balances	\$ 6,491.72	\$ 6,836.82

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**- Base Receives Check from Former Submariner’s Estate**

- Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink reported that Jack Jeffries received a check from a recently deceased former submariner’s estate who’s Last Will & Testament specified that \$100 go to a submarine veteran’s organization.
- Through the executor’s online search, our Carolina-Piedmont base was discovered listed under the USSVI website and since Jack Jeffries was listed as our base contact person, Jack received a check made out to the Carolina-Piedmont Base for \$100.
- Further research by Jack discovered that the deceased submariner was actually a former member of the Nat Greene Base.
- Discussion was made that this check should belong to the Nat Greene Base.
- A motion was made and seconded that a replacement check for the amount \$100 be sent to the Nat Greene Base along with a letter explaining the circumstances behind this check. All agreed and the motion carried.

**SK REPORT**

- Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding continued to fulfill orders for the new 2016 USSVI calendars at the price is \$8 per calendar.
- It was also mentioned that Carolina-Piedmont Jackets are still available to order and Jeff stated that orders can begin to go directly to Jenny who is now back in full swing producing base-designated apparel.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **- Colors at Checkers Game Update**

- Dale Moses will be reviewing the schedule for the Charlotte Checker's home games and will be picking a Saturday date for members to agree upon to attend.
- Dale stated that 30 or more folks are needed to get us a group-seating price but at this point we are just going to nail-down a date and go from there.
- Dale will be notifying us of the chosen date and we will then be able to let him know how many tickets we need.
- If enough members attend who are able to perform color-guard duties then we will also request to present colors at the beginning of the game.
- **UPDATE: Moe has selected the date of Friday January 22 at 2000 for the chosen night to go to the Charlotte Checker's Hockey game. Moe also found out that we won't have the opportunity to present the colors that evening as there is already another group lined up to do so. Moe asks that you now send him your requests for how many tickets you want if you are able to attend the game on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **- Flag Etiquette**

- Carolina-Piedmont base continues to perform Flag Etiquette presentations, lead by Dale Moses, at area elementary schools.
- Future presentations are being scheduled as follows:
  - In November, on Friday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **- Bilge Rats Update**

- The Carolina-Piedmont Bilge Rats production group will be making a grand performance of their production of "Ned Sullivan" at the Fort Mill VFW following our November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Bilge Rats performers also have road show scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Plantation Estates Assisted Living Community in Matthews, NC.

### **- Sub Ed Program (Sun Valley High School)**

- Jack & Rick visited Sun Valley High School to do our Submarine education class. Rick mentioned they spoke to approximately 60 - 70 kids per session and conducted three sessions at Sun Valley.
- Interesting questions are always asked at these events and they had a good time interacting with the students and faculty.
- At tonight's meeting there was much reminiscing about past experiences of giving submarine presentations.

### **- Victory Junction Visit**

- Marvin Beaver and Zeke Rybczyk were the latest base members to join Jack and Rick on their most recent visit to the Victory Junction facility in Randleman NC on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- This weekend happened to be when client's families were visiting so it was great interacting with the many folks there.
- Both men agreed how impressive the facilities were there at Victory Junction and stated how good the food was and how nice a time it was to be there.
- Caps were distributed to all the children there along with a number of honorary submariner certificates.

### **- Veteran's Day Parade Mooresville NC**

- Base members were reminded about the upcoming 4-day event scheduled for Veteran's Day Week in Mooresville.
- Wednesday's Events are as follows:
  - 11:00 am: Annual Flag Ceremony – Glenwood Memorial Park
  - 12:00 pm: Veterans Day Parade – Downtown Mooresville
  - 1:00 pm: Veterans Celebration – Town Hall Lawn
  - 2 to 5 pm: American Legion Forum on Veterans Issues
  - 4 to 8 pm: Rockie Lynne Tribute Concert Live – Town Hall Lawn (Free Event)
- A full schedule of the 4-day event can be found online at:  
<http://cmccmooreville.com/veterans/index.php/event-schedule/>

### **- Eagle Scout Presentations**

- Rick reported that he and Jack did a recent Eagle Scout presentation in Concord, NC. Three more presentations are scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- It was noted that Steve Bell has recently resigned as our Eagle Scout presentation coordinator so this position is currently open.
- Rick also reported that USSVI has recently received notice from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that we are to stop using the BSA Logo on all Eagle Scout Honorary Submariner Certificates and on patches distributed during these presentations. No further explanation has been received at this time as to why such notification was made to USSVI but continued inquiry with the BSA hopes to provide further information.

### **- Kings Bay WWII Subvets**

Joel Tuchfeld reminded us of the upcoming Subvet's WWII Memorial Event at the King's Bay Submarine Base which will be held in less than two-weeks from now from Nov 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **- Submarine Qualification Overview**

Joel Tuchfeld also shared with us about the opportunity he had to speak to a group in October about his submarine training experiences. Joel's presentation was about the training we receive in subschool and then what is required to obtain our dolphins on board our qualifying boat(s). Joel had some very interesting items to show during his presentation which included a scrapbook he's assembled containing a photo of his subschool class picture, his qualification sheet he had to complete for earning his dolphins, certifications from the boats he qualified on, photos of the subs and bases he was stationed at, amongst other things.

### **- COB's Recent Visit to Veteran's Park in Jeffersontown KY**

- This month's Piedmont Periscope had a note from Joel Sparnon (our base COB - Chief of the Base) about his travels while working where he unexpectedly came across a veteran's park in the town of Jeffersontown, KY (near Louisville KY).
- Joel stated that on display there were some really cool ship-mounted anti-aircraft guns, a Sherman-style tank, Vietnam-era helicopter, and a nice USSVI memorial to the lost boats.
- Joel mentioned if you are ever in the area you should check it out or you can check out their Facebook link as well.

## **RESIGNATION OF OUR CAN MAN**

- Rick reported that Steve Bell will be resigning as our “Can Man.” Steve has been fulfilling that roll for months now after our previous Can Man resigned.
- Rick stated after a discussion with Steve that for the level of effort it takes to collect and store the cans, there is not nearly enough monetary proceeds returned for the cans we have accumulated.
- The proceeds for the cans were going to our scholarship fund so collecting periodic donations besides what comes in from our pot-luck meals and other activities will more that contribute what our can collecting was providing to this fund.
- Therefore, it was generally agreed that we will no longer be collecting cans in the future from base members which were dropped off at base meetings.

## **2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE**

- Members were reminded again that annual base and national dues are now due. Our award-winning Piedmont Periscope newsletter recently reported the following facts regarding dues:
- National dues paid before 1 January 2016 will still be \$20; after 1 January an increase to \$25 goes into effect
- Options for National dues are a 3-year membership for \$55 or a 5-year membership for \$90.
- Base dues will still be \$10 per year or 3-year payment is available for \$27.50.
- If you are going to mail your dues in please mail a check made out to USSVI Carolina Piedmont base to Raymond Zieverink 3003 Lakeland Drive Rock Hill S.C 29730.
- A reminder was also included that if you are a Holland Club member or going to be inducted into the Holland Club in 2016 you do not owe base dues but you will still owe National dues.
- Please check with either Raymond or myself for National life membership dues.

## **OPEN MIC**

- Reminder of what Chuck Jensen (from the Nat Greene base) stated to us last meeting while visiting regarding arrangements have been made to pull the torpedo & submarine floats for the Veteran’s Day parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Asheboro, NC. Chuck also mentioned to us that the NC Subvets are still looking for someone with a ¾-ton truck to pull the torpedo float at future parades.
- More highlights of the Subvettes Stars Program:
  - Stars were given out at the Molly Marines National Convention
- Newest member Dan Jackson gave a great plug for Jim Schenk’s book, said it gives him an hour of laughs a night when he’s reading before going to sleep.
- Reminder again, if planning on attending the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup> to get your registration in soon.
- There were a number of folks who were unable to attend our October meeting due to various illnesses/medical situations (i.e. on the Binnacle List) so we just wanted give out a reminder to continue to remember these folks and or maybe even drop a word of encouragement to:
  - Carol Jefferies
  - Jim & Ruth Schenk
  - Paul Myers
  - Linda Zieverink
  - Ray & Diane Fritz
  - Hal & Dee Rutter
  - And to our base COB Joel Sparnon whose father had just passed away.

## **PIEDMONT PERISCOPE**

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

## **REMAINING 2015 BASE MEETINGS**

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

- November's meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> (the third Saturday in November) due to the following weekend is the Thanksgiving weekend. 2 deep fried Turkey's will be served for the pre-meeting meal as well as the rest of our potluck goodies. The special presentation of Ned Sullivan will be performed by our Bilge Rat production team.
- December's meeting is also moved to the third Saturday (Dec 19<sup>th</sup>) due to the following weekend is between Christmas and New Year's. NOTE: December's meeting will be very brief followed by having a base dinner afterwards.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at exactly 2000 hrs; the motion passed.

## **BENEDICTION**

- The Benediction was given by Tom Hulme.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:  
Tom Kelly  
Base Secretary