



Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

Meeting Date:
November 21st, 2015



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina-Piedmont Base Commander Rick Pettitt called the November 21st, 2015 base meeting to order @ 1902 hrs. at the Fort Mill SC VFW Post.

INVOCATION

- Base Chaplain 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 Steve Bell.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- There were 23 regular members present at this month's meeting with one new family visiting from near Kings Mountain who indicated they would be joining our base at next month's meeting.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

- The October meeting minutes were posted in the November edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent to the membership directly via email on November 9th.
- Minor discussion occurred regarding the posting of the treasurer's report in last month's minutes and one correction going forward will be to incorporate a more accurate date when reporting the current month's balances.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes for the October 2015 meeting and amend the reporting criteria for how current balances are shown; no further discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink gave the treasurer’s report thru November 20th, 2015 *which is shown below.*
- There was no discussion other than what was mentioned previously regarding how the current balances are presented in the minutes and no changes to the financial report was made.
- A Motion was made to accept the report as read and the motion carried.

Category	Balances as of 11/20/2015	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,010.27
Scholarship Fund	\$507.00	\$ 444.00
General Base Fund	\$5,556.45	\$ 5,037.45
Total Balances	\$ 7,073.72	\$ 6,491.72

OLD BUSINESS

• Estate Donation to Nat Greene Base

- As motioned at last month's meeting, Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink reported that a replacement check was sent to and received by the Nat Greene Base (Chuck Jensen) which had been inadvertently sent to the Carolina-Piedmont Base to honor the Last Will and Testament of a recently deceased submariner that some of his monies were to go to a submarine veteran's organization. The aforementioned submariner had been a former member of the Nat Greene Base.

NEW BUSINESS

• Strength for Service Devotional

- Discussion was presented by Lee Hickerson regarding a devotional book that was originally given out to service members during WWII and how a copy of it was discovered by a young boy in the attic of his grandfather who had had a stroke and the family was clearing out his belongings.
- The young boy was a boy scout then and made it his Eagle Scout project to get the book back into print. The boy was successful in 1999 in accomplishing his goal.
- New life has come into this devotional which is now being redistributed to members of the armed forces, as well as first responders, fire fighters, law enforcement officers and other community servants.
- Discussion was tabled at our November meeting to be taken back up at January's meeting as how we might become involved using this book as a tool of encouragement in our organization.

SK REPORT

- No base storekeeper report this meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

• Flag Etiquette - Antioch Elementary, Indian Trail

- Dale Moses reported that hundreds of 4th and 5th graders were given the Flag Etiquette presentation at both the Antioch and Indian Trail Elementary Schools.
- Dale also displayed a large handful of thank you letters received from many of the students for both his presentation and also thanking him for his service to his country.
- Dale continues to seek additional base members who would be interested in learning to do Flag Etiquette presentations.

• Mooresville Veterans Day Event

- A small number of base members attended the Veteran's Day Parade in Mooresville this month.
- It was mentioned that Mooresville wants our submarine veteran bases to participate in their parade next year.

• Saluda Trail Veterans Day Celebration

- Bob Bunney, Bob Schilke and Walt Sealy attended the Saluda Trail Veterans Day celebration which also happened to be attended by the motorcycle group Rolling Thunder.
- The local Navy recruiter (HM2 Smith) who was present actually reset her recruiting table next to our Submarine Veteran's display table and both groups had a good time representing the services of the U.S. Navy.

• Bilge Rats - Plantation Estates

- The Carolina-Piedmont Bilge Rat production group presented a show on Saturday, November 14th at Plantation Estates Assisted Living Community in Matthews, NC. The group felt this was one of their best performances of the year with great group participation at this location.
- The Bilge Rats performers also made a grand performance of their production of "Ned Sullivan" at the Fort Mill VFW following our November 21st subvet's meeting.
- Plans are now to perform future Bilge Rat productions on the same day as our base meetings.
- There is also a plan in the works to have a new patch produced which then can be given out honoring those who participate as members of the Bilge Rat group.

• Eagle Scout Update - Concord, Edgemore

- Walt Sealy reported that he had the privilege of presenting an honorary submariner certificate to a new Eagle Scout in Concord, NC. Another Eagle Scout presentation will be made in Chester in the near future.
- New certificates are now available for future presentations resolving issues discussed last month.
- It is expected that new patches to compliment the certificates will be available by early next year.

• National Dues

- Members were reminded again that annual base and national dues are now due.
- National dues paid before 1 January 2016 will still be \$20; after 1 January an increase to \$25 per year goes into effect
- Base dues will continue at the same price of \$10 per year.

• Pearl Harbor Dinner

- This is the last call if planning on attending the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner on December 5th (*and you haven't registered*) to get your registration in now. Jack sent out an email on 11/21/2015 with the registration form for this event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (cont.)

• Toys for Tots

- The base has made a donation to the Toys for Tots foundation for this holiday time of year and this will compliment a donation being made by our Carolina-Piedmont Subvettes group to Toys for Tots also.
- A motion passed to send a check in the amount of \$200 to Toys for Tots for this upcoming holiday season.

• December Meeting

- December's meeting will be on the third Saturday in December (the 19th) 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.

OPEN IMC

• Subvettes Presentation

- The men's subvets group had the privilege of seeing Glenna Hubbell award Kathy Bunney with the 2015 Gloria Myers President's Award for Kathy's service as a Carolina-Piedmont Subvettes.

• Future Parades:

- NC Subvets have been invited by the City of Charlotte to participate in next years 2016 St. Patrick Day parade.
- The torpedo and submarine floats are now available on a first come, first served basis. Volunteer drivers are reminded they will need to pick-up and return the floats during normal weekday working hours from the facility where the floats are stored.

• Stars:

- Stars were given out by Joel Tuchfeld at Cornelius NC during their Veteran's Day celebration.

• Checker's Game:

- January 22nd, 2016 is our night at the Checker's Hockey Game at the Bojangles Arena. Tickets will be \$15 a piece and Moe will be purchasing tickets for our group soon.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1958hrs; the motion passed.

BENEDICTION

- The Benediction was given by Tom Hulme.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary