



## Carolina-Piedmont Base Minutes

Meeting Date:  
February 27th, 2016



### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Vice-Commander Jack Jeffries called the February 27th, 2016 base meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. at the VFW Post located in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- All joined together in saying our Nation's Pledge of Allegiance.

### USSVI CREED

- The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Reb Wootten.

### TOLLING OF THE BOATS

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

### MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- There were 25 members present at this month's meeting.

### READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

- **January Meeting Minutes:** The January 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the February 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope plus the minutes were also sent directly to the membership via email on February 14th. A motion was made to accept the minutes as-is for the January 2016 meeting; no discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

### READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink provided a treasurer's report thru February 27th, 2016.
- Raymond also passed around for review a 2015 year-end summary report on last year's base finances.
- One item pointed out by Raymond was an outstanding (uncashed) check made out to Toys for Tots for \$200. It was discussed that this check would be cancelled and a better method of supporting Toys for Tots will be explored in the future.
- A motion was then made to accept the current treasurer's report thru February 27<sup>th</sup> 2016; no further discussion or changes were made and the motion passed.

Category	Balances as of 2/27/2016	Last Reported Balances
Kapss-4-kidss Fund	\$ 1,010.27	\$ 1,010.27
Scholarship Fund	\$54.00	\$ 5.00
General Base Fund	\$5,544.55	\$ 5,856.55
Total Balances	\$ 6,608.82	\$ 6,871.82

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## **SK REPORT**

- Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported that he's available for whatever items base members needed to order.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **• Nomination of National Officers**

- Steve Bell reported on the process to nominate persons for the various national offices.
- Nominating criteria is as follows:
  - Person must be qualified to do the job in whatever position he's being nominated for,
  - Person must be willing to do the job if elected,
  - Applications can be submitted online and be 100 words or less.
- Deadline for nominations closes on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **• National Award Nominations**

- Steve Bell also reported on the process to nominate person(s) or bases for various national awards.
- Information from the USSVI website on the awards program is as follows:

“The US Submarine Veteran's National Award Program recognizes members or bases whose contributions to the organization or their local community stand out. Any USSVI member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing (or entity such as a Base, where appropriate and stated in the Award description) for any of the below awards with the exception of the Newsletter of the Year, which is not a nominated award.”
- The list of awards that can be nominated for are shown below:
  - Joe Negri Award (USSVI Submarine Veteran of the Year)
  - Robert Link National Commander's Award
  - National District Commander of the Year Award
  - Golden Anchor Award
  - Silver Anchor Award
  - Meritorious Award
  - Base Newsletter of the Year
  - Ben Bastura Award
- The nomination period opened February 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Check the gold “Awards” link on the USSVI website for more detailed information.

### **• SC License Plates**

- Jack discussed the prospects of getting submarine specialty plates for South Carolina members.
- Jack stated the Charleston Base was leading the effort on getting legislation introduced.
- The projected price of the plates will be an additional cost of \$30 per plate per vehicle but that proceeds from the additional cost of the plates will be distributed back to bases proportionally to how many specialty plates are purchased by base members.
- For more information members are encouraged to review Jack's email to us on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to read all the particulars and to see a draft image of what the new plate may look like.

- **Bilge Rats**

- Dale “Moe” Moses discussed ideas for “halfway night” skits for doing at Burnsville and future acts that could be done at other venues. Jack followed up with his own list of ideas and base members were encouraged to put on their thinking caps and be creative to come up with new ideas.
- Moe stated they were starting “Season 6” of Bilge Rat productions and he continues to encourage any members interested to join the group.

- **Burnsville Gathering**

- Base members were reminded about the upcoming event at Moonshine Mountain near Burnsville NC the weekend of May 20 & 21. Members from all NC Subvet bases are welcomed to participate in this annual tradition to honor the 52 lost boats.
- More information about the Moonshine Mountain memorial can be obtained from the USSVI website by clicking on the red “Sub Memorials” button, then clicking on the state of North Carolina.

- **Eagle Scout Update**

- Walt Sealy is our coordinator for arranging participation at award ceremonies for when Boy Scouts are awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Walt reminded members that if you hear of any scout coming up for Eagle Scout to let him know as soon as possible.
- We participate at Eagle Scout award ceremonies by presenting the scout as an Honorary Submariner and the scout is also presented with a beautiful patch honoring the scout’s accomplishment.

- **Holland Club Certificate**

- Jack announced that the Carolina Piedmont base received a certificate of thanks from USSVI as a benefactor for our monetary donation last year in support of the costs associated with persons receiving the prestigious Holland Club award.

- **SC School Coordinator**

- Piedmont Periscope base news editor Robert Schilke reported that he was going to have to step down as our SC school coordinator for arranging submarine presentations at SC area schools. Robert asked that any member who was willing to take on this opportunity he would train them in what this position entails.

- **NC School Presentations**

- A submarine presentation is planned for Mooresville High School on March 8.

- **Victory Junction**

- Three visits are schedule so far this year for going to Victory Junction and presenting children with honorary submariner certificates and to give them a special Kaps-4-Kids hat; the first visit will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>, the next one will be in June for NASCAR night and the third date will be communicated later.

- **Base Color Guard**

- Dale Moses reported that 5 members of the base color guard presented the colors at the Charlotte Hornets verses Cleveland Cavalier’s basketball game on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at Time Warner Arena. Moe stated that all went well.
- Dale also announced that he’s looking to get our color guard to present colors at a Charlotte Knights game at BB&T Stadium this season.
- Dale also reminded us about the Massing of the Colors that will occur on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Rock Hill High School. Base member Walt Sealy can also provide members with more information regarding the Massing of the Colors.

- **Group Gatherings**

- **Checkers Game:** Moe also reported we had 43 members attend the Charlotte Checkers game on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Future Group Activities:** Ideas were kicked around about what we can do together as a base for summer related events. Some ideas mentioned were attending a function at Daniel Stowe's Botanical Garden, a Charlotte Knights game, etc. Moe asked folks to send him an email with any ideas.

- **Potential for Holding a Regional Meeting**

- Rick & Jack have begun discussion for holding a regional meeting/convention here in the Charlotte area. Jack stated this would be for an event in 2017. Much discussion ensued regarding what level of effort it would take for our base to put on such an endeavor.

- **Purple Heart Appreciation**

- The base received a very beautiful plaque from the Purple Heart Association for a monetary donation made last year to this organization. The base took up a collection for the Purple Heart organization and this was then matched by Purple Heart Medal Recipient Bob Bunney who is a member of our base.

- **Stars Program**

- Members are still excited about presenting veterans with a star as a reminder that their time served in the military is greatly appreciated. We were reminded that the stars program actually started with the Gettysburg Flag Works. If you Google "Stars Program Gettysburg Flag Works" you can read more about the start of this great program. We thank Howard Dachs for introducing the Stars Program to our base.

### **PIEDMONT PERISCOPE**

- All hands are 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.

### **NEXT BASE MEETING**

- The next meeting of the Carolina-Piedmont Base will be on Saturday, March 26th, 2016 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 2010 hrs; the motion passed.

### **BENEDICTION**

- Prior to tonight's benediction, Base Chaplain Tom Hulme recognized the Hubbell's in the recent loss of 2 family members with the presentation of a memorial Bible.
- The Benediction was given by Chaplain Hulme.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:  
Tom Kelly  
Base Secretary