

Minutes from USSVI USS Asheville Base Meeting
Held at Ryan's Restaurant, 1000 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC
1 October 13

1805 Called to order by Base Vice Commander Jerry Hoffart
Invocation by Chaplain Kast.
Tolling of the Boats for October
Introductions

1810 Minutes of the last meeting approved as posted.
Treasurer's report: \$30.28 in checking, \$199.00 in savings, and about \$500.00 in stores.

1812 **OLD BUSINESS**

Moonshine Mountain committee had a meeting before the Base meeting. We are trying to make arrangements with the Sea Cadets regarding maintenance of the memorial.

A trip up there is scheduled for 12 October at 0900. Those interested can muster at the Army Reserve Center and caravan up. Bring simple tools.

The Eagle Scout presentation on 28 September went well.

There are some difficulties with the Bonfish Grill pictures. The problem is being worked on.

CO of USS Asheville may take leave here next spring.

Calendars are available from the Treasurer/Storekeeper for \$10.00.

On Monday, 7 October the association of State Treasurers will meet at the Grove Park Inn. We have been asked to provide the color guard.

1825 **NEW BUSINESS**

District Commander Steve Bell reported on recent happenings in USSVI. 2014 is the 50th Anniversary of the USSVI, and we need to focus attention on recruiting.

The "Polaris" tartan has been adopted as the official tartan of the USSVI. Here it is:

Your half Scottish kilt loving Secretary--with a native Scots wife--thinks this is a grand idea!

Remember the Pearl Harbor dinner on 7 December in Raleigh.



Webmaster Jerome Hoffart reported some difficulties with our web site that he is working to resolve.

1905 Ray Fletcher, with VRQ (Veterans Restoration Quarters) told us about his personal history and background and how that led to his involvement with VRQ.

1925 He described how the program works and we, as a group, gave general assent to seeing what we can do to help. VRQ is associated with ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe County Christian Ministries), which is a well regarded and community involved charity.

1938 District Commander Steve Bell told us about what his wife, Ma Bell, does with old flags. She removes the stars and puts them in little zip bags with a card that reads, "I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that You are not forgotten."

1942 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

50/50 was drawn by our guest speaker and won by yours truly. \$30.00.

1944 Closing by Chaplain Kast.
Adjourn.

Submitted by Bob Moore, Base Secretary