

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: (Friday) November 18, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called the meeting to order @ 1930 hrs. at the VFW Post located in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

INVOCATION

- Carolina Piedmont base Chaplain Tom Hulme gave us the tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

USSVI CREED

- The USSVI Creed was recited tonight by Rick Petitt.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

- The Tolling of the boats for October was presented by Tom Hulme and Matt Reiland.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- There were 23 members present at this month's meeting which included our two newest members; George Davis from Charlotte and Jeff Mason. We welcome them both and their families to the Carolina Piedmont Base.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES

- The October 2016 meeting minutes were posted in the November 2016 edition of the Piedmont Periscope. A motion was made to accept the October minutes as posted; no discussion and the motion passed.

READING/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink presented the treasurer's report thru November 18th, 2016.
- A motion was made to accept the November treasurer's report as presented; no discussion and the motion passed.

| Category | Balances as of 11/18/2016 | Last Reported Balances |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kapss-4-kidss Fund | \$1,439.50 | \$1,339.50 |
| Moonshine Mtn Memorial Fund | \$500.00 | N/A |
| Scholarship Fund | \$425.00 | \$373.00 |
| General Base Fund | \$5,154.10 | \$5,627.50 |
| Total Balances | \$ 7,518.60 | \$ 7,340.00 |

OLD BUSINESS

• Torpedo Float

- The torpedo float is stored in the Asheboro Aviation Museum and as NC Subvets we are now in the process of becoming – as a group – a patron of the Asheboro Aviation Museum.
- The cost for becoming a “patron” is \$125/year. A motion passed last meeting for Carolina Piedmont Base to contribute \$50/year towards the combined patron membership.

- **Burnsville Moonshine Mountain Memorial Restoration Fund**

- Funds are actively being raised now for the significant drainage repairs/improvements needed for the Moonshine Mountain submarine memorial site located near Burnsville NC. The Asheville Base is maintaining the funds being accumulated for the memorial's restoration.
- A motion was passed at our October meeting for Carolina Piedmont base to contribute 1000 dollars from our general fund towards the memorial repairs; that donation has been since been satisfied.
- A challenge is still outstanding from CP base member Ray Fritz that he will contribute 1000 dollars of his own money when other Carolina Piedmont base members collectively contribute an amount of 1000 dollars towards the memorial repairs. Ray went on to explain that his late wife's (Diana's) father was a WWII Subvet. Ray also said that Diana liked to visit the Moonshine Mountain Memorial. As of tonight's meeting base treasurer Raymond Zieverink reported 70% of the base's individual donations have been contributed towards Ray's challenge.
- Finally, Rick notified us that the Nat Greene Base is donating a model of the WWII Submarine USS HAKE (SS-256) to be raffled off to raise additional funds for the Burnsville Memorial restoration. Tickets will be sold through all 6 NC Subvets bases and the raffle will conclude with a drawing at the annual meeting at the Burnsville memorial next May. *NOTE: For more information on the submarine model, see Jack Jeffries email titled "Donated Submarine Model for a Raffle" dated Monday 11/14/2016.*

NEW BUSINESS

- None

SK REPORT

- Our base storekeeper Jeff Nieberding reported we have received our 2017 USSVI calendars and all orders for calendars can now be picked up at our remaining meeting. Calendars are \$8 each. This year's theme is "Historical Classes of Boats" and Jeff has a couple of extra calendars for sale if you didn't put in an order.
- Jeff also is available for whatever items members need to order; patches, vests, challenge coins, etc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Kings Bay 2016**

- Rick reported that base members who attended the 2016 Kings Bay Submarine Veterans WWII Memorial event were treated to a very enjoyable visit. A tour of submarine USS Maryland was made available to event participants, guests were treated to multiple outstanding meals during their visit to the base and the base also honored participants by opening up access to base facilities like the Navy Exchange.

- **Dues**

- Reminder: The time to pay dues for 2017 is running out. If dues are not paid by mid-January to National those effected members will be dropped from membership rolls. Many members paid up at this month's meeting but a long list of unpaid members still exists.
- Dues can be paid to our Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink before the end of the calendar year but if you are not planning on attending December's meeting (and haven't paid your 2017 dues yet) you will need to contact Raymond Zieverink directly before the beginning of January.
 - National dues are \$25/year or \$70 for 3 years or \$115 for 5 years.
 - Base dues are \$10/year or \$27.50 for 3 years or \$45 for 5 years.

• **Updates – Eagle Scouts, Color Guard Events, Sub Education Programs**

- Dale Moses, aka Moe(SS), reminded us about him being the newest editor of the NC Subvets quarterly newsletter ALL CLEAR and he would appreciate input from any base member towards future publications.
- Moe also stated he's working on both a date for us to meet again at a Checker's hockey game and a date for the base's honor guard to present colors at a future Hornet's basketball game.

• **Bilge Rats Update**

- After our base meeting the base was treated to an outstanding and season premiere performance of Carolina Piedmont's Bilge Rat's parody of weather forecasting. There were many wonderful performances by cast members of songs about sunshine, clouds and rain (something we vaguely remember as being a weather phenomenon).
- Master of Ceremonies Raymond Zieverink also shared with us this is the Bilge Rat's 5th season.

• **Subvettes Update**

- It was reported that ballots will be going out to the ladies of all affect bases regarding the future make-up of the National Subvettes' Group of USSVI.
- Carolina Piedmont's own Glenna Hubbell assumed role as National President and Cindy Pettit agreed to take on duties of National Treasurer until such time as the Subvettes can be reorganized.

PIEDMONT PERISCOPE

- All hands are reminded that any news items they want included or considered for the next issue of the Piedmont Periscope newsletter that all submissions need to be sent to Robert Schilke no later than the 15th of each month.

NEXT BASE MEETING

- The last base meeting for 2016 will be held on the third Saturday of December on Dec. 17th at the Fort Mill VFW.
- Also as a special treat, Charlotte's own soulful singer Ron Morrow will be singing at the Fort Mill VFW at the end of our base meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2009 hours; the motion passed.

BENEDICTION

- Tonight's Benediction was given by Base Chaplain Tom Hulme.

RAFFLE RESULTS

- Tonight's raffle was won by Bob Bunney and Bob graciously donated his winning proceeds to our Kaps-4-Kids fund. Much thanks Bob!

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
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