



BASE MEETING 23 June 2012

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell. Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Pledge of Allegiance, Tolling of the Boats lost during May and June conducted by Chaplain Fritz and COB Paul Myers. Member introduction 26 members present including 2 new members that submitted applications, Torrance Adams and Jim George

*Reading of previous meeting minutes, Not read but approved and seconded as published in Piedmont Periscope.

*Reading of Treasurers report- Account Balance \$5945.23, Memorial Restoration fund, \$442.50, K4K fund \$1591.05, Scholarship fund \$342.65, Half Way Night fund \$77.25. Available funds \$2691.25.

*Old Business- Steve explained the situation with the base challenge coins manufactures of our coins made them from the wrong metal, they then made them of the correct metal, silver, and shipped us a new order of 100 coins. We can keep the 100 wrong ones, Bronze metal, at no cost. The price for the bronze coins was set at \$5.00 and new Silver coins at \$10.00

*New Business- Steve explained briefly the USS Omaha Sail Project and their request for donations to establish a memorial with the sail and rudder. Members voted and seconded a motion to send \$100.00 to the memorial.

Steve explained that the NC Subvets have been invited to be a non-voting member of the NC Veterans Council. The annual fee is \$100 and is to be split among all the NC bases. However, approval has not been received by all bases at this time. A motion was made and seconded, then approved by the membership for the base to provide our \$20. The \$20ation to stay in house until further info is received that the other bases have approved and we are going to join the organization.

*SK Report-Storekeeper Neiberding brought up the matter of SC Veterans Pin. Die to make pins at \$75-\$100. He has checked with other SC bases to see if there is any interest in program, nothing yet. Members brought up the subject of ownership of die if we proceed with the project. Jeff will check with the vendor regarding use of the die we pay for. Matter was tabled until further info is received.

*Good of the Order- Dale Moses informed members of Poker Run being sponsored by the VFW post on 14 July, anyone interested contact the post.

The matter of the National election was explained and it was stressed as to its importance, if anyone has trouble voting they should contact Jack to guide them through the procedure.

A report was given by Rick Petitt on the visit to Victory Junction Gang Camp, this was our 9th visit and we have one tentatively scheduled for the fall. During this visit, we presented KAPS and Certificates as well as Museum Boat pictures to approximately 95 campers.

We also this period visited with children at Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte, NC. We visited with about 20 children and presented KAPS as well as Certificates and coloring books to the children.

Dale Moses announced that our next skit presentation will be at Plantation Estates, where COB Paul Myers works on the 23rd of July, we are scheduled to debut the new Dragnet skit as well as Snoopy vs. the Red Baron skit. We are also scheduled to present the skits at the VFW after the October meeting.

Lee Hickerson gave a report on this year's Autism Speaks walk at the ZMAX Dragway in Charlotte on the 27th of October. Information on how to sign up for the walk as well as how to make donations and pledges for the event was passed out.

We have two parades scheduled for the July 4th period, Troutman on June 30th and Faith on the 4th of July. We are scheduled to be the Grand Marshal in the Troutman parade. Steve Bell announced that plans are already underway for the 2013 gathering at Burnsville and that he will address some issues with the hotel that were brought to our attention. More to come on that later.

We are scheduled once again to visit with the campers at Camp Corral the 18th of July, the 25th of July and the 1st of August. Members interested in joining with us please let Jack Jeffries know. There will be info given via email as to the time and how to get there. This is an opportunity for us to present the Submarine Story to dependents of personnel from Camp Lejeun and Fort Bragg. We will have members from the other NC bases present as well as both of the NC Subvets floats.

Steve asked Howard Murray and Dale Moses that our plaques and certificates that were taken down during the renovation of the VFW be returned to us so we can have them all in one place until we can get them all put up again.

Benediction given by Chaplain Fritz 2020- Motion to adjourn and seconded

Respectfully,
Jack Jeffries, Vice Commander