

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 23rd, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1830 hrs. at VFW Post 9138 located in Fort Mill, SC.
- The meeting followed a wonderful potluck meal brought in by our base families.

INVOCATION

- Raymond Zieverink gave us the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

USSVI CREED

- The USSVI Creed was read today by Tom Kelly.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

- Tolling for 3 boats lost during past July months was presented by Joel Tuchfeld and the bell was rung by Raymond Zieverink.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- 11 members were present at today's base meeting.

AWARDS

- No awards were given out today.

REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES

- The meeting minutes for June were posted on our Carolina Piedmont website at carolinapiedmont.org.
- No corrections were received at today's meeting, so June's base meeting minutes stand as-is.

READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Bill Strand presented our latest treasurer's report stating there was a total of \$7,600.77 currently in the base treasury.

BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT

- No storekeeper report was given today.
- Jeff Nieberding is our contact for ordering USSVI items, including patches, vests, challenge coins, parking signs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Donations for Jack's Memorial Service
 - ❖ A discussion was presented by Rick Petitt regarding would the base like to present anything to either the Lanes Creek Volunteer Fire Dept (where Jack was a member and who also brought a fine lunch for folks to eat who attended Jack's memorial service) and/or to the Indian Land VFW who provided the honor guard who performed the 21 Gun Salute and who folded the American flag which was presented to Carol Jeffries.
 - ❖ After a discussion by members present, two separate motions were presented. Both motions were to present a certificate of appreciation to each organization thanking them for providing support to the memorial service and the motion also included sending each organization a check from the base treasury for \$200. Both motions passed. Rick will be working with base member Clarence Jordan to come up with the certificates of appreciation
 - ❖ Today's discussion also included if a donation should be sent from the base to the Sandhills Cowboy Church. Members in attendance agreed that donations to the church should be of a personal nature and be sent in remembrance of Jack's love for his church.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **USSVI National Elections**
 - Elections for National Officers are now open for all USSVI members to vote. Voting can be done by logging into the new (temporary) USSVI website at **ussubvets.org**. and clicking on the yellow "Vote Nat Election" button and it's easy to cast your ballot.
 - In addition, there's one proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws being asked which also requires your Yes or No vote. The question is regarding a change requiring the USSVI Board of Directors to approve the establishment of all new USSVI bases; currently they do not.
- **Dues Collection Will Begin in September**
 - As we've passed the halfway mark in this year, Rick wanted to plant-the-seed of notifying members that it's never too early to pay your next year's dues. Our goal is to get all members renewed for next year before the end of the year sneaks up on us and we fail to renew on time.
- **Passing of Another Carolina Piedmont Base Member**
 - USSVI lost another member this month with passing of dual member Charlie Cross. Charlie's primary base was the Nat Greene Base and he was also a dual member of our Carolina Piedmont Base.
 - Charlie joined the Navy in 1956 and retired after 22 years of service at the rank of ICC(SS). Charlie qualified on USS Crevalle SS-291 in 1958 and served onboard 5 submarines in total. Charlie joined USSVI back in 1994 and joined our base in 2007.

NEXT BASE MEETING

- Our next base meeting will be on Saturday, August 27th at the Fort Mill VFW.
- Summer hours will still be in effect. Our meal starts at 1730 and base meeting starts around 1830.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1908 hrs. Motion passed.

BENEDICTION

- Today's Benediction was given by Raymond Zieverink.

RAFFLE RESULTS

- Tonight's 33/33/33 raffle was won by Steve Bell who graciously donated his winnings to the base scholarship fund!

NOTE: The list of meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary

July 23, 2022 List of Meeting Attendees:

- Steve Bell
- Bob Bunney
- Terry Draper
- Jim Harris
- Mike Hubbell
- Tom Kelly
- Rick Petitt
- Zeke Rybczyk
- Bill Strand
- Joel Tuchfeld
- Raymond Zieverink