

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date (Fall Picnic): September 24, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Vice-Commander Jim Goins called our meeting to order at 1345 hrs at the Catawba Nuclear Station Park for our fall base picnic.
- The meeting followed a picnic meal brought in by our base families and the fine cooking of hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs by Raymond Zieverink who brought his own barbeque grill to cook on. Much thanks to Raymond and to all the families who brought lots of great fixin's.

INVOCATION

- Raymond Fritz gave us the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- All joined in saying our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, led by Base Commander, Rick Petitt.

USSVI CREED

- The USSVI Creed was read today by Tom Kelly.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

- Tolling for 5 boats lost during past September months was presented by Ray Fritz and the bell was rung by Raymond Zieverink.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

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

AWARDS

- No awards were given out today.

REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES

- August meeting minutes were posted on the base website for member's review. No comments or corrections were received so the August minutes stand as written.

READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Bill Strand presented our latest treasurer's report. Total account balance as of September was \$7,694.95.

BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT

- No storekeeper report was given today as our base storekeeper was working nightshift at the Catawba Nuclear Plant outage which was on-going during this month.
- Jeff Nieberding is our contact for ordering USSVI items, including patches, vests, challenge coins, calendars, parking signs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- Donations for Jack Jeffries's Memorial Service
 - Drafts of the letters of appreciation for the Indian Land VFW and Lanes Creek Volunteer Fire Department have been written and are now to Clarence Jordan to make into framed awards to be presented along with donations of \$200.00 to each group.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

• National Convention in Buffalo

- Steve Bell and Kevin Walker attended the annual USSVI Convention in Buffalo. Steve also attended as the Junior Vice-Commander of USSVI. Steve said there were around 400 folks that attended which included guys and gals.
- The 2023 National Convention will be held Tuscan AZ next year and the year following in 2024 the convention is being sponsored by the Cod Base and will held in Cleveland, Ohio.

• Kings Bay

- A reminder was put out to members who were planning on attending the Kings Bay WWII Submarine Veterans event on November 2nd thru 6th that a special form will need to be filled out (a Form 1255) to allow non-retired persons to be allowed to enter the base. Mike Hubbell said he would get a blank copy of the 1255 Form and send it to John McHugh to post on our Carolina Piedmont base website.
- More information can be obtained by contacting the St. Mary's Submarine Museum.

• Color Guard Possibilities

- Charlotte Checkers – playing now. Rick Petitt will pick a new weeknight game. Contact Rick if interested. Honey Hunters in Gastonia might be another option to participate in one of their games.

• Open Positions for Base Projects/Future Responsibilities.

- Managing Kaps-4-Kids
- Coordinating Victory Junction Tours
- More Eagle Scout Representatives
 - Andy Miller does South Charlotte
 - John McHugh - Volunteered

• Dues Collection Began in September

- Contact Jim Goins who maintains the official base listing of members' dues standings if you're unsure of where you're at for 2023 dues payment.
- Base Holland Club members are reminded that last year our base voted that all Holland Club members would begin to pay base dues of \$10 per year just to assist in maintaining funds in our general fund because over half of our base members are now Holland Club members and Holland Club members were previously exempt from having to pay annual base dues.
- Our goal is to get all members renewed for next year before the end of the year to prevent losing members from National's rolls in 2023.

NEXT BASE MEETING

- Our next base meeting will be on at 1400, Saturday, October 29th (fifth Saturday) at VFW in Fort Mill, SC. Back to Winter Hours.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1420 hours. Motion passed.

BENEDICTION

- Today's Benediction was given by Raymond Fritz.

RAFFLE RESULTS

- Today's 33/33/33 raffle was won by Libby Reese!

NOTE: The list of meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary

September 24, 2022 Fall Picnic Meeting Attendees:

- Steve Bell
- Bob Bunney
- Ray Fritz
- Jim Goins
- Mike Hubbell
- Tom Kelly
- Howard Murray
- Calvin Reese
- Bill Strand
- Zeke Rybczyk
- Raymond Zieverink