

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 29, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1400 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 in saying our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, led by Base Commander, Rick Petitt.

USSVI CREED

- The USSVI Creed was read today by John McHugh.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

- Tolling for 9 boats lost during past October months was presented by Tom Kelly and the bell was rung by Bill Strand.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

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

AWARDS

- No awards were given out today.

REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES

- Members were reminded that the meeting minutes for September will be posted late onto our Carolina Piedmont website at carolinapiedmont.org for their review. Our base secretary Tom Kelly will inform members when the minutes have been posted.

READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Bill Strand presented our latest treasurer's report.

BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT

- Jeff stated starting at next month's meeting he will begin taking orders for 2023 submarine calendars.
- 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
 - A follow-up discussion occurred regarding the certificates of appreciation and donation of \$200.00 each that were voted on at last month's base meeting to the Lanes Creek Volunteer Fire Dept and to the Indian Land VFW for their participation at Jack Jeffries memorial service last month.
 - Rick Petitt stated that he would personally present the certificates, prepared by Clarence Jordan, on behalf of Carolina-Piedmont Base.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

• 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.

• Burnsville.

- Asheville Base needs to turnover just about all the responsibilities for the Burnsville Memorial weekend to other bases.
 - Asheville Base will continue to provide the ceremony bag pipes/color guard at Moonshine Mountain.
- Discussions began for what the Carolina Piedmont Base could take over including events at Big Lynn Lodge, opportunities include:
 - Registrations (Registration fee of \$25.00 gets 2 free drinks.)
 - Banquet dinner preferences
 - 50/50 drawings (Mike Hubbell volunteered and who will also sell drink tickets).
 - Administering the BINGO games
 - Administering the Silent Auction
 - Paying rent for the tent
- Our Carolina Piedmont Base website has photos of previous Burnsville Memorial Ceremonies

• 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, November 19th (third Saturday) at VFW in Fort Mill, SC. This will be our Thanksgiving holiday observance meeting (Rick and Cindy offered again to prepare the turkey and ham for the meal). The ladies passed a sign-up sheet around to determine what else needs to be provided for the meal.
 - NOTE: The December meeting will be also be held earlier than normal and it will be on Saturday, December 17th (third Saturday), at VFW in Fort Mill, SC. This will be our Christmas gathering meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1500 hours. Motion passed.

BENEDICTION

- Today's Benediction was given by Raymond Zieverink.

RAFFLE RESULTS

- Tonight's 33/33/33 raffle was won by Susan Kelly!

NOTE: The list of meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary

October 29, 2022 Meeting Attendees:

- Steve Bell
- Bob Bickford
- Joe Brady
- Bob Bunney
- Greg Crystal
- Terry Draper
- Mike Hubbell
- Clarence Jordan
- Tom Kelly
- John McHugh
- Ed Milczarski
- Jeff Nieberding
- Rick Petitt
- Calvin Reese
- Bill Strand
- Zeke Rybczyk
- Raymond Zieverink