

# **Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes**

## **Meeting Date: November 19, 2022**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1430 hrs at VFW Post 9138 located in Fort Mill, SC.
- The meeting followed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal prepared by Rick & Cindy with additional items brought in by our base families.

### **INVOCATION**

- Tom Kelly 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 Thomas Tidd.

### **TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

- Tolling for 5 boats lost during past November months was presented by Rick Petitt and the bell was rung by Bill Strand.

### **MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

- 12 members were present at today's base meeting. We were joined today by potential new base member Steve Stark who qualified on the USS Sunfish in 1988 and who lives in York, SC.

### **AWARDS**

- No awards were given out today.

### **REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES**

- Members were reminded that the meeting minutes for October were posted on our Carolina Piedmont website at [carolinapiedmont.org](http://carolinapiedmont.org) for their review.
- No corrections were received at today's meeting, so October's base meeting minutes stand as-is.

### **READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT**

- Jeff stated 2023 submarine calendars are here and were brought to today's meeting for distribution.
- Jeff Nieberding is our base storekeeper for any items needing ordered.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Donations and Certificates for past Memorial Services
  - Thank you certificates for the Lanes Creek Volunteer Fire Dept and Indian Land VFW were produced by Clarence Jordan and passed around at today's meeting for our review.
  - Rick Petitt stated he will personally present the certificates and checks on behalf of Carolina-Piedmont Base.
  - Thank you cards were also received from Jack's wife (Lady J) and from Carolyn Cross (Charlie Cross' wife) for the memorial services our base participated in.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- **Burnsville.**
  - Persons are beginning to volunteer to help Asheville Base turnover their responsibilities to our base and other NC Subvet bases for the annual Burnsville memorial weekend.
    - Asheville Base will continue ceremony bag pipes/color guard
  - Carolina Piedmont Base to take over events at Big Lynn Lodge:
    - Registrations - Registration fee of \$25.00 gets 2 free drinks.
    - Banquet dinner preferences
    - 50/50 will be run by Mike Hubbell, who will also sell drink tickets.
    - BINGO
    - Silent Auction
    - Payments for tent at Moonshine Mountain
    - CPB website has photos of Memorial Ceremony
- **Kings Bay**
  - Steve Bell and Zeke Rybczyk both attended the WWII Memorial Weekend at the King's Bay Submarine Base.
- **Charlotte Checkers** – playing now. Rick Petitt will pick a Saturday night game for our base color guard to present colors at the beginning of the game. Contact Rick if interested.
- **Open Positions for Base Projects.**
  - Kaps-4-Kids
  - Victory Junction
  - Eagle Scout Representative
    - Andy Miller does South Charlotte
    - John McHugh - Volunteers
- **Dues Collection for 2023.**
  - Jim Goins says dues collections for next year are going well. 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.
  - Jim reported we have lost 5 base members this year so far in 2022.
  - 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.
- **Military Retirees.**
  - Heads up to all military retirees that they are required to get a new military ID card by 2024.

### **NEXT BASE MEETING**

- Our next base meeting will be on at 1230, Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (third Saturday in December) at VFW, in Fort Mill, SC. Rick reminded us he will not be here for the December meeting.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1455 hours. Motion passed.

### **BENEDICTION**

- Today's Benediction was given by Tom Kelly.

### **RAFFLE RESULTS**

- Tonight's 33/33/33 raffle was won by Zeke Rybczyk. Zeke donated his winnings to the Joe Clark Scholarship Fund! BZ Zeke!

NOTE: The list of meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:  
Tom Kelly  
Base Secretary

### **November 19, 2022 Meeting Attendees:**

- Steve Bell
- Bob Bunney
- Jim Goins
- Tom Kelly
- John McHugh
- Jeff Nieberding
- Rick Petitt
- Steven Rodgers
- Zeke Rybczyk
- Steve Stark – Potential new base member
- Bill Strand
- Thomas Tidd
- Joel Tuchfeld