

Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 17, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1417 hrs at VFW Post 9138 located in Fort Mill, SC.
- The meeting followed a wonderful potluck Christmas snack 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 Jeff Nieberding.

TOLLING OF THE BOATS

- Tolling for 4 boats lost during past December months was presented by Raymond Zieverink and the bell was rung by Bill Strand.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- 16 members (and 9 ladies) were present at today's base meeting. The ladies then went off to have a small gathering on their own before we started our business portion of our meeting.
- On a sad note, Carolina Piedmont Base has lost 5 members this year 2022 due to members departing on eternal patrol, former base members ... rest your oars.
 - Lost 05/10/2022 Carl "Reb" Wooten LCDR(SS), qualified 1959 USS Gudgeon SS 567
 - Lost 06/17/2022 Otis Walter "Walt" Sealy RMC(SS), qualified 1956 USS Argonaut SS 475
 - Lost 06/22/2022 Jack Jeffries RM1(SS), qualified 1965 USS Nathaniel Greene SSBN 636
 - Lost 07/21/2022 Charles "Charlie" Edward Cross ICC(SS), qualified 1958 USS Crevalle SS 291
 - Lost 11/01/2022 Robert "Don" Haseley TM3(SS), qualified 1945 USS Cavalla SS 244

AWARDS

- No awards were given out today.

REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES

- Members are reminded that meeting minutes are posted on our Carolina Piedmont website at carolinapiedmont.org for their review.

READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Base Treasurer Bill Strand supplied our latest treasurer's report. Combined monies in all base accounts currently stands at \$8,046.33 as of today's meeting date.

BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT

- Jeff continued to pass out 2023 submarine calendars to members that ordered them.
- Jeff Nieberding is our contact for ordering USSVI items, including patches, vests, challenge coins, calendars, parking signs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

• Dues Collection

- Bill Strand unofficially stated that members have been paying up their dues for 2023 pretty well, which is better than we were at this time last year.
- However, officially after following up with Jim Goins (who is keeping our official count) we have the following number of “dink” persons still outstanding for their dues for 2023:
 - 10 members still outstanding for 2023 National Dues.
 - 38 members still owe base dues (most of them are Holland Club members that may not realize they now owe base dues after an amendment change stating Holland Club member are now required for the \$10 annual fee for base dues).

• Bilge Rats

- Raymond Zieverink commented that unfortunately due to Linda’s situation, he will not be able to pursue getting the Carolina Piedmont Bilge Rats group restarted for the foreseeable future. He has had a couple of calls from homes waiting to see the group perform again

• Kings Bay Update

- Mike Hubbell reported some of the happenings going on at Kings Bay after he returned from attending the Kings Bay Memorial Weekend honoring WWII Submarine Veterans (I understand there are only two WWII persons left).
 - Mike reported the St. Mary’s Submarine Museum had some flooding on the first floor from Hurricane IAN but records on the second floor were unaffected. Mike said the museum is in the beginning stages of raising money for a new facility to be eventually be built across the street from where the current museum is located.
 - Mike also reported that 3 British submarine sailors had the distinguished privilege of having their dolphins pinned on by the two remaining WWII submarine veterans who attended the weekend.
- 2024 National USSVI Convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio. Preparations are currently under way via the Cod Base as reported by Kevin Walker who is a dual member of the Cod base.

NEXT BASE MEETING

- Our next base meeting will be at 1400, on Saturday, January 28th, at the VFW in Fort Mill, SC. Doors open at 1300 (winter hours) and we will have our normal potluck meal prior to the meeting starting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1455 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 ... (again)!

NOTE: The list of meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Tom Kelly
Base Secretary

December 17, 2022 Meeting Attendees:

- Steve Bell
- Joe Brady
- Bob Bunney
- Jim Harris
- Mike Hubbell
- Tom Kelly
- Jeff Nieberding
- John McHugh
- Rick Petitt
- Calvin Reese
- Zeke Rybczyk
- Don Schob
- Bill Strand
- Joel Tuchfeld
- Kevin Walker
- Raymond Zieverink