**Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date (Spring Picnic):  April 15, 2023**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

* Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1400 hrs at the Catawba Nuclear Station Park for our spring base picnic.
* The meeting followed a fun picnic meal brought in by our base families and the fine barbeque and chicken fingers we had from the Ol’ Carolina Barbeque restaurant in Gastonia. Much thanks to Steve Bell for bringing in the BBQ and for Raymond Zieverink for making the arrangements for the food and to all our families who brought lots of great fixin’s.

**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 Joel Tuchfeld.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

* Tolling for 5 boats lost during past April months was presented by Tom Kelly and the bell was rung by Raymond Zieverink.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

* 16 members were present at today’s picnic meeting at the Catawba Nuclear Park and we were joined by 13 additional ladies also.

**AWARDS**

* No awards were given out today.

**REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES**

* March’s meeting minutes were posted on the base website for member’s review. No comments or corrections were received so last month’s meeting minutes stand as written.

**READING OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

* Raymond Zieverink presented our latest treasurer’s report received from Base Treasurer Bill Strand. Total account balance as of April 2023 was $8,947.83, which includes the registration monies received for the Burnsville event next month since our base is now coordinating the registrations for the Burnsville event.

**BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT**

* Nothing new reported by Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding.
* Jeff 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**

* **Meeting Time Change in June to Summer Hours**
* Originally, we thought we would shift back to our normal later summertime hours for our June thru September meetings, however, a post meeting discussion ensued where it was expressed by some members they would prefer to keep the meetings at the earlier hours on Saturday’s (what we call our winter hours) all year long now.
* Rick will be polling members to see how they feel about continuing to meet at the earlier times during the summer months. A decision will be made prior to our next base meeting (June 24th) and folks will be notified which time to show up to the VFW for that June meeting.
* **Color Guard Charlotte Knights – Memorial Day**
* Our base color guard will be presenting color at the Knights baseball game on Tuesday, May 30th, game time is 6:05.
* **Victory Junction**
* No news yet on when we might be able to participate in Victory Junction activities.
* **ROTC Sub Ed – Nations Ford HS**
* Rick Petitt & Bill Strand will be traveling to Nations Ford High School on April 20th @ 1000 to present our submarine information presentation.
* **Burnsville May Event**
* The Burnsville weekend at Big Lynn Lodge and Moonshine Mountain will take the place of our normal May meeting over the weekend of May 19th & 20th. Directions and information can be obtained from the map & directions on our Carolina Piedmont base website.
* Carolina Piedmont Base (especially Rick and Mike Hubbell) have taken responsibility for registrations and ticket sales due to the Asheville Base cannot support this work any longer.

**NEXT BASE MEETING**

* Our next base meeting will be on Saturday, June 24th at VFW in Fort Mill, SC and likely to remain at our winter hours due to popular demand where we meet at 1300 to eat and our meetings start at 1400.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**BENEDICTION**

* Today’s Benediction was given by Raymond Zieverink.

**RAFFLE RESULTS**

* No raffle was held today.

**OPEN 1MC**

* Quilts of Honor: We understand both Steve Bell & Raymond Zieverink will be receiving Quilts of Honor.
* Howard Murray announced the Fort Mill VFW will be handing out Buddy Poppy’s @ 4 locations on Saturday May 13th and would appreciate any volunteers to assist at these events.
* Mike Hubbell reported there will be a veteran’s memorial service at the Wheels Through Time motorcycle museum at Maggie Valley NC on May 27th at Noon.

NOTE: The list of picnic meeting attendees follows below.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary

April 15, 2023 Spring Picnic Meeting Attendees:

* Steve Bell
* Bob Bunney - Kathy
* Mary Gilles
* Jim Goins - Marsha
* Jim Harris
* Mike Hubbell
* Tom Kelly – Susan
* John McHugh - Donna
* Howard Murray - Ruth
* Jeff Nieberding - Michelle
* Joe Peek
* Rick Petitt – Cindy - Missy
* Zeke Rybczyk
* Don Schob – Angela
* Paul Trexler – Lynn
* Joel Tuchfeld - Anna
* Raymond Zieverink - Linda