**Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date (Fall Picnic):  September 21, 2024**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

* Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1415 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 burgers brought in by Rick & Cindy and the added bonus of hot dogs cooked by Raymond Zieverink and assisted by Don Schob. Many thanks goes to Rick, Cindy, Raymond, Don and to all our families who brought lots of great fixin’s and a whole table full of deserts.

**INVOCATION**

* Raymond Zieverink started off our base meeting with words of invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

* All joined in saying our nation’s Pledge of Allegiance, led by Rick Petitt

 **USSVI CREED**

* The USSVI Creed was read today by Calvin Reese

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

* Tolling for the 5 boats, which were lost during September months past, was presented by Base Commander Rick Petitt and the bell was rung by Base Vice-Commander John McHugh.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

* 13 base members were present at today’s meeting at the Catawba Nuclear Park and we were joined by 11 additional ladies also.

**REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES**

* Members are reminded that minutes for each previous month’s base meeting are posted on our Carolina Piedmont website at [carolinapiedmont.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ctom%5CDownloads%5C2022-03-26%20March%20CP%20Meeting%20Minutes.docx) for their review. Members are encouraged to read the previous month’s meeting minutes prior to attending our next base meeting.
* No comments or corrections were received on last month’s meeting minutes.

**READING OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

* Base Treasurer Bill Strand read our latest treasurer’s report.
* Total account balance as of September 2024 was $9,553.34.
* No Comments or corrections were received.

**BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT**

* Base Storekeeper Jeff Nieberding took final orders for 2025 calendars which he then placed his final order after the meeting.
* 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**

* **Update on Submarine Education Classes at local ROTC Units**:
* Andy Miller, Jeff Nieberding, Rick Petitt, Bill Strand and Raymond Zieverink all participated on a visit to the Nation Ford High School on September 11th for a presentation to students regarding what life was like serving onboard a submarine.
* A lot of responsive questions were raised by the students during the presentation, and it was felt by our presenting members this was a positive experience for all who attended. Well done men!
* **Dues for Next Year**
* Dues are now being collected by Bill Strand for 2025 for both National and Base membership.
* For those who are Life Members and members of the Holland Club, dues for our base membership are still due each year.
* Contact John McHugh if you have any questions about whether you own for 2025 as John maintains the official base due registry.
* **Kings Bay**
* As a reminder, the Kings Bay World War II Submarine Memorial Event has moved up to October 23rd thru 26th from its normal time in November (aka one week earlier than usual).
* Also, as a reminder, if you are not retired, you will need to apply for a base pass.
* Mike Hubbell can supply the necessary information needed for this pass.
* Word is there are no more rooms available at the host hotel so you will have to make your own accommodation elsewhere.
* **Bilge Rats**
* For the upcoming 2025 season of the Carolina Piedmont Bilge Rats, Raymond Zieverink wants participants to meet right after our nest base meeting in October to choose what songs we would like to sing at next year’s performances.
* **Kap(ss)-4-Kid(ss)**
* Dave Violette has been pushing to get our K-4-K program running again. Contact Dave if you are interested in becoming part of the K-4-K program or have places you recommend we try to visit in the near future.
* **Burnsville – Next Year for 2025**
* Word is there’s a boat reunion (the USS Jalao) which will be taking place at the Big Lynn Lodge the same time we’re celebrating our Moonshine Mountain Memorial weekend.
* People are encouraged to get their reservations made ASAP if you are thinking of going and staying at the Big Lynn Lodge.

**NEXT BASE MEETING**

* Our next base meeting will be on Saturday, October26th at Fort Mill VFW in Fort Mill, SC.
* Doors open at 1230; we eat at 1300 and our meeting starts at 1400.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

* A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1446 hours.  Motion passed.

**BENEDICTION**

* Today’s Benediction was given by Raymond Zieverink and Raymond also reminded us all thru his 3 prayers today to keep Steve Bell in our thoughts & prayers and to give Steve a call just to let him know you are thinking about him.

**RAFFLE RESULTS**

* Jeff Nieberding won today’s raffle.

**A list of today’s attendees at our base picnic can be found below:**

**September 21, 2024, Base Picnic Attendees**:

* Bob Bunney – Kathy
* Jim Dupree – Desiree (Newest Members)
* Jim Harris
* Glenna Hubbell
* Tom Kelly – Susan
* John McHugh – Donna
* Andy Miller – Maryann
* Jeff Nieberding
* Rick Petitt – Cindy
* Calvin Reese – Libby
* Zeke Rybczyk
* Don Schob – Angela
* Bill Strand
* Joel Tuchfeld – Anna
* Raymond Zieverink – Linda

Minutes Submitted by:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary