**Carolina-Piedmont Base Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:  March 22, 2025**

**CALL EXECUTIVE MEETING TO ORDER**

* Base Commander Rick Petitt called our executive meeting to order at 1340 hrs. at VFW Post #9138 located in Fort Mill, SC.

**Topics**

* **Bylaws Change**
* Related to base elections, Rick indicated a change is required to our base bylaws because we have to change which offices are voted on in which years (odd vs even years).
* This change is necessary due to the one-year of Covid being ramped we decided the election of Base Commander and Base Secretary would be postponed for a year when we were not meeting in person during the pandemic.
* Rick stated we would receive a motion at today’s meeting to change the bylaws to say the offices of Base Commander and Base Secretary will be elected now in odd years and the offices of Base Vice-Commander and Base Treasurer will be elected in even years.
* **Base Roster Update**
* Rick indicated to John McHugh that he needed an updated full base roster with addresses and phone numbers so Rick can use this information to ensure he can try contacting members to help remind them to come to meetings.
* **ROTC Sub Ed Classes**
* Rick brought up getting our Sub Ed classes going again in local high schools and Bill Strand said he would contact area schools and would follow up on any responses.
* **Awards**
* Rick stated he wants to start doing recognition awards again since it’s been years since we’ve done any of that. Rick is going to start with Attaboy awards at today’s meeting.
* Rick also indicated we need to start submitting the good deeds we’ve done as a base to National for possible Robert Link awards, like the major assistance to folks we did in the NC mountains after Helene and for the upgrade to the VFW with our lighting renewal project.
* **New Member Recognition**
* Rick wanted to reiterate to us as a base we need to make sure we are welcoming to new folks that come to our meetings. He reminded us about an incident in the past where a lady said we were not very friendly to her and her husband when they came to a meeting for the first time.
* Steve and others commented that we try to ensure we greet new people and we’ll make sure we sit with new folks when sitting down for our meals.

**A list of today’s meeting attendees can be found on the next page below:**

**March 22, 2025, Executive Meeting Attendees**:

* Steve Bell – Former Base Commander
* Mike Hubbell – Future Base Commander
* Tom Kelly – Base Secretary
* John McHugh – Base Vice-Commander
* Rick Petitt – Current Base Commander
* Bill Strand – Base Treasurer

Executive Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary