**Carolina-Piedmont Base Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:  August 26, 2023**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

* Carolina Piedmont Base Commander Rick Petitt called our meeting to order at 1407 hrs.

at VFW Post 9138 located in Fort Mill, SC.

* The meeting followed a wonderful potluck luncheon meal brought in by our base families.

**INVOCATION**

* Base Chaplain Ray Fritz started off our base meeting with an 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 Don Schob.

**TOLLING OF THE BOATS**

* Tolling for the 5 boats that were lost during the months of August past was presented by Ray Fritz and the bell was rung by Jim Goins.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

* 13 base members were present at today’s meeting.

**REVIEW OF LAST BASE MEETING MINUTES**

* Members were reminded that minutes for each previous base meeting are now 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 meeting’s minutes prior to attending the next base meeting.
* No comments or corrections were received on last month’s meeting minutes.

**READING OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

* Former Base Treasurer Raymond Zieverink read our latest treasurer’s report. Combined monies in all base accounts currently stand at $8,593.00 as of 8/26/2023.
* No comments or corrections were received on the treasurer’s report.

**BASE STOREKEEPER REPORT**

* Jeff Nieberding is our base contact for ordering USSVI items, including patches, vests, challenge coins, calendars, parking signs, etc.
* Jeff will be taking orders for the 2024 USSVI calendars starting in October.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* None.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* **North Carolina Submarine Museum Update**
* Rick reported that Charlotte Fire is working hard with some big companies in the Carolinas to raise funds for the construction of the new submarine museum here in the Carolinas.
* There are 3 subs named related to the state of North Carolina: USS Charlotte (now stationed in Pearl Harbor), USS Asheville and USS North Carolina.
* We can become more informed about the future of this museum by visiting their website at NCSubmuseum.org. There you can see their mission statement, see a rundown of their current Board of Directors (and their qualifications) and there’s even an ability to donate online to the construction of the museum which is a 501(c)3 – tax deductible organization.
* **Football Game – Naval Academy vs UNC Charlotte 49’s**
* Rick reported that the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen will be coming to Charlotte on Saturday, October 14th to play football against the UNC Charlotte 49’s.
* The game will be held at the 49’s Jerry Richardson’s Stadium and Rick has obtained a block of tickets for this event. The tickets are at a reasonable price but the stadium is relatively small so it will quickly sell out.
* Contact Rick if interested in purchasing one of the block tickets he has purchased.
* **Kaps-4-Kids**
* Rick reminded us he has hundreds of Kapss-4-Kidss hats and certificates he received after Jack’s passing and wanted to have us consider if there are any other organizations out there where we could participate in K4K presentations.
* One suggestion was proposed by Mike Hubbell that possibly the Shriner’s Hospital in Greenville might be one place to consider.
* Ronald McDonald House was suggested by Don Schob.
* Golden Corral does specials for military families who have lost a loved one in the service to their country.
* **Bilge Rats**
* Rick thinking, we can possibly look at over-55 living facilities to present our Bilge Rats performances at again someday.

**OPEN 1MC**

* Binnacle List
* Howard Murray – We’ve gotten word that Howard is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer and he also realized he got burned by the radiation treatments and he’s in much pain these days.
* Bill Strand – recently underwent knee surgery and he is recovering well.
* Mike Hubbell briefly discussed about the York High School JROTC cadets and their desire to have us come by for a discussion on submarine life.

**NEXT BASE MEETING**

* Our next base meeting will actually be our Fall Base Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, at the Catawba Nuclear Station Picnic Pavilion located off old Concord Rd in York, SC at the shore of Lake Wylie.
* Hamburgers and hot dogs will be our meat for our picnic, along with our normal “bring a dish” potluck salads & desserts, etc. prior to the meeting starting.
* Private gate to the picnic area opens at Noon and we’ll start to eat around 1230.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

* A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1456 hours.  Motion passed.

**BENEDICTION**

* Today’s Benediction was given by Base Chaplain Ray Fritz.

**RAFFLE RESULTS**

* No Raffle was held today.

**August 26, 2023, Meeting Attendees**:

* Steve Bell
* Bob Bunney – Kathy
* Ray Fritz
* Jim Goins – Marsha
* Jim Harris
* Mike Hubbell – Glenna
* Clarence Jordan
* Tom Kelly – Susan
* Rick Petitt – Cindy
* Zeke Rybczyk
* Don Schob - Angela
* Joel Tuchfeld – Anna
* Raymond Zieverink – Linda

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Kelly

Base Secretary