



Coastal Carolina Base

Meeting Minutes



When: May 12, 2012 at 0900

Location: Golden Corral, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Special Meeting Purpose

This meeting was a special meeting organized by Bill Dixon, "Butterbean", for the convenience of our submarine veteran shipmates living in the Richlands/Morehead City/Jacksonville area to introduce 3 potential recruits to the fun and fellowship of the Coastal Carolina Base of the USSVI.

Breakfast at the Golden Corral

Julian Helms lead the 17 attendees in Grace and a delicious and interactive breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Attending from Coastal Carolina Base: Bill "Butterbean" Dixon (Base Chaplain), Bill Underwood (Base Secretary), Richard Schrum, Bill Schmauss, Bob Govern, Jerry Leppart, Everett Morgan and Margaret Morgan, George Roderick, Kevin Kesterson, Julian Helms, Charlie Engelberger, and Bob Liland.

Honored Guests: Donald Hult and his wife, Emmett Redman and Mike Christensen

Welcome

Butterbean opened the meeting with a hardy torpedo man welcome to all the honored guests and gave a brief description about the Coastal Carolina Base of the USSVI with details about the benefits of membership. At least two of the three visiting Subvets decided to join the Coastal Carolina Base at the breakfast.

Butterbean also asked all the attendees to autograph a picture as a gift for a very sick child of an NC Subvet.

Pledge of Allegiance

Butterbean recruited a young girl who was eating breakfast with her family to hold a small American flag while he led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. She and her family seemed to be very proud of her participation in our meeting.

Introductions

Each attendee stood and introduced themselves with a brief background of their submarine service. During the introductions we had some very interesting recounts from our two WWII Subvets in attendance, George Roderick and Emmett Morgan. In addition, the attendees were very impressed when Emmett Morgan introduced his wife Margaret as his "bunk mate for 70 years".

Impressions of the Azalea Parade

Richard Schrum took a moment to recount his impressions from riding on the Subvet float in this year's Azalea Festival parade. He described the two floats and said that he was really impressed with the reception from the

crowds attending the parade. As the floats progressed through the parade route, many of the parade attendees stood up, applauded, and often yelled “Thank you for your service”.

NC License Plate Reminder

Jerry Leppart informed the guests and reminded the base members about the availability of the Subvet specialty license plate now available from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. He passed an example plate around for review and passed out application forms for those interested.

Benediction

The benediction was offered by Julian Helms and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Scheduled Base Meeting

The next Coastal Carolina Base meeting will be on June 16. The meeting will convene at the Golden Coral on New Centre Drive in Wilmington at 0900.

If you have any comments or suggestions on these meeting minutes format please provide them to Bill Underwood at bunder343@aol.com

Thank you,
Base Secretary

Never Forget!

