



CAROLINA PIEDMONT BASE 24 SEPTEMBER 2011

1900- Meeting called to order by Commander Steve Bell, Invocation given by Chaplain Ray Fritz, Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Steve Bell, Tolling of the Boats conducted by Chaplain Ray Fritz. Introduction of Base members- 30 present including new members Tom Hulme and Don Queen.

Special Presentations- WWII Patches were presented to Hal Rutter, 90 North patches were presented to Steve Bell and Ray Fritz. Patch for Medium Base Newsletter of the year was presented to Dale Moses. The awards that were presented to the base and members were displayed. Individual awards to be retained by the member awarded them and the base awards will be on display at the meeting place.

Reading of minutes from August meeting- read and approved as read.

Reading of Treasurers report for the month of September Balance as of 31 August \$5,074,86, Memorial Restoration Fund \$288.50, Kaps 4 Kids fund \$1,061.05, Scholarship Foundation Fund \$202.85, Autism Speaks fund \$281.00m Funds available for base \$3,241,46. Report approved.

Old Business-None

New Business- Dale Moses reported on progress of the program to be given at VA Hospital in Columbia S.C. A practice was held before meeting. We discussed funding an annual budget of \$100.00 for the purchase of snacks for the Veterans attending the presentations. We also discussed the possibility of presenting show at Salisbury VA hospital.

Autism Speaks, we have \$1075.00 pledged so far thru online donations and \$281.00 donated from the Tarheel and Nat Greene Base for a \$1356.00. While this is better than last year, we can do more. We need more walkers and our walkers need sponsors. Feel free to go to walknowforautismspeaks.org search for NC SUBVETS and sponsor one of our team members or signup to walk and get your family, friends and coworkers to sponsor you. Print out several copies of the donation form just in case you receive cash donations. To the walk team members, thanks for your commitment. Get your legs ready and be sure to wear comfortable shoes. See you at the track.

We approved a \$100.00 donation to the USSVI Charitable Fund for the USSVI Plaque to be placed at the Navy Memorial located in Washington DC.

Clarence Jordan was commissioned to design a patch depicting the base being awarded the Golden Anchor as well as the Robert Link award. Possible designs were passed around for approval of members present. Cost to be presented at October meeting.

SK report....distributed 2012 calendars to members present that ordered them. Still have few left.

Good of the order- Discussed goings on at Springfield convention and upcoming 2012 convention at Norfolk. Hotel reservations can be made after 25 September at the host hotel, The Marriott Hotel.

Discussed the importance of listing your time in service as this determines the War Status of USSVI for IRS purposes. At the present time, donations made to USSVI and USSVI Bases are tax deductible.

We are invited to participate at the Halloween festival at the Levine Children's Hospital on 31 Oct. Members wishing to participate please contact Jack Jeffries. We can take a total of 8 members for this trip. We will not be going into the individual rooms this time but be setting up in the main lobby.

For the members wishing to attend, if you have any memorabilia "borrowed" during your service, you may wish to display it.

A reminder was again put out regarding both National and Base Dues. If you owe, both are due NLT 31 December 2011. It is preferable to get those in prior to that date.

We have a possible Flag Etiquette presentation coming up in the Lincolnton School district and also the Submarine presentation coming for the schools in Union County..More on that as info is received.

The November and December meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday those two months vice the fourth Saturday. Also, each of those meetings, the meal will be a combined event with the VFW. Please let us know if you are attending so the VFW can have an idea of head count in order to have enough food.

Our October meeting will be held at the Jeffries compound in Monroe, NC. This meeting is on the fifth Saturday vice the fourth. For those without a calendar, that would be 29 October. More info will be put out regarding that meeting/meal.

Benediction offered by Chaplain Ray Fritz.

2035- Motion to adjourn, seconded