

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.



Cowtown Base, Fort Worth, Texas
Meeting Minutes – 19 September 2020

The September 2020 meeting of the Cowtown Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) was held at Post 516, American Legion Hall, 6801 Manhattan Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76120 and also via Zoom.

Call to Order: The Base Commander, Don Hirschenhofer, called the meeting to order at about noon. The meeting opened with a statement of the Purpose of USSVI, a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of shipmates on eternal patrol, invocation by Base Chaplin (Michael Bass), and the Pledge of Allegiance. Visitors were recognized.

Binnacle List: Bruce Richards and Leonard Tunnell are having health issues.

Tolling of the Boats: Tolling of Boats was conducted for submarine losses in the month of September.

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes were unavailable.

Treasurer's Report: Tony Sanchez reported That there were no income or expenses during August. The current balance in the Treasury is \$7,297.08. The report was accepted.

Base Storekeeper: Steve Williams reported no activity for the Ship's Store.

Business

- Base Elections: Elections will be held in November. Dave Etter volunteered to serve as Vice Base Commander and Rich Nelson volunteered for Secretary.
- Parades: Parades are scheduled for Fort Worth on November 11 (Veterans Day) and in Burleson on November 7 (rescheduled 4th of July parade). It was the sense of the members to participate on Veterans Day only.
- Trailer: The trailer may need some maintenance. The Base Commander will consider a Working Party for the maintenance. Replacement flags for those previously damaged have been acquired.
- Fund raising: Potential activities discussed were the annual Cookie Toss and a gift card raffle. The Base Commander will check with the Girl Scout POC regarding the possible Cookie Toss in January. Both will remain as possibilities for further discussion.
- Christmas Party: The sense of the Members was to have a Christmas Party this year. The Base commander is seeking volunteers to assist in the planning.
- Kapps 4 Kids: Mayo Sanchez reported (via Tony Sanchez) that this activity is on hold for now due to Covid-19 (aka China Virus).
- Base Website: Dave Etter reported that our website can be found at: CowtownBase.com.

- Membership: The Base Commander reported that Cowtown Base has 45 members plus secondary members mostly from Dallas Base. Historically a meeting turnout of 40% or less is most common. Our turnout of having about 20 attendees this meeting is excellent.

Good of the Order

Ciro has available a memory card that can be used to download emergency information and kept in a wallet for emergency use.

Shipmate of the Month

Dave Etter discussed his Navy Career. He was on several boats, SubRon 20 and SpecOps. He had a running mate who was assigned to the USS BONEFISH instead of Dave. While Dave went to SpecOps, his running mate was killed in an accident aboard the BONEFISH. Dave also discussed his many positions with the American Legion.

50-50 drawing: No drawing this month.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be 17 October at Post 516, American Legion Hall.

There being no further business, the Base Chaplin, Michael Bass, offered the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Nelson