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## Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2025

**Location:** American Legion Post 73  
5000 S.E. 24th St.  
Del City, OK 73115

## Attendance:

Chuck Hladik – *Base Commander*  
Todd Holmes – *Base Vice*  
*Cmdr; Webmaster*  
Jim Owen – *Base Treasurer*  
Dale Sanders – *Base Secretary*  
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*

Mark Holland  
Gary Lee  
Gabe Long  
Bob Zahrn

## Officers Absent:

W. Becker Bircher– *Base*  
*Chaplin*  
Donald LeBlanc– *Base*  
*Quartermaster*

## Visitors:

*none*

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Todd led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from April. Mark motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,461.<sup>24</sup> on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.<sup>00</sup>. Primary activity was deposits of funds from April meeting and the payment for website hosting. Detailed records are available upon request. Ken motioned to approve the report, Mark seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
  - a. Website costs of \$391.<sup>25</sup> to continue service with GoDaddy has been paid for two years. Todd paid using his card then was reimbursed by the treasury.
  - b. Some violating posts had to be removed from the Facebook page, but the number of these events has decreased based on our filters.
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – No new information
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – No new information.
8. Armed Services Day Parade May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Plan to meet at Post 73 by 7:45 am. Remember to bring candy to toss.
9. USS Batfish Memorial Donation (Jim Owen) – Chuck is going to organize a group to go present the donation. Possibly on May 31<sup>st</sup>, when the base is doing a “Tolling of the Boats”
10. Signup for State Veteran’s Benefits - ALL OKLAHOMA VETERANS need to complete this new online registration. Even if you previously had state recognition, this registration is needed to maintain state benefits and ensure prompt notification of any future benefits. Website is [oklahoma.gov/veterans/registry](https://oklahoma.gov/veterans/registry). QR Code is also provided in the photo on the back page.
11. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – None present, skipped due to time.
12. Liberty Fest Parade – Parade is scheduled for Fri, July 4. We have been registered.

13. New Business –

- a. Todd found good hats for \$18.90 each. He will place an order and keep Don LaBlanc informed.
- b. Chuck learned that Post 73 is holding a “Fair” in the large room on October 4<sup>th</sup>. He will be out of town on that date but suggested that we consider getting a booth and sell things for a fundraiser. This will be on the next agenda to discuss further.
- c. Oct 4 is also the date of the Czech festival parade. With Chuck absent, we will need to determine if someone else wants to pull the float, or if we will just sit out this year.
- d. Jim has located a supplier and purchased more base patches.
- e. Dale will be absent from the June meeting and is looking for a person to take the minutes that day.

14. Concerns and Open Discussion –

- a. Mark is doing well.
- b. Ken is having some kidney issues that are being check out.

15. Tolling of Boats – Todd and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for February and March.

16. Closing Prayer – Mark led a closing prayer.

17. Depth Charge – Chuck won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.

18. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – June 7, 2025 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Liberty Fest Parade – July 4, 2025, time TBD** ★ ★ ★

