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Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2026

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

Attendance:

Dale Sanders – *Base Vice Cmdr*
Todd Holmes – *Base Cmdr*;
Webmaster
Jim Owen – *Base Treasurer*
Conor Lembeck – *Base Secretary*
Ken Box - *Chief of the Boat*
"Gus" Hawkins
Chuck Hladik – *Past Base Cmdr*

Chris Kasper
Gary Palmer
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahrn
Gary Lee

Officers Absent:

Todd Holmes – *Base Cmdr*; *Webmaster*
Michael Skaggs (*Incoming Webmaster*)
W. Becket Bircher – *Base Chaplin*
Donald LeBlanc – *Base Quartermaster*

Visitors:

Alan More (*Ret. Submarine Captain*)
Carna More (*Ret. Air Force Pilot*)

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Base Vice Commander Sanders. A quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Dale led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Introductions** – Alan More and Karna More reintroduced themselves (second visit), along with current members.
4. **Previous Minutes** – Conor read the minutes from June. Gus motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
5. **Treasurers Report** – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$ 3,070.06 on deposit, and \$ 95.00 petty cash. Detailed records are available upon request. Motion to accept by Conor seconded by Ken.
6. **Status of 2026 Dues** – No late dues reported by Jim.
 - a. Dues are \$50 year, unless you are a National Life member (still own \$10 local dues). Make checks to OKC Subvets.
7. **OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page** (Todd Holmes absent, update provided by Dale)
 - a. OKC Subvets website can be signed into and viewed, 2 factor authentication issues when editing website. Only Dale has access to edit at this time.
 - b. Michael Skaggs turnover issues regarding editing permissions, once sign in is finished and Michael returns from funeral leave turnover will be completed.
9. **Facebook Advertising Status** - Michael Skaggs absent due to immediate family member's funeral. Update on Facebook advertising has been tabled until next meeting.
8. **Storekeeper Items** (Don) – Absent, update tabled by Dale.
9. **USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park updates**. No major update provided. (Steve absent)
10. **Letter to Senator Armstrong** (Dale) – Still trying to determine if Senator Armstrong is now on the Memorial Park Board. We have not been able to make contact as of yet. **ACTION:** Dale.
11. **USS Oklahoma commissioning** (Don absent, updated provided by Dale) Expect 3 to 6 months of heads up prior to commissioning still. PCU sponsorship is officially in for OKC Sub base. We still believe commissioning ceremony will be held at the site of the USS Arizona.

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12. **Liberty Fest Parade Update** (Dale) – 8 people showed up to the parade. No issues, smooth sailing. Discussion was had regarding upgrading 20W speakers to 90W speakers for better sound quality. 60,000 – 90,000 people were at the Liberty Fest parade.
13. **“Rust” Insurance** (Todd Holmes Absent)– Information received seems to lean towards not being required from USSVI, Liberty Fest required insurance information. Still indeterminate. Tabled until next meeting by Dale.
14. **Upcoming USSVI Elections**, Dale encouraged members to vote in USSVI national elections to ensure quality candidates are brought forth. Participation makes a difference.
15. **New Business –**
 - a. Discussed upcoming Czech Festival parade in October.
 - b. Motion made to buy new speakers; 90W outdoor rated for float with budget of 250. Motion made by Jay, seconded by Gus. Motion passed.
16. **New Attendees share Naval Experiences** – Sea stories were shared by Dale, Jay, Kris, Alan, and Karna.
17. **Concerns and Open Discussion –**
 - a. Becket is donating his kidney this month to a friend, Michael Skaggs recently lost father or immediate family member.
 - b. Discussed next meeting being August 1st at 9:00.
 - c. David Horn w/ American Legion is having neck issues. He helps our club out with the building, and is presently having issues with fine motor control and being ambulatory.
18. **Tolling of Boats** – Dale provided an updated list for last month and July. Kris led a moment of silence for fallen brothers, and read the tolling of the boats.
19. **Closing Prayer** - Conor led a closing prayer.
20. **Depth Charge** – Gus won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion back to OKC Base.
21. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn was made by Gus, seconded by Jim. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – August 1, 2026 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★