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Meeting Minutes for September 6, 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*

Steve Damlo
Mark Holland
Donald LeBlanc– *Base*
Quartermaster
Gary Palmer
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahm

Officers Absent:

W. Becket Bircher– *Base*
Chaplin

Visitors:

Conor Lembeck
Rear Adm Greg Slavonic
Michael Skaggs

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0902 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Ken led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Rear Adm Greg Slavonic spoke on USS Oklahoma SSN 802 Commissioning & USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial
 - a. USS Oklahoma SSN 802 Commissioning – Website is up and running. Capt Stutzman is being relieved as CO due to his promotion, commissioning is likely spring of 2026, and some of the crew will be in Tulsa for the Tulsa/Navy football game.
 - b. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial – Still on track. \$3.1 million has been raised thus far.
4. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from August. Mark motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
5. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$1,957.²⁴ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Primary expenses were hats and plaque from last meeting. Income was depth charge funds. Detailed records are available upon request. Jay motioned to approve the report, Don seconded, report approved.
6. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Action has been completed to come up with a definitive single list of base members, so that the National's list agrees with ours.
 - b. Work continues on an SOP. .
7. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – See above
8. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – See above as well.
 - a. Six crew members were selected for CPO.
 - b. Outstanding action: Crew is selling T-shirts and hoodies as part of their fundraising. **ACTION:** Don - post this information on our Facebook page.
 - c. Outstanding action: Update sponsoring of USS Oklahoma with USSVI. Cost of this is \$37 annually. **ACTION:** Dale.
9. Storekeeper Items (Don) – No new information
10. Yukon Czech Festival Parade October 4, 2025 – Todd has completed the entry form. No other information available.
11. Midwest City Veterans Day Parade Nov 11 – Dale motioned to participate in this parade, Don seconded. MOTION CARRIED. **ACTION:** Chuck – Complete entry form.

12. Donations for American Legion Post 73 Craft Fair October 4, 2025 (Gabe Long) -
 - a. Gabe was not in attendance but is working to obtain craft donations for the Fair.
 - b. Becker is also aiding in gathering the items.
 - c. The Fair runs until 4 pm, so those who participate in the Yukon parade can still get to the Fair.
13. Volunteers for nominating committee Base Officers 2026 (Dale).
 - a. Thus far the following have agreed to run for office as shown: .

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
Base Commander	Todd Holmes	Base Treasurer	Jim Owen
Vice Base Commander	Chuck Hladik	Base Secretary	Dale Sanders
 - b. If you desire to nominate someone (including yourself), contact Dale. A list will again be sent out in October.
 - c. Election will be held at the November business meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.
14. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Conor and Michael shared their fun in the canoe club.
15. New Business –
 - a. Mark shared that Envision Services for Veterans is closing due to Gail's health.
 - b. There is a meeting in Muskogee on Oct 3 about the Batfish. Becket and Dale Moses are attending.
16. Concerns and Open Discussion – None
17. Tolling of Boats – Steve and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for September.
18. Closing Prayer – Mark led a closing prayer.
19. Depth Charge – Chuck won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
20. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

★ ★ ★ **Yukon Czech Parade – Oct 4, 2025, time TBD** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Post 73 Craft Fair – Oct 4, 2025, 7 am setup** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – November 1, 2025 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★

