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Meeting Minutes for Nov 2, 2024

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*

Gary Lee
Gabe Long
Jim Palmer
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahn

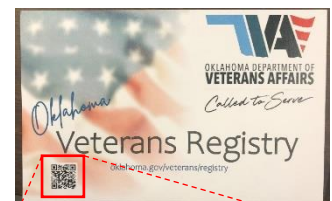
Officers Absent:

Mark Holland – *Base Chaplin/*
Quartermaster

Visitors:

W. Becker Bircher
Chris Kasper
Ray Villanueva

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from September, noting that they were incorrectly dated (Aug 3 instead of Sep 7). Jim motioned to approve the minutes as revised, Todd seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,234.⁹⁹ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Primary activity was deposits from Sep meeting and donation for Am Legion Post 73 Coats-for-Kids. Detailed records are available upon request. Also noted was that 2025 dues need to be paid, including the increase in National dues. National dues are now \$40.⁰⁰, with local dues remaining at 10.⁰⁰. Dale motioned to approve the report, Todd seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Facebook is doing well and includes a copy of the article from the magazine “Submariner” covering our participation in Edmond Liberty Fest Parade.
 - b. Still adding some of the historic photographs on the website.
 - c. Still working on an update of the SOP for the website. When completed, then training for Don LaBlanc as assistant webmaster will be scheduled.
 - d. Need to be considering the cost to maintain our website and registration. Todd will look at this and provide more detailed information.
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park – There was an article in the Oklahoman about plans to open the park with a facsimile of the sail until the actual sail arrives. Todd also noted that a similar article appeared in the Edmond city magazine.
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – No new information available.
8. Veteran’s Day Parade Monday Nov 11, 2024 –
 - a. Meet here at Am Legion Post 73 at 7:30 am.
 - b. Due to today’s weather, the painting of the sail of the float and installation of new tail lights will have to occur that morning.
9. 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. QR Code is also provided in the photo.



10. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Each of the three visitors provided a summary of their Naval careers.
11. New Business –
 - a. Todd motioned that we have our normal member/wives social in February in lieu of a normal meeting. Jay seconded.
MOTION CARRIED. ACTION: Todd (plan for a venue and time, expected to again be Saltgrass Steak House on 1240)
12. Concerns and Open Discussion –
 - a. Ken has completed the physical therapy from his knee replacement.
 - b. Chuck has completed his proton therapy, with blood tests later this month.
 - c. Bob has received (and is wearing) his new prosthetic.
13. Tolling of Boats – Jay and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for October and November.
14. Closing Prayer – Dale led a closing prayer.
15. Depth Charge – Jay won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
16. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.

☆☆☆ **Veteran's Day Parade – Nov 11, 2024 @ 7:30** ☆☆☆

☆☆☆ **Next Business Meeting – December 7, 2024 @ 0900** ☆☆☆