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## Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2024

Location: American Legion Post 73

5000 S.E. 24th St. Del City, OK 73115

## Attendance:

Chuck Hladik – Base Commander Ken Box - Chief of the Boat

Todd Holmes – Base Vice<br/>Cmdr; WebmasterSteve Damlo<br/>Donald LeBlancJim Owen – Base Treasurer<br/>Dale Sanders – Base SecretaryGabe Long<br/>Robert Zahrn

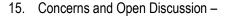
Officers Absent: Visitors:

Mark Holland – Base Chaplin/ Gary Palmer – Potential Member Quartermaster

- 1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 0910 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Steve led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Previous Minutes Dale read the minutes from June. Steve motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
- 4. Treasurers Report –Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,104.99 on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.00. Only activity was deposit of funds collected at the June meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Dale motioned to approve the report, Ken seconded, report approved.
- 5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd)
  - a. Photos from the Edmond Freedom Fest parade have been posted on Facebook, still needing posted on the website.
  - b. Todd is still working on an update of the SOP for the website. When completed, then training for Don LaBlanc as assistant webmaster will be scheduled.
- 6. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don)
  - a. Agreement in principle has been made to get monthly updates on crew events from COB YNSCM(SS) Chris Reed, but there is no new information yet.
  - b. USS Oklahoma challenge coins are nearly out, but a new order is in process. The cost is \$20.00 each. We need to determine who wants any, how many, and then provide that to the boat along with payment and a shipping address.
- 7. Hats and Challenge Coin (Mark) No new information. Coins are available for purchase.
- 8. Don LeBlanc Project Work is still in progress.
- 9. Steve Damlo Project After discussion, it was agreed that Dale and Steve will provide a sample of such a card at the next meeting. **ACTION: Dale & Steve**
- 10. Kap-4-Kids No new information. This needs to be removed from agendas until there is new developments
- 11. Developing a yearly vision/agenda for USSVI-OKC (Todd)
  - Reminder to vote for National and District Officers. This can be done by logging in on the National website <u>www.ussubvets.org</u>, then clicking on the [Vote Nat Election] button near the top of the left menu.
  - After discussion it was agreed that Dale and Todd will use the Annual Activity Report to create a template of a typical year. ACTION: Todd & Dale



- 12. Local newsletter or join a regional newsletter (Todd) District Commander Moses asked us to consider having a local base newsletter or joining a regional newsletter, to be operated by someone to be determined. After discussion, it was agreed that our current Facebook page and Website more than adequately cover this need. As to a regional newsletter, we are not opposed to supporting/participating should one come to exist but cannot commit until actual information is available.
- 13. Creation of a USSVI-OKC budget forecast for the year (Todd) After discussion, it was agreed that Todd and Jim will work with the last several Annual Expense Reports to develop a typical map of expenses to aid us in future fundraising and approval of expenses.
- 14. New Business -
  - a. Chuck presented Robert "Bob" Zahrn with his HOLLAND CLUB certificate for being qualified for 50 years.
  - b. Bob has now paid his local dues.
  - c. Gary Palmer indicated he will complete an application to join.
  - d. Todd asked, and the consensus was that membership is interested in having a social, possibly like a picnic, once the weather cools, such as September.
  - e. At our request, Gary Palmer shared some of his memories of his service on a diesel boat.



- a. Bob is having difficulties with his foot. Speak to him for details.
- b. Ken will be having knee replacement later this month.
- c. Chuck has begun his proton therapy.
- d. Dave Bowman, associate member, is still in the hospital in Washington state to pass a kidney stone.
- 16. Tolling of Boats Ken and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for June.
- 17. Closing Prayer Dale led a closing prayer.
- 18. Depth Charge Don won the Depth Charge drawing.
- 19. Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



