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Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2026

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

Attendance:

Todd Holmes – *Base Cmdr; Webmaster*
Jim Owen – *Base Treasurer*
Conor Lembeck – *Base Secretary*
W. Becket Bircher – *Base Chaplin*
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*
“Gus” Hawkins
Chuck Hladik – *Past Base Cmdr*

Chris Kasper
Donald LeBlanc – *Base Quartermaster*
Gary Lee
Jim Porter
Michael Skaggs
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahn

Officers Absent:

Dale Sanders – *Base Vice Cmdr*
Michael Skaggs (Incoming Webmaster)

Visitors:

Alan More (Ret. Captain)
Carna More (Alan More's Daughter)

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Base Commander Holmes. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Gus led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introductions – Visitors Alan More (Retired Captain) and Carna More (Alan's daughter) introduced themselves, along with current members.
4. Previous Minutes – Conor read the minutes from May. Todd motioned to approve the minutes as read, Gus seconded, minutes approved.
5. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$3,045.⁰⁶ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Detailed records are available upon request.
6. Status of 2026 Dues – Jim reported that of the three members required to pay dues, 1 collected, 2 still required. These members will be contacted.
 - 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)
 - a. OKC Subvets minor issues with delegates signing in, 2 factor authentication issues.
 - b. Michael Skaggs turnover issues regarding sign in info, once sign in is finished, turnover will be completed.
8. Chris detailed the whats app group update. 10 members have joined with more anticipated to join as well. General announcements and group messages will be posted on there, to include same material as Facebook material. Sign in issues were discussed and troubleshooting.
9. Michael Skaggs absent due to father's funeral. (or immediate family member) update on Facebook advertising has been tabled until next meeting.
10. Storekeeper Items (Don) – Absent, update tabled by Todd Holmes.
11. Discussed USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park updates. No major update provided. (Steve)
12. Letter to Senator Armstrong (Gabe & Dale) – Still trying to determine if Senator Armstrong is now on the Memorial Park Board. **ACTION:** Dale.
13. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don absent) No update on commissioning, expect 3 to 6 months of heads up prior to commissioning. Chuck mentioned talk of the commissioning being held at the site of the Arizona memorial for the sinking of the USS Oklahoma. **ACTION:** Conor tasked with following through on USSVI membership/sponsorship to PCU Oklahoma.

14. Del City Parade, Saturday May 16th (Todd Holmes) – 7 people showed up to the parade with 5 buckets of candy. No issues, smooth sailing.
15. Liberty Fest Parade, July 4th (Todd Holmes) – We are officially signed up, no lineup has been sent as of yet. Information will be sent once lineup is given. Meeting for July scheduling conflict discussed. Motion made by Jay to move meeting to July 11 to resolve scheduling conflict seconded by Chuck Hladik.
16. “Rust” Insurance (Todd Holmes)– Information received seems to lean towards not being required from USSVI, Liberty Fest required insurance information. Still indeterminate.
17. Memorial Day (Becket Bircher) – Becket was unable to attend due to throwing his back out.
18. Base Patches with Errors (Jim) – Jim brought defective patches for donations and potential cheap sales. A normal patch was awarded to retired captain Alan More.
19. Kaps-4-Kids (Chuck) – Chuck brought the hats. 328 dollars spent, 40 hats, some fake tattoos, ceramic challenge coins within inventory. Discussion for potential groups to target, (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, hospitals, etc.)
20. New Business –
 - a. Membership chairperson turnover with Becket Bircher and Todd Holmes. Turnover projected for after July’s meeting due to Holmes’s absence.
 - b. Todd Holmes will be out of town next month for the July 11th meeting.
 - c. Rescheduled meeting during Liberty Fest discussion to July 11th.
21. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Sea stories were shared by Bob, Chuck, Danny, Gus.
22. Concerns and Open Discussion –
 - a. Todd’s sinus surgery went well.
 - b. Becket is donating his kidney next month to a friend.
23. Tolling of Boats – Todd led a moment of silence for fallen brothers, Tolling of boats for June deferred to July meeting until proper list is brought.
24. Closing Prayer – Becket led a closing prayer.
25. Depth Charge – Todd won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his *portion back*.
26. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Dale, seconded by Jay. Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

★ ★ ★ **Liberty Fest– July 4th, 2026; time TBD** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – July 11, 2026 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★