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## Meeting Minutes for November 1, 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*  
W. Becket Bircher – *Base Chaplin*  
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*

Steve Damlo  
Mark Holland  
Chris Kasper  
Gary Lee  
Conor Lembeck  
Gabriel Long  
Michael Skaggs  
Bob Zahrn

## Officers Absent:

Donald LeBlanc – *Base*  
*Quartermaster*

## Visitors:

E. Dale Moses – *Dist Cmdr*  
Eric Long (*brother*)  
Nathan Bircher (*son*)

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0902 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Gary led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from September. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as read, Mark seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,030.<sup>24</sup> on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.<sup>00</sup>. Primary expenses were dues paid to National. Income was depth charge funds, new member dues, and hat purchases. Detailed records are available upon request. Mark motioned to approve the report, Dale seconded, report approved.
5. Anchor Award to Oklahoma City Base (Dale Moses) – delayed until later in the meeting
6. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
  - a. Website store still needs the hats added. **ACTION:** Todd
  - b. Need to check that our new members appear on the National website. **ACTION:** Todd. .
7. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – Steve stopped by and noted that construction has begun.
8. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) –.
  - a. Chuck reported the Change of Command is Nov 20.
  - b. 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. Midwest City Veterans Day Parade Nov 11 – Chuck has confirmed our entry has been received. Tentatively we will meet at Post 73 at 0800 to take the float over. An email will be sent with final information.
11. American Legion Post 73 Craft Fair October 4, 2025 (Gabe Long) -
  - a. Made \$78.00, several items still available.
  - b. If this is done again, we need a banner and method of posting it above the tables and we need to reserve two tables.

12. Elections of 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 | Dale Sanders        | Base Secretary | Darrin Husmann      |

- b. A final call for additional nominations was made. There being none, nominations were closed.
- i. Per **Article IX** section 4 of the Bylaws, offices with a single nominee can be voted on with show of hands.
- ii. Each of the nominees was elected using this method. They will take office in January.

13. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Conor and Michael shared additional stories.

14. New Business –

- a. Darrin has preliminary information on veteran tickets for the OKC Thunder game on Veterans Day. More specifics will be shared as it comes available.
- b. Due to separate family emergencies neither Becket or Dale Moses were able to attend the meeting in Muskogee on about the Batfish.

15. Concerns and Open Discussion – Mark shared that Envision Services for Veterans is closing due to Gail's death. He is working towards being available at Post 73 in the future

5A E. Dale Moses ('Mo), District Commander, spoke on the following items:

- a. Encourage Associate Memberships – family, other military or civilians interested (see National Bylaws).
- b. Bases should try to hold a public Tolling of the Boats once per year.
- c. Consider having a Color Guard and getting on with local events.
- d. Kansas bases are working to get politicians to obtain the sail from the USS Topeka.
- e. If you haven't been on an Honor Flight yet, it is highly recommended.
- f. 'Mo presented the base with the 2025 Golden Anchor Award for IV size Bases
- g. 'Mo did the swearing in for the newly elected officers that were present (they will still not take office until 2026)



16. Tolling of Boats – Chris and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for September.

17. Closing Prayer – Becket led a closing prayer.

18. Depth Charge – Michael won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.

19. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

★ ★ ★ **Midwest City Veterans Day Parade – Nov 11 @ 0800** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – December 6, 2025 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★

