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## Meeting Minutes for Jan 4, 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. Becker Bircher  
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*

Chris Kasper  
Donald LeBlanc  
Gary Lee  
Gary Palmer  
Jay Van Duzer  
Bob Zahn

## Officers Absent:

Mark Holland – *Base Chaplin/*  
*Quartermaster*

## Visitors:

Nathan Bircher

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0901 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Becker led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from December. Paragraph 11.d incorrectly stated “Mike” rather than “Mark”. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as revised, Jay seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,194.<sup>99</sup> on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.<sup>00</sup>. Primary activity was payment of dues to the National. Detailed records are available upon request. Ken motioned to approve the report, Jay seconded, report approved.
  - a. Jim along with Todd are working on our End Of Year report, including reconciling our actual membership with those listed on the National website.
  - b. If not already done, 2025 dues need to be paid, including the increase in National dues. National dues are now \$40.<sup>00</sup>, with local dues remaining at 10.<sup>00</sup>.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
  - a. The items/photos from December still need to be posted on Facebook and the website. With the holiday period past, this should occur soon.
  - b. Information on the cost of maintaining our website and registration is not visible yet. Todd will continue to work on this.
6. February dinner social (Todd) –
  - a. This year we will again be at Saltgrass Steakhouse (1445 W I-240 Service Road Suite 13, Oklahoma City)
  - b. We have a reservation for 22-24 people.
    - i. That is the largest group that can be handled without a party room, which limits the menu selections.
    - ii. These seats will be first come/first serve by contacting Todd.
  - c. A party room could accommodate larger groups, but the menu will be restricted.
    - i. Cost would be set at \$34.<sup>00</sup>/per person or \$36.<sup>00</sup>/per person.
7. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park – No new information available
8. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – No new information available, crew has been on holiday routine.
9. Cal Year 2025 Dues – Reminder to pay your dues to Jim. \$50.<sup>00</sup> covers local and national. If you're a national life member, you still need to pay the \$10.<sup>00</sup> local dues.

10. 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](https://oklahoma.gov/veterans/registry). QR Code is also provided in the photo.
11. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Nathan Bircher shared his experiences attending the Thunderbird Youth Academy. This is a military themed youth program combining academic classes with military values. It is put on jointly by Northeast Technology Center in Pryor, OK and the Oklahoma National Guard.
12. New Business –
  - a. A new barbeque restaurant is being built in Edmond. Mission BBQ is a chain that decorates each franchise location to honor those in military service. Todd desires to present them with a base patch. This was agreed to by consensus.
  - b. Base patch inventory is down to four. Jim has been unable to locate any paperwork on where the last order came from. Don and Todd agreed to seek a supplier. They will also get an order of hats going.
  - c. Previously we incorrectly handed out Eagle patches to those who won the depth charge drawing. These patches are really for providing to Boy Scout Eagle Scouts. If in the past you received one of these patches, we ask that you return it to Jim.
13. Concerns and Open Discussion –
  - a. Mark continues to struggle with his health. He asked to be relieved as Chaplain and Storekeeper. After discussion with the assistants, Chuck appointed Becker as Chaplain and Don as Storekeeper.
  - b. Gary has homemade jelly and jerky available. Members in attendance were asked to take them.
14. Tolling of Boats – Chris and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for January.
15. Closing Prayer – Becker led a closing prayer.
16. Depth Charge – Don won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
17. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.



**Eagle Patch**

★ ★ ★ **Social Dinner – February 1, 2025** ★ ★ ★

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