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Meeting Minutes for August 2, 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*
Chris Kasper
Donald LeBlanc – *Base*
Quartermaster
Gary Palmer
Jim Porter
Bob Zahm

Officers Absent:
none

Visitors:
none

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0902 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jim led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from June. Jim motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ken seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,252.²⁴ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Primary expense was new base patches. Detailed records are available upon request. Jay motioned to approve the report, Becket seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Photos from the parades and other events have all been posted on the website and Facebook page.
 - b. A couple of outside posts had to be removed from our Facebook page.
 - c. The officers are working to come up with a definitive single list of base members, so that the National's list agrees with ours. **ACTION:** Todd, Jim, Dale
 - d. Work continues on an SOP. .
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – No new information
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – Crew is selling T-shirts and hoodies as part of their fundraising. **ACTION:** Don - post this information on our Facebook page.
8. Storekeeper Items (Don) –
 - a. A log book has been obtained to better track inventory.
 - b. Chuck obtained more small vehicle decals and donated them to the inventory. They are available for \$10 each.
 - c. See item 9 below about base hats.
9. New Hats (Todd Holmes)
 - a. Twenty-five (25) hats were purchased. Cost was approximately \$19.50 each. Hats were turned over to Don.
 - b. There are some minor issues between what was received and what we ordered. Color of the water under the dolphins is darker, and the size adjustment is different from what was ordered. After discussion it was agreed to keep the hats, but Todd will see if any refund is due. **ACTION:** Todd - Contact vender
 - c. Selling price was agreed to be \$20 ea for members and \$25 ea for non-members.

10. Yukon Czech Festival Parade October 4, 2025 and October Meeting

- a. Todd agreed to be lead on the parade. He will bring the float. **ACTION:** Todd - Submit entry form
- b. After discussion, Jay motioned not to have an October business meeting, Becket seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**
ACTION: Chuck - Inform Post 73

11. Donations for American Legion Post 73 Craft Fair October 4, 2025 (Gabe Long) -

- a. Gabe was not in attendance but is working to obtain craft donations for the Fair.
- b. The Fair runs until 4 pm, so those who participate in the Yukon parade can still get to the Fair.
- c. Question was asked if food donations, such as baked goods or jams, are allowed. **ACTION:** Gabe - Contact Post 73 coordinator and report back.

12. Volunteers for nominating committee Base Officers 2026.

- a. Bylaws require appointment of a committee to solicit candidates for the next election. There being no volunteers, Chuck appointed Dale to lead this. **ACTION:** Dale - Complete the actions of bylaws in preparation for election
- b. Per the Bylaws, candidates are to be presented at the October meeting. In absence of a business meeting, it was agreed that Dale will provide nominees to the membership via email the first week of October as part of the action item.
- c. Election will be held at the November business meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.



13. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – None present, but a good time was had swapping some sea stories.

14. New Business –

- a. Chuck, with assistance from Jim, presented Dale with a plaque for “Dedication and Support of Our Base”. This may become an annual award, something for us all to consider.
- b. Dale noted it has been more than a year since our initial sponsoring of USS Oklahoma. Cost of this is \$37 annually.
ACTION: Dale
- c. Chuck agreed to see if there is an opportunity to tour the E-6 planes at Tinker AFB. **ACTION:** Chuck
- d. Todd shared information from a district zoom meeting.
 - i. Dale “Mo” Ellis is planning to have such meetings every two months, with Base Commanders and Vice Commanders attending. Others may attend if desired.
 - ii. One item reported by many bases is difficulty getting in treatment area for Kaps-4-Kids.
 - iii. Becket reported he is still collecting information for the visual presentation that might be used for Kaps-4-Kids.
ACTION: Becket

15. Concerns and Open Discussion – None
16. Tolling of Boats – Todd and Chris led us in the tolling of the boats for July and August.
17. Closing Prayer – Becket led a closing prayer.
18. Depth Charge – Gary won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
19. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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

★ ★ ★ **Yukon Czech Parade – Oct 4, 2025, time TBD** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Post 73 Craft Fair – Oct 4, 2025, 7 am setup** ★ ★ ★



ACTION ITEMS not resolved during the meeting (alphabetically)	
Name	Item
Bircher	Develop a visual presentation that might be used for Kaps-4-Kids
Hladik	Inform Post 73 that October's meeting will not occur
Hladik	See if there is an opportunity to tour the E-6 planes at Tinker AFB
Holmes	Contact hat vendor about any refund due to errors
Holmes	Submit entry form Yukon Czech Festival Parade
Holmes Owen Sanders	Resolve membership list discrepancies
LeBlanc	Post USS Oklahoma T-shirt sales on Facebook page
Long	Contact Post 73 Craft Fair coordinator to determine if food donations are allowed.
Sanders	Complete the actions of bylaws in preparation for election, including soliciting nominations
Sanders	Renew sponsoring of USS Oklahoma with National office