



# ☆☆☆USS Oklahoma City Base☆☆☆

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## Meeting Minutes for May 2, 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*  
Dale Sanders – *Base Vice Cmdr*  
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:

Conor Lembeck - *Base Secretary*

## Visitors:

Douglas Derosier – *Pot Member*  
Stan Smith – *Pot Member*  
Faith Kasper - *Guest*

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Base Commander Holmes. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chris led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from April. Gary motioned to approve the minutes as read, Gus seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,975.<sup>06</sup> on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.<sup>00</sup>. Primary change a deposit from last meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Ken motioned to approve the report, Jay seconded, report approved.
5. Status of 2026 Dues – Jim reported that three members have not yet paid dues. 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.
6. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd/ Michael) –
  - a. Turnover to Michael has not occurred due to travels.
  - b. National website is updated to new officers.
  - c. WhatsApp Group Messaging setup. Action was taken to finalize the list. (**ACTION:** *Chris – create group*); Provide logo to Chris (**ACTION** *Dale*)
  - d. Facebook advertising – Michael shared that cost are \$0.30 to \$4 per click, depending on add and filtering criteria. We can set a cap on the total cost. Dale motioned to approve a trial of this advertising, Jay seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** **ACTION:** *Michael*
7. Storekeeper Items (Don) –
  - a. Current inventory is 16 hats, 111 coins, and 16 assorted vehicle decals.
  - b. Regarding T-shirts – Discussion developed the following criteria to develop a specific proposal/bid: **ACTION:** *Don*
    - i. 100% Cotton Navy Blue
    - ii. Front with our logo on front left, dolphins on back (see photo), these items silk screened.
8. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – Update provided via Todd – work at the park continues. Picture was provided, but most of it is Steve’s finger.
9. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – Nothing new has been shared by the boat. Question was asked if we are still sponsoring them (**ACTION:** *Dale*).



10. Letter to Senator Armstrong (Gabe & Dale) – Still trying to determine if Senator Armstrong is now on the Memorial Park Board. **ACTION: Dale.**
11. Del City Parade, Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> (Todd Holmes) – We are registered, but Todd doesn't have the line up yet. Watch for email with information.
12. Liberty Fest Parade, July 4th (Todd) – Application has been sent in.
13. "Rust" Insurance (Todd) – Todd asked if this would change needing to use personal insurance for parades. He has not received an answer yet.
14. Memorial Day (*Todd for Becket*) – Becket's work veteran group is working with Commandant Matt Moore of the Sooner Base of the Marine Corps League for the annual reading of Oklahoma veterans at the OKC Veteran Memorial site on Capital grounds. Members are encouraged to attend at least a portion of the event. If you are interested in being one of the readers, let Becket know.
15. Base Patches with Errors (Jim) – Jim shared these. They are available for a donation
16. Kaps-4-Kids (Chuck) – Chuck forgot to bring the hats. It was noted other bases have included organizations such a cub scouts, etc. (Not just medical facilities).
17. New Business –
  - a. We just learned the Chahta Tribe Alliance is having a "Wild Onion Feed" dinner at the Post 73 building right after this meeting. Details provided for anyone who wanted to stay.
  - b. American Legion Post 73 monthly meeting is Thursday May 7 at 7 pm.
  - c. Dale will be out of town next month.
18. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Sea stories were shared by Stan and Doug. Faith also shared her story (active duty corpsman, convalescing from an injury while on leave).
19. Concerns and Open Discussion –
  - a. Todd's sinus surgery was delayed to this month.
  - b. Ken's chemo continues. He said this is expected for the rest of his life.
  - c. Mark Holland has been having more issues with his back and also with vehicles needing repair.
20. Tolling of Boats – Becket and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for April.
21. Closing Prayer – Becket led a closing prayer.
22. Depth Charge – Jim P won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion to buying candy for the parade (**ACTION Todd**).
23. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn was made by Dale, seconded by Gus. Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

 **Del City Parade – May 16, 2026; time TBD**   
 **Next Business Meeting – June 6, 2026 @ 0900** 