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Meeting Minutes for Dec 7, 2024

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*

Donald LeBlanc
Gary Lee
Gabe Long
Gary Palmer
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahn

Officers Absent:

Mark Holland – *Base Chaplin/*
Quartermaster

Visitors:

Guy "Gus" Hawkins

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 0904 by Base Commander Hladik. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jay led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from November. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as read, Jay seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,294.⁹⁹ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Primary activity was deposits from Nov meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Dale motioned to approve the report, Bob seconded, report approved.

USSVI National Dues		Current (2024)	After 1/1/2025
Annual	5 Yr term:	\$ 140.00	\$ 185.00
	3 Yr term:	\$ 85.00	\$ 113.00
	1 Yr term	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
Lifetime (age based)	Thru 45 yrs	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00
	46 thru 55	\$ 500.00	\$ 625.00
	56 thru 65 yrs	\$ 360.00	\$ 450.00
	66 thru 75 yrs	\$ 240.00	\$ 300.00
	76+ yrs	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00

 - a. 2025 dues need to be paid, including the increase in National dues. National dues are now \$40.⁰⁰, with local dues remaining at 10.⁰⁰.
 - b. National Lifetime dues are as shown here.
 - c. OKC Base does not currently have lifetime dues.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Facebook is doing well.
 - b. Still adding some of the historic photographs on the website.
 - c. Still working on an update of the SOP for the website. When completed, then training for Don LaBlanc as assistant webmaster will be scheduled.
 - d. Todd will provide information on the cost of maintaining our website and registration in January.
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park – No new information available
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) –
 - a. A portion of the crew were in town last week for special events. While they had a tight schedule Don got a few minutes with the COB.
 - b. So far about eight sailors have completed initial sub quals (riding other boats).
 - c. Don has access to their Facebook page which will allow him to share information easier.
8. USS Oklahoma memorabilia (Don) – If you ordered items, please see Don to pay and pick them up. Don will begin putting together a second order, to be placed at a date not yet determined.

9. 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. QR Code is also provided in the photo.
10. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – Guy “Gus” shared his experiences.
11. New Business –
 - a. Chuck presented Gary Palmer's Holland Club award.
 - b. During this portion a moment of silence was observed in honor of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.
 - c. Todd reported on the member/wives social in February. Currently it is planned for Feb 1 at 4:30 pm at Saltgrass Steak House on I240. There is a concern that they can't handle a group more than 24, so please be prepared to give Todd a count in January so he can make other arrangements if necessary.
 - d. Mike's health continues to thwart his function as Storekeeper.
 - i. Todd volunteered to check on a hats order.
 - ii. Jim shared that we need more base patches. He is trying to find the invoice from the last time we ordered.
 - iii. Don agreed to serve as Assistant Storekeeper. Chuck appointed him as such.
12. Concerns and Open Discussion – No new issues. Keep Mark in your prayers.
13. Tolling of Boats – Gus and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for December.
14. Closing Prayer – Dale led a closing prayer.
15. Depth Charge – Jim won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
16. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – January 4, 2025 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★
★ ★ ★ **Social Dinner – February 1, 2025** ★ ★ ★

