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## Meeting Minutes for Apr 5, 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*  
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*  
Mark Holland

Chris Kasper  
Donald LeBlanc – *Base*  
*Quartermaster*  
Gary Lee  
Jim Porter  
Jay Van Duzer  
Bob Zahn

## Officers Absent:

W. Becker Bircher – *Base*  
*Chaplin*

## 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 – Bob led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from March. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as read, Mark seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,752.<sup>49</sup> on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.<sup>00</sup>. Primary activity was deposits of dues and sales from March meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Jay motioned to approve the report, Ken seconded, report approved.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
  - a. Website has small updates such as the Holland Club photos.
  - b. Members are encouraged to post on the Facebook page.
  - c. Todd presented the costs for continuing service with GoDaddy. After discussion it was agreed to have Todd renew for one or two years (depending on the discounts that were just announced). Todd is going to accomplish this, and the base will reimburse him.
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – The site for the sail is being actively worked. Chuck is attempting to get the Mayor to join us at some point.
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) – The crew is soliciting donations for the events surrounding the commissioning. Don also noted that the crew was selling the cookbooks for \$25.<sup>00</sup> apiece.
8. Liberty Fest Parade – Parade is scheduled for Fri, July 4. Dale motioned to enter the parade. Jay seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**. Action: Chuck (complete entry)
9. Cal Year 2025 Dues – Jim reported this as complete.
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](http://oklahoma.gov/veterans/registry). QR Code is also provided in the photo on the back page.
11. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – With no new attendees, there was a brief discussion of experiences with the VA system. Mark encouraged anyone who felt the contractor did not provide good service to file a complaint.

12. New Business –

- a. The Batfish Base (Muskogee) is soliciting funds to get the Batfish on an acceptable foundation to allow tours again. After a brief discussion, Jim motioned to provide \$500.00. Jay seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**. Stipulation was added to ensure the funds go to the museum, not just the base at large. *Action: Jim (contact and provide funds)*
  - b. Todd is working on a hats order, keeping Don in the loop.
  - c. With the help of Gabe, the Mission BBQ in Edmond has received an actual USS Oklahoma City patch to display.
  - d. The Submarine service birthday is April 11.
  - e. Elections will be held later this year. Current officers are encouraged to consider if they are willing to run, as well as other base members in general.
  - f. Dale shared that the Piedmont Area Veterans Association (PAVA) will be hosting a festival ("VetFest") that focuses on veteran owned businesses. This event will occur on the afternoon of May 3 at 170 Edmond Rd. NW; Piedmont, OK 73078.
  - g. PAVA is also holding a raffle for a Henry .243 caliber Long Ranger rifle. Tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50. If interested, let Dale know or email the secretary at [pavavets@outlook.com](mailto:pavavets@outlook.com).
  - h. We have received the Eagle Scout patches from the National Storekeeper. We hope to host the Del City Boy Scout soon.
  - i. Dale will be absent from the June meeting and is looking for a person to take the minutes that day.
13. Concerns and Open Discussion – Several members were asked about their ongoing health issues. All reported doing well as can be expected at this point in life.
14. Tolling of Boats – Chris and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for February and March.
15. Closing Prayer – Mark led a closing prayer.
16. Depth Charge – Jay won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.
17. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – May 3, 2025 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **Del City Parade – May 17, 2025, time TBD** ★ ★ ★

