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Meeting Minutes for December 6, 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

Chris Kasper
Donald LeBlanc – *Base*
Quartermaster
Gabriel Long
Jay Van Duzer
Bob Zahm

Officers Absent:

W. Becket Bircher – *Base*
Chaplin
Ken Box – *Chief of the Boat*

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 – Don led base members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Previous Minutes – Dale read the minutes from November. Jim motioned to approve the minutes as read, Todd seconded, minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report – Jim provided a report of a balance of \$2,911.⁴⁹ on deposit, and petty cash again of \$95.⁰⁰. Primary change was deposits from Nov meeting. Detailed records are available upon request. Dale motioned to approve the report, Don seconded, report approved.
 - a. Note 2026 Dues should be paid. Either at a meeting or mail to the above address. Dues are \$50 year, unless you are a National Life member (still own \$10 local dues). Make checks to OKC Subvets.
5. OKC Subvets Website and Facebook page (Todd) –
 - a. Website store still needs the hats added. **ACTION:** Todd
 - b. Need to check that our new members appear on the National website. **ACTION:** Todd.
 - c. Question was asked about having a group messaging setup. Discussion was that this needed to be on a third-party app that doesn't share the person's phone number (e.g. WhatsApp or GroupMe). A team was assigned to set this up. **ACTION:** Gabe and Chris
6. USS Oklahoma City SSN 723 Memorial Park (Steve) – No new information.
7. USS Oklahoma commissioning (Don) –
 - a. Change of Command took place Nov 20. (Note: Chuck was invited, but unable to travel there.)
 - b. Outstanding action: Update sponsoring of USS Oklahoma with USSVI. Cost of this is \$37 annually. **ACTION:** Dale.
8. Storekeeper Items (Don) – Items are not present, but currently have hats, coins, and vehicle decals in stock.
9. New Attendees share Naval Experiences – No new attendees, but a fun discussion of ports visited (or missed) was had.

10. New Business –

- a. Letter to Senator Mullin – Gabe shared a draft letter asking for support in getting better involved in 723 Sail project. Dale agreed to put it on letterhead and Chuck will sign it **ACTION: Dale**
- b. T-shirts – Jim noted that not everyone wants a vest, but perhaps we could have a base T-shirt that could be worn for parades and such. After discussion, Don agreed to work on this. **ACTION: Don**
- c. 2026 National Convention – The USSVI National Convention for 2026 will be in Corpus Cristi, Texas this coming September 6th -11th. This is the closest the National Convention has been to our location. Consider if you want to attend.
- d. Notification – Chuck received notification from a Jon Spear who wants removed from any mailing lists, as he feels our organization is too serious.
- e. January meeting – Question was asked if there were any concerns about the date for January's meeting. After discussion it was agreed that January 3, 2026 is a good date.
- f. February Social – After discussion, Dale motioned that the February meeting be a social meeting at Saltgrass Steakhouse as last year. Jay seconded. MOTION CARRIED. **ACTION: Todd**

11. Concerns and Open Discussion –

- a. Captain Keilty was featured in an article in the September issue of Oklahoma Veterans News.
- b. Jim shared that Will Rogers International Airport has a Veterans Center that includes a large challenge coin collection. He ensured that our coin was added.

12. Tolling of Boats – Bob and Dale led us in the tolling of the boats for September.

13. Closing Prayer – Dale led a closing prayer.

14. Depth Charge – Jim won the Depth Charge drawing and donated his portion.

15. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

★ ★ ★ **Next Business Meeting – January 3, 2026 @ 0900** ★ ★ ★

