Executive Board Meeting USSVICB minutes.

Thursday 01 March 2012 FRA Low Country Home

Ten board members in attendance: Carl Chinn, Marty Sessler, Nick Nichols, John Lookabill, Rick Sparger, Terry Trump, Larry Starland, Ken Hutchinson, George Sharpe and Theron Irving.

1800- Meeting called to order by Base Commander Carl Chinn.

Theron's comments: Minutes of last general meeting submitted to Newsletter.

George's comments: He has received several items from Jerry Stout and Mrs. Lyle dealing with base history, i.e. meeting minutes, base correspondence, treasury items. Theron also found a memory stick containing several historical items in Ronnie's laptop bag. Theron suggested that he and George get together and go over these items and arrange them in an orderly fashion.

John's comments: States that Holland Club National Commander will not attend our induction ceremony. John will act as Master of Ceremonies. Induction ceremony will be held at the April Base meeting. Rick asks if he could friggin' help with framing, etc.

Terry's comments: No Report, but as CRP coordinator we have be approved for our May 5<sup>th</sup> picnic.

Ken's comments: Holland Club rockers are available. Tabled for later discussion.

Larry's comments: Articles were submitted about the British Submariners visit to various local news papers including a paper in Portsmouth, England.

Nick's comments: States that he has received some complaints that the Chaplin's Report is to lengthy. The Board's is in complete agreement that his report should not be changed as membership should be kept informed about the status of our membership and their families. Chaplin reports that Stan's memorial service was well attended by the SubVets.

Marty's comments: Discussed Email about Massing of the Colors at the Citadel. Discussion about SubVets being more proactive with this event if they have a more advanced notice. Marty will contact people who organize it to have a longer lead time for planning purposes. Float welding discussed. Welding will be done at K&S welding. Hill Tire plaque presentation will be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at Marty's house in front of the float with board members present. Cost of welding was discussed and agreed to that welding will be done and money approved at a later date. Amberjack Memorial will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. SubVets will perform ceremony. Amberjack model and bell will be obtained from the After Battery. Marty gave Kudos to Terry and the COB for the very successful Oyster Roast at the Bushy Park facility.

COB's comments: Short comment about upcoming St Patty's Day excursion to Savannah.

Carl's Comments: Drafted a thank you letter to Tracy Dixon, Cooper River Partners, HR Rep/Purchasing for the use of their facilities for the oyster roast. Donation received from a

Kansas couple in Stan's name. Donation will be put in the scholarship fund. Carl related his final little get together with British Sub Vets. A fine time was had by all. Caps for Kids (Gary Williams) planning a tentative date in March. More info to follow. Rodney McKenna will ramrod Sub Birthday Boat Tolling. More info to follow. Regional Convention in Mobil 18 to 22 Apr. By-Law Changes; Election process and Base Commander lodging cost will be sent to a committee consisting of Carl, John, Nick and Marty for further discussion. Sy Mabe Flag Memorial on Apr 14<sup>th</sup> in Bowman, SC. Rodger Gibson and Mike Emerson are organizing. More info to follow with close head count at the general meeting.

Old business: Discussion on obtaining more Base Challenge Coins. Motion made and seconded to obtain 300 coins for an approximate cost of \$1000.00. Motion carried.

Discussion on SubVets participation in the Huntley Memorial Service. Carl has contacted Confederate Heritage Trust for further discussion on this item. More info will follow after a meet with the Trust.

Discussion on Holland Club 5 year rocker panels: Pros and Cons about providing Holland Club members with the panels. Motion made and seconded not to buy panels. Motion carried. More discussion will be at the general meeting when tabled motion is discussed to see if general membership will override board recommendation.

New Business: Motion made by Base Vise Commander to give Base ice machine to the Cooper River Partners. Discussion: Facility has own maintenance team if machine craps out. Pro and Cons discussed. Motion to table Seconded Motion carried.

Discussion by COB about a new facility for the Christmas Party. The Immaculate Conception Church in Goose Creek has a function hall available for use. COB has looked at the facility and it will hold 225 people. States that it is a very nice place. Cost is very reasonable as compared to the Gatherings. Base is tentatively penciled in for the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Music and liquor is allowed. Motion made and seconded to have Christmas Party at the Immaculate Conception Church. Motion carried. Kudos to the COB for his efforts.

COB wants someone else to take charge of upcoming picnic. Will put forth at the general meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn Seconded. Carried