

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 1st, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1801 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Director members Rick Wise, Mike Ciesielko, Ken Hutchison, Mike Welch, Ken Curtis, Bill Freligh, Ron Chambers, George Scharf, Nick Nichols, Al Dempster, Rich Cox and Ray Sparks.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ken Curtis had nothing to report.

Nick Nichols relayed to us that on our website we have three businesses advertising on our website. The Ads run for twelve months for \$25.

Chaplain reported that:

ENCS(SS) Bruce W. Wright, USN Retired, now on Eternal Patrol: Bruce was a member of the WWII Submarine Veterans Swamp Fox Chapter. He was also a member of Charleston Base but lived in Aiken. His funeral was 26 Sept but he did not receive this notification until the same afternoon. A condolence message has been placed on the Legacy.com obituary/memorial page on behalf of Swamp Fox Chapter and Charleston Base.

Rick Sparger's mother, Margaret, passed away. OBIT: Sparger, Margaret L., 92, of Midwest City, OK, died September 30, 2015, in Midwest City, OK. Margaret was born October 5, 1923, in McKinney, TX, to Charlie and Wilsie Akin. She graduated from Durant High School in Durant, OK. She worked at Miller's Dairy Freeze, Ardmore, OK, for 22 years. She was a long time member of Central Church of Christ in Ardmore and later member of Fifth Street Church of Christ in Midwest City, OK

Ed reported that we currently have 75 members owing national dues. 111 base dues are owed. 331 total base members

Bill Freligh reported we have five members being inducted into Holland club at this next meeting.

Rich Cox reported that the Rec Committee has Christmas Tickets for sale.

George Scharf had no report.

The COB will send out a Flyer for the Navy Birthday Ball \$40.00 each.

Mike Ciesielko had nothing to Report.

Mike Welch gave his financial report.

Rick Wise wanted every board member to give him a budget input at the October Board meeting.

The Board will vote on the new Budget at the November Board meeting and the base will vote on it at the November Base meeting.

Base equipment will not be loaned out for long periods of time and there will be a sign-out sheet with the condition of the equipment as it leaves.

Ray Sparks asked if we could participate in Navy nuclear power school graduations. Ray suggested that there are over 300 instructors on base that could be possible members. Ray suggested that he will coordinate with the command Master Chief to set something up. Rick assured Ray that we will find out who the Command Master Chief is and set up correspondence.

Al Dempster asked for help in finding vendors to furnish us with Door Prizes.

Rick Wise suggested we pull the float in the Andrews Veterans Day parade on the 7th of November.

Rick also asked for Volunteers to help with the George Scharf pulling the Float and we will ask for them at the next meeting.

Rick has expressed participation in pulling the Float in either the Ellore (Moon Mullens) or the Ridgeville Christmas parades. A decision will be made when we obtain more information.

Ed Stank, as the District Commander, is trying to get a representative to have South Carolina make Submarine License Plates for Submariners.

Ken Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed Stank seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1850.