

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 2nd, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Sparger, Joe Lunn, Rick Wise, Mike Ciesielko, George Scharf, Ron Chambers, Nick Nichols, Larry Knutson, Mike Knaub, Mike Welch, Ken Hutchison and Base members Ed Stank and Tom Clark.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Welch Gave his financial report and it is posted to the website.

Vice Commander Mike Knaub had no report.

Joe Lunn had no report.

Butch Bryar relayed to us that Mac Burdette strikes again. Mac has given Reef Makers 1 year to find someone to reef the Clamagore. He has no permission but is still trying. Senator Campbell is meeting with Mac this weekend.

Ken Hutchison said that we are going to be the sponsor the next Memorial Day Service (2017). Ken informed us that the Ladies Auxiliary gets \$25 for each Memorial Day and Veterans Day from the other organizations to help pay for food and materials for the reception. Ken made a motion that we give the Ladies Auxiliary VFW \$25 for Memorial Day and \$25 for Veterans Day Fair Share contribution as an annual recurring item for food at the receptions. Butch Bryar seconded and the motion passed on a hands vote. This will be brought up as new business at the meeting. Ken mentioned to us that Flag Day is June 14th. Kaps for Kids will be going to Florence Memorial on July 12th.

Ed Stank informed us that The Gold and Silver Anchor Awards were submitted and we as a base did not submit any.

Ed is going to come up with a design for a Charleston Subvets T Shirt.

Ed says we need to find some way to invigorate the membership

Rick Sparger questioned mileage for pulling the float. There was a discussion..

Scholarship- George Scharf let us know that the scholarship committee will be giving 3 scholarships this year at next week's meeting. George went over all the logistics of the car show. We will have the float present.

Ed volunteered to summarize what we do in the advertising book for the car show.

Ron Chambers gave his report.

Larry Knutson reported that we have the By Law change to vote on during this next meeting.

Ed gave us a report on the Southeast Convention. Another base volunteered to host it and so Ed left it at that.

Chaplain Report BOD June

- **Rick Wise's** mother passed away on May 20th at age 98.
- **Mike Emerson's** sister-in-law, Peggy Kuhn, passed away in mid-May.
- **Gerry Farr's sister, Betty Klinge**, passed away on May 19th in NV at age 89. This was his last sibling.
- **RAADM Stanley Catola** departed on Eternal Patrol in NV on May 20th. He was CO of Henry L. Stimson GOLD and was Commander Submarine Group SIX. He was a member of USSVI Base 51.
- **QMCS Jerry Holdridge** departed on Eternal Patrol on May 28th at the Veteran's Victory House Walterboro. He was not a member of USSVI.
- **Lee Allison's** memorial was well attended by the base membership. Sarah Campbell did an excellent job with the songs, as well as our guest bugle player doing a great job.
- **CS3/AW Andrew Meadows**, Don's son, is in Stage 5 Kidney Failure. They managed to get a line in his neck, and do some dialysis. He is still very weak, and mostly bed ridden. We are coordinating with the Kidney Foundation for a donor. The only place the military does transplants is Walter Reed. We will have to go there. Hoping the Fisher House can help us out for lodging. I pulled the Chief card and made sure the CMC provide a way for him to get to his dialysis and a way to get items for the diet he is on. Thanks to everyone for your thoughts and well wishes. Miss coming to the meetings. Night shift sucks. Don
- **Grant Hammett** age 13, Jim Lowman's grandson, has t-cell lymphoma and is undergoing intensive chemo.
- **Nancy Alkire** had surgery in mid-May. Haven't heard anything from Alkie.
- **George Scharf** will be having back surgery on June 16th.
- **Joe Hayes** had back surgery today, June 2nd, at Trident. He'll be there through Saturday and then home for recovery. He is doing well.

There was a discussion about changing BY LAW #1-98. The change reads as follows

The Discretionary fund has been set at no more than \$500.00 per occurrence with a \$2000.00 annual Cap. This fund may be used by officers and appointed chairmen designated by the Base Commander with the approval of executive board members, two of which must be elected officers. The Discretionary Fund shall not be used for monetary gifts; such expenditures shall be approved by a majority of members at a monthly meeting.

Rick Wise made a motion to accept the By Law Change revision as written and Ken Hutchison seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

This will not be brought up until the July Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1920. Ken Hutchison made the motion, Butch Bryar seconded.