

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1801 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Mike Welch, Bill Freligh, Nick Nichols, Joe Lund, Larry Knutson, Ken Curtis, Rick Sparger and District Commander Ed Stank.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh recommends we get more information for the Holland club inductees. There was a discussion on coins and buffet.

Rick Wise explained National charter giving coins and asking for donations. This discussion was tabled for a later date.

COB: Ken announced that April 8th will be the Amberjack Ceremony.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers reported that the Ladson VFW is doing a Valentines mystery dinner on February 11th. Tickets are \$15.00 each all proceeds go to the Victory House.

Mike Welch gave his financial report. He is preparing the yearly budget to report to National.

Veteran affairs: Ken had nothing to report.

Membership: Larry reported that we have 324 members and 73 owe dues.

Election Coordinator: He is entertaining nominations for Base Commander and Treasurer. The current officers for those positions will not be running.

Nick Nichols reported:

- **Chuck Bohling** departed on Eternal Patrol on November 11th. The base conducted the Bell Tolling service at the funeral on Nov. 21st. We also tolled the bell at the Christmas Party/December Meeting.
- **Buck Owens** was in the hospital over the new years weekend. Went in for shortness of breath. I saw him Monday around lunch and he was released to home on Monday evening.
- **Joe Hayes** is having major issues with his back. He is also having several other health concerns at present.
- **Don Meadows** and his family left for Washington, DC Sunday, Jan. 1st, for their younger son's kidney transplant. They will be there for about a month. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **Roger Gibson** sent me a text on Wed, 1.4.17: Just got back from the doctor for the reading of my pet scan showed everything normal no cancer. I will get a 6 month scan to check my lymph glands but I know what the report will be. "give the Lord all the praises for the healing and all the prayers", it's only through my Lord and savior that I'm healed I give him all the glory. amen and amen
- **Fred Woodley's** surgery should be sometime this month.
- **Vickie Mook's** daughter, **April Hilton**, was in the hospital over Thanksgiving in critical condition with blood clots throughout her body.
- **Theron Irving's** wife, **Golden**, passed away on Dec. 20th at home with Theron by her side. No local services are planned. She will be buried with her father, an Army veteran, in TX

- **Michael Cousino's** wife, **Lynn**, passed away on 23 Nov. Many SUBVETs attended either the viewing or Mass which was very appreciated by the family. Michael sent the base a heartfelt email of thanks.
- There have been several cases in the recent year where one of our base members knew of the death of a local submariner but the deceased was not a member of Charleston Base or USSVI. They would say the family would like for us to provide our bell tolling and honors (flag folding) at the service. I explained to them that was not possible and then pointed them to our USSVI Charleston Base Chaplain Guidelines as to what the base can and cannot do for departed shipmates depending on their membership status. This information will appear in the next newsletter that goes out to the base.

The secretary wished to convey to the board that maybe we should start a section at the meetings where we would talk about guns and gun related activities. There are many young people and many SUBVETS that are very passionate about guns and all that goes with it. If enough interest is shown we can have monthly meetings.

There was a discussion of the board about the Clamagore and Florida's decision of turning it into a reef.

Rick Wise conveyed that we have a year-end surplus of \$1349.19 of 2016 money. One thing we have not done the Challenge coin reduction in price to \$5.00 left us a \$1041.00 surplus in the investment fund and Rick recommended we leave it there. There were no objections.

Ron Chambers will let us know when we are low on challenge coins.

Rick discussed the donation of Don Meadows. We donated \$500.00 to the Meadows family.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Welch made the motion and Ken Curtis seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1901.