

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 6th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Bill Freligh, George Scharf, Joe Lunn, Rick Sparger, Mike Welch, Ken Hutchison and Ed Stank. Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary: Mike Ciesielko had no report.

Treasurer: Mike Welch gave his financial report.

Rick Wise discussed the Amberjack Ceremony with the board. The Ceremony for the Amberjack will be 1100 on April 8th.

Election Chairman: Joe Lunn reported that we have candidates for Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen and Gordon Williams for Treasurer.

Joe also reported that we are still scheduled for the First Saturday in May the 6th for the combined Subvets /FRA Picinic.

Rick Sparger and Ed Stank gave us the State of affairs of the cancellation of the Southeast regional convention.

Ed will go to the Victory House on April 11th.

Bill Freligh commented on the Holland Club. He has 8 inductions taking place in April.

George Scharf reported that we will have one Scholarship entry this April.

Ron Chambers discussed the new Chief Patch and he has them and they will be \$7.00 each.

Ken Hutchison conveyed that we will try to do some victory at sea movies for the WWII Subvets on the 20th April after the luncheon.

Ken reported that the CRAMA meet will be changed to Friday the 21st of April.

Rick Wise reported for Nick:

- ETCM(SS) Phillip E. Euper USN Ret. Departed on Eternal Patrol on April 2nd. His memorial service will be tomorrow, Friday, April 7th at 1100 at the McAlister-Smith Funeral Home Chapel Goose Creek. FRA and Charleston Base will be participating. Emails have gone out to everyone requesting attendance.
 - Phil had contacted me via email on March 20th that he was in the hospital in ICU and no visitors. He contacted me via email again on March 26th via email that he was being treated and feeling better. Still in ICU with no visitors. He passed on April 2nd. I was never able to go see him due to no visitors.
- Connie Roup passed away Sunday, April 2nd. I am not aware of any arrangements at this time. The newspaper notice said that arrangements were being handled by Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation and Burial Services of North Charleston.
- Lee Young had successful cancer surgery but has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times since the last meeting. He is home now after being treated for infection.

- Tom Skorepa had successful lung surgery and is doing well. There is no sign of cancer.
- Don Petersen has been diagnosed with throat cancer and is having both chemo and radiation treatments.
- Barbara Lynn Curtis, Ken and Barbara's daughter-in-law, was in the ICU at MUSC for several days - following a kidney and pancreas transplant. She had been on the transplant list for several years. She is now home and doing extremely well. Blood sugar is in the green band and her kidney is working very good.
- Lorraine Curtis, Walt & Maureen's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and began chemo in early March.
- Charlotte Loveday, Jim's wife, has hospice care assisting her.

Rick received an old Newspaper clipping on the Henry L Stimson. He is giving that to Nick.

Rick is looking for a Point of Contact for Patriots Point.

Rick sent out information about the Amberjack ceremony to several newspapers and all three news stations.

Little David we are striving for the working party on April 14 and 15th.

Annual Audit has been performed everything is satisfactory. Gary Williams submitted the following report via email to the board:

The audit report findings were provided to the Base Cmdr. This is to inform the BOD that everything is in order. But, more than that I wish to report that the accounting during Mike Welch's tenure has been absolutely meticulous, professional, and in accordance with accounting compliance. The Balance Sheet matches exactly every reporting period. Mike has been a real professional in keeping our books. He deserves our appreciation and thanks. I would hate to be the next base Treasurer, Mike is going to be a hard man to follow. V/R, gw

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Welch made the motion and Mike Ciesielko seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1840.