

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 28th, (March BOD) 2018

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen, Attending were Board of Directors members Ralph Rohrssen, Rick Wise, Larry Knutson, Gordon Williams, Bill Freligh, Nick Nichols, Ron Chambers Mike Ciesielko, Joe Lunn and guest Tom Lawson.

Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Nick made a motion to move the Board of Directors meetings to the Wednesday before the First Thursday of the Month. Rick Wise seconded. This was due to our Base Commander Officiating Softball games on Thursday nights. The vote was unanimous.

Mike Ciesielko Gun Club: No Report

Rick Sparger informed us that everything is ready to go for the Oyster roast.

Membership: 271 Members.

Treasurer: Gordon gave his Treasurer's report.

Storekeeper: Has plenty of stuff to sell.

CHAPLAIN:

- QM1(SS) Walter Curtis, WWII Submarine Veteran, departed on Eternal Patrol on Feb. 10. Charleston Base conducted a Bell Tolling Service for Walt at the viewing on Feb. 16 at the FH Chapel. The FRA also conducted their Two Bell Service prior to Charleston Base. There was a very good turnout for these services.
- Jimmy Legg went to the VA for problems breathing and found out it was pneumonia. He also has a lump on the breathing tube going to his right lung. After biopsy, MRI, CT scan decided it was 99.9% sure it's cancer. MUSC doctors are making a plan but looks like several weeks of radiation for 5 days and chemo for 1 day. Doctors are very optimistic this will clear up the cancer. Covet your prayers.
- Marty Sessler had surgery on his Left knee on 22 Feb. Now home and doing great. Had doctor appointment today and doctor is pleased with his progress.
- Charles Wood had major heart surgery on Dec. 28th. He was just recently moved to Hallmark on Midland Pkwy Rm 108a for PT and rehab. Visitors very welcome. Lunch is around 1200 and there are breaks in his physical therapy during the day.
- Luke Murphy has been in the VA Hospital 4 B South Bed 5 since February 24th. Visitors are welcome. Judy, his wife, said he had a stroke which affected his left leg...no voluntary muscle reaction presently. There was a problem with his feeding tube and he didn't have anything to eat until Sunday night, 3 days, but that was corrected by a nurse at the VA. He will be moving to NHC West Ashley as soon as his transfer is approved.
- One of our members has had his cancer recur. That's all I know.
- One of the wives had surgery on Feb. 8 but didn't want it put out. She is doing well.

The COB gave us the specifics of the Oyster Roast.

PAO: Is trying to find a place to make copies for the mailed out newsletter. The NMPTC Graduation will be March 9th.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh reported that we will induct 11 members into the Holland Club April 12th.

Rick Sparger has informed us that the FRA is having their own picnic this year. Ours will not be a joint picnic.

The Base Commander had the board members who were nominees for the Distinguished Submariner Award leave while the rest of the board members voted.

Ed Stank has declined to head up the committee to organize the Southeast Regional Convention for next year. Tom Lawson has agreed to take his place and needs help.

The Base Commander spent Monday at Summerville HS talking to students. Tom Lawson was with him The students received them very well.

Nick brought up about participating in FRA charitable donations. Making them combined with Subvets. The FRA auxiliary donates every month.

Gordon Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting Rick Wise seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1914.