

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 4th 2018

Meeting called to order at 1801 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, Rick Sparger and Ken Hutchison. Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Membership: 275 Members.

Treasurer: Gordon gave his Treasurer's report.

COB: Joe went over the logistics of the Amberjack ceremony on 14 April.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers is stepping down for Medical reasons and Ken Hutchison is replacing him.

CHAPLAIN:

- **TMC (SS) Vernon J. Freshour, USN Retired** departed on Eternal Patrol in Bucklin KS on **Thursday, March 1, 2018**,. Vern had moved to Bucklin to be near family. He joined the Navy in 1956 retiring in 1978. He was a Life Member of National and Charleston Base and the Holland Club. Vern qualified on USS STERLET SS-392 in 1957. He also served on TRUMPETFISH, CASIMIR PULASKI, SIMON BOLIVAR and ETHAN ALLEN. I placed a note of condolence on the Funeral Home website for our shipmate's family.
- **Mark Hunter's son, Peter**, passed away in March. A memorial service was held at the Fleet Reserve with several SUBVETS attending.
- **Charles Wood** is still recovering from his major heart surgery in December. He was at the March meeting but had to go home as soon as it was over. He is doing well. Only another couple of weeks of in home PT then he will be released.
- **Luke Murphy** is at NHC West Ashley Rm 218 and visitors are welcome. Judy says Luke is doing better which is a step in the right direction. He is now able to use his arms and legs some. There is no prognosis on when he can go home. If you would like to visit the address is 2230 Ashley Crossing Dr, Charleston, SC 29414 and there are no set visiting hours. The door does lock at 2000. Judy says you can call or text her (843.560.0431) if you have any questions. Luke appreciates those who have been by to see him.
- **Dick Stevenson**, a base and HC member who is living in Colorado, has been sick. Was in the hospital for some time but finally went home on March 16th.
- **Ken Curtis** had pneumonia but has now been cleared of that. Still weak and he's been dropped from the liver experimental program. He can reapply in 2-4 months.
- **Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen** had some oral surgery in late March and is doing well. He will have more surgery in May.
- **George Burton** had an accident with a table saw and cut his thumb to the bone.
- **Moon Mullins** was in the hospital at MUSC for an infection. He must have IV's for 4 weeks to clear it up.
- **Jay Pierce** had hernia surgery the last week of March. Was same day surgery and he was home before evening. Doing OK, but a little sore.
- **Storekeeper Ron Chambers** has been diagnosed with congestive heart disease and has several health issues.
- **COB Joe Lunn** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and has started PT to help him adjust to the diagnosis.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh reported that we will induct 6 members into the Holland Club April 12th.

Submarine Ball: Know of 9 members attending.

Nick Nichols made a motion to allot Rick Wise \$20.00 per month to print and mail the newsletter to members that have no computers or email. Rick Sparger seconded the motion. It passed via a unanimous decision.

Rick Wise has printed the Program for the Amberjack ceremony.

Rick Sparger has coordinated that we will have the NMPTC Colorguard at the Amberjack ceremony. They will be there at 9am.

FRA Picnic is 12 May. At Short Stay. FRA members are free

Rick Sparger recommended not having a Subvets Picnic this year.

Little David: will need a working party either the last weekend of April or the 1st

The guest speaker for the book "POOPIE SUITS AND COWBOY BOOTS" has been moved to the June meeting

Gordon Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting Rick Wise seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1913.