

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1802 by Base Secretary Gordon Long. Attending were Board of Directors members Anthony Mazza, Lewis Leal, Phil Nunnally, Woody Woodsmall, Johnny Brown, Tom Lawson III, Larry Knutson, and Glenn Little. Many of the Board members are currently attending the USSVI National Convention in Orlando, FL. Tonight, we are unable to conduct actual business decisions and transactions due to lack of quorum, however reports and updates were provided to those in attendance.

Secretary – Gordon Long:

- Gordon reported that he will not be here at the October BOD Meeting due to attending a Henry L. Stimson reunion.
- The August Base Meeting Minutes are still progress and will be out in the next few days.

NNPTC Coordinator – Anthony Mazza:

- NNPTC has a Chief Selectee Breakfast at 1200 on September 13 in Bldg 777. It is for active duty, retired or commissioned chiefs only.

Social Media – Lewis Leal:

- Lou reported that he will not be at the Base Meeting next week. He is attending a James K. Polk reunion.

NPS Awards – Phil Nunnally:

- The next scheduled graduation is September 26th.
- Phil will not be at the Base Meeting next week.

Little David – Phil Nunnally:

- Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Phil Nunnally:

- Phil noted an email from Dave Harvey about the purchase of a new trailer for the float that is to be brought before the Base Members.

Storekeeper – Woody Woodsmall:

- Nothing to report.

Recreation – Johnny Brown

- Johnny reported that he will not be at either the BOD or Base Meetings in October.
- The Christmas Party will be held here at the FRA on December 12. Johnny will get a flyer out soon. As last year, the cost will be \$10 per person which gives you a chance to win a door prize. At the recent picnic, the amounts of money in the envelopes varied, which made it more interesting. Johnny plans to do the same at the Christmas Party.
- Johnny wants to be careful not to compete with the FRA for recreational activities. If the FRA is having something, then we should participate. Most of us are FRA members anyway.

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Scholarship – Tom Lawson III:

- The Rummage Sale will be held at Rodney's Rockets / Halloween Express at 1825 Old Trolley Rd. (The same location as before) on November 15. Tom was able to contact the business owner, who is willing to let us use the property. Their business will be closed that day.
- Tom will request members to come by in the early morning to donate items. He does not have space to store things. In previous years, the setup started at about 0500. There are early bird shoppers who will show up at 0600 or maybe even sooner.
- If anyone has tables to use for the day, it will be appreciated, but the items can be simply displayed on the ground if necessary.
- Tom will contact the Kidney Foundation Thrift Shop in the Oakbrook Shopping Center about the leftovers items at the end of the sale. Johnny noted that last year, they took four pickup truck loads to the Thrift Shop.

Membership – Larry Knutson:

- Charleston Base currently has 247 members.
- Larry reminded everyone that Annual Dues are due in October.
- The membership form has been updated to include 1/3/5 year renewals. The Annual Dues will remain at \$20 per year.
- Larry reminded those Regular members who have sponsored Associate members such as wives; their dues are also payable in October.

Photographer – Glenn Little:

- Plans to take pictures at the Chief Selectee Breakfast.

Base Commander – David Harvey:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Kaps 4 Kids – Art Sattler:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Treasurer – Ricky Collins:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Chaplain – Nick Nichols:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Webmaster – Nick Nichols:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Special Events – Tom Holcombe:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

The After Battery – Ray Sparks

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Holland Club – Bill Freligh:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

HL Hunley – Tom Holcombe:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

PAO – Bob MacPherson:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

USSVCF – Bob McPherson:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Float Coordinator – Dave Harvey:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Base Commander – Dave Harvey:

- Not present. Attending USSVI National Conference in Orlando.

Veterans Affairs – Tom Lawson:

- Not present.

Vice Commander – Tom Lawson:

- Not present.

COB – Greg Landry:

- Not present.

Comptroller – Rick Wise:

- Not present.

FRA – Ken Hutchison:

- Not present.

Meeting adjourned at 1820.