

Executive Board Meeting USSVICB minutes.

Thursday 05 APRIL 2012 FRA Low Country Home

Ten board members in attendance: Carl Chinn, Marty Sessler, Nick Nichols, John Lookabill, Rick Sparger, Larry Starland, Ken Hutchinson, Theron Irving, Rodger Gibson and Mike Emerson.

1800- Meeting called to order by Base Commander Carl Chinn

Theron's comments: Minutes of last general meeting submitted to Newsletter.

Ken's Comments: No Comment

Larry's Comments: Will be at Little David working party to take pictures.

Nick's Comments: Gary Semmler will visit the Oncologist. He sounds a little better. TM2 (SS) Binkley, WW II SubVet; His daughter has contacted me to arrange an at sea burial in Charleston Harbor in May. Putting out feelers for a person or persons with a boat to hold 10 people for the service. COB will contact a Coast Guard MCPO as one contact. Discussion on upcoming dissolving of the Swamp Fox Chapter of WW II SubVets. Chapter Funds will be transferred to Charleston Base as per chapter by-laws. This must be done before National gets their greedy hands on it. Motion made and seconded to provide our WW II members with the Polaris magazine who are carried on the Base roster free of charge beginning January 2013. Motion carried. Sincere thank you for the honor given me as Submariner of the Year. General comment: Well deserved. Discussion on issue of keeping general meeting moving (not having a "lull" as voiced by Nick). Holland Club rocker was discussed as an example of meaningless stuff. Discussion: Be careful when someone has the floor for discussion on any item that seems important to them and keep it fun.

Marty's Comments: Amberjack Memorial and Submarine Birthday will be held on Wednesday, 11 April, 1100. Muster will be @ 1030, Uniform: Vest, Blue shirt and Ball Cap. Web Master discussed making of program for ceremony that will include the Birthday. Amberjack memorial will be first followed by the Birthday ceremony. Both ceremonies will be completed before Taps and Benediction. Nick will complete the program. Following ceremony, Mike will pick up chairs and table for Flag ceremony @ Sy Mabie's place in Bowman.

Mike and Rodger's comments: Invitations have been sent out to all WW II members for the Flag rededication to be held on Saturday, 14 April 2012, Bowman, SC. Rodger discussed the basic program. Nick will be making up and printing the program. Readers, Mike and Rodger will fold Flag. White gloves will be required for Flag handlers.

COB's comments: Discussion was made on the use of the FRA's bugle and the SubVet's Amp system. Use of each item will cancel fee of use for each. Motion made and seconded to buy a full page ad in the FRA Southeast convention journal. Motion carried and will be brought up to general membership at the general meeting for approval. Picnic will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. COB will ask for volunteer to ramrod the picnic this year. No Vol, No Pic. Jimmie Legg will be hauling

leftover plaques to Little Rock for the Razorback Memorial. Grits Festival is out this year. Flag ceremony takes precedence. Float will be taken to Ed's place after April's events are over.

Old business: Three inputs for By-law changes: For election process; Audit process and funding for Base Commander.

John's comments: Election committee: Vice Commander, Jerry Stout; Marty Sessler, Secretary: Theron Irving. All persons that are up for Holland Club induction have been contacted.

New business: Navy ROTC of Summerville has a Marine Colonel. Idea floated to have him come and give a speech. Discussion on combining Amberjack and Birthday events in the future. This will be discussed at a later date.

Motion to adjourn: Seconded. Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 1930.