

Executive Board Meeting USSVICB minutes.

Thursday 05 MAY 2012 FRA Low Country Home

Eight board members in attendance: Carl Chinn, Marty Sessler, Nick Nichols, Rick Sparger, Larry Starland, Ken Hutchinson, Theron Irving, Terry Trump

1800- Meeting called to order by Base Commander Carl Chinn

**Terry's Comments:** Handicap has permission to park near pavilion at the picnic site. Terry will open gate at 0930 on the day of picnic. Shagging is not permitted by the handicapped.

**Ken's Comments:** No comment.

**Theron's Comments:** Minutes of last General Meeting forwarded to Base Commander for inclusion in the Newsletter. It was noted that the Nuclear Historian report was omitted from the newsletter, but was included in the Secy't's submitted minutes.

**Larry's Comments:** Theme for this year's picnic for PR purposes is support for the WW II Vets.

**Nicks Comments:** Elsie Wilson has passed. Word was not passed out to troops due to a mix up in identification. Families are encouraged to give word to Chaplin as early as possible for arrangements to be made and for word to be put out to the troops. Tom Skropa is recovering from prostrate surgery; His hernia operation will be put off until he is healed. Turns out that Tom went down to investigate the car that was run off the road by the recent carjacking was Ernie Barack's. Ernie has a lot of health issues and was pretty banged up to add to his woes. Seems this incident relieved pressure on his brain via tubes in his skull. I will get more info out via Email. Pauline, Ed's wife, is not fairing very well. Please keep her in our prayers. Gary has started his new kemo procedure. His immune system is down so visits are restricted to family only. George of the Akin Base is in the VA hospital following spinal surgery and is not fairing to well. He has a lot of therapy to go through. Archived copies of the Polaris Magazine will be transferred from Ross Publishing via electronic transfer at no charge to our website for historical purposes and enjoyment of those of us who like history. Boat Sponsorship Program from National American Submariner Magazine. The Base should really get involved in this program to keep our active duty Submariners aware of what USSVICB and National is really about and the real historical value of the magazine. Motion made to bring the cost of 5 subscriptions to the floor at General Meeting. Motion carried.

**Cob's Comments:** Memorial Day will be held at Park Cemetery in Summerville on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. For planning purposes information on the Submarine Birthday Ball should be give to Base in a timely manner. Christmas Party plans are pretty much set. Cost is \$300.00 as we have a member of the church in our base. Jimmie Legg will haul excessive plaques to the Arkansas Memorial for the Razorback. BZ to Jimmie for saving us the shipping cost.

**Marty's Comments:** Float to storage in the near future. I will provide tarp.

**Base Commander's Comments:** Elections next week at the general meeting. Base Commander will be out of town and meeting will be run by Vice Commander. South East Regional was held with mixed results. Regional Director Bill Andrea has his hat in the ring for a National office. BC will send out minutes of the meeting. Next year's regional may be held in Northern Florida. Various other sites were discussed. Discussion on back burner for later discussion. Discussion on Newsletter. Various ideas were bandied about. More to follow. Best idea. Put Newsletter on the Website with Email sent out with a link to the website. Submarine Caucus will be held at Akin Base on 23 June. Base Commander will be out of town until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. American Submariner will be sent to the two prototypes, NTPU, USS Norfolk and the USS Nevada. Nick and PAO will take lead on this endeavor. Motion will be brought up at General Meeting. FRA will have various fund raising items for the Honor Flights.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned @ 1930.