

Board of Directors Meeting – 4 October 2012

Reports:

Jim Morrison, VA: No Report

Ken Hutchison, Storekeeper: No Report

Ed Stank, PAO: Waiting for Post and Courier to run Ad for Subvet meeting/activities, in addition to the Goose Creek Paper. Reported that four WWII members will be attending the Summerville/Fort Dorchester Football game pregame “Salute to Veterans”. Also working on process to obtain Submarine License Plates for South Carolina Members. Ed will also bring applications for Charleston Base USSVI to be given to ROTC Master Chiefs at the Summerville Game. Also discussed having Fred Woodley attend events that pictures can be taken for entry into the Submarine magazine. Encouraged any and all members to submit stories that he can write.

Mike Knaub (Knaubie), Kaps4Kids: has accepted the position as new chairman. He is looking at visiting MUSC once a quarter, dates TBD 5 or 7 Nov for a presentation. He has all the paperwork needed. Would like to encourage members to bring in crayons/ coloring books next meeting October 11 to give out to siblings/patients. Remarked that many members do not know anything about caps for kids and would like to put up a BBS showing the membership what the program is all about. Also has been authorized by the board to purchase 20, \$1.00 dollar frames for submarine photos. Discussion about whether siblings should also receive caps/pictures. Outcome – only the child under treatment would receive. The children under treatment should be the star of the program and not other family members. Permission granted to solicit membership for crayons/coloring books. There is now a section on the USSVICB Web Site.

Terry Trump, Treasurer: Reported that the CRB recreation area has been reserved all day Saturday.

Marty Sessler, Special Events and Float: A successful pull of the float was reported at Bonneau Peanut Festival, first time. Ten (10) members in attendance. Reported that the cover manufacturing is in progress. Looks good and will fit like a glove. Will be complete next week. New batteries are needed for the float. Summerville Homecoming Parade is October 17 at 1400. Members need to be there at 1300 in order to ride on the float. ROTC Cadets may ride. Ridgeville, SC Christmas parade scheduled for December 8th, 2012 at 1200pm, lineup 1100. Veterans Day Parade in Andrews, SC is a go. Date is 10 November and the time will be announced later. He is waiting for other parade announcements. Veterans Ceremony will be at Dorchester County Building in Summerville SC at 11/11/11.

John Nichols, Chaplain: Ben MacDonald is in ICU, doing well. Bill Hall had a scare and members may visit after 4pm at health south. Clyde Peters in Mount Pleasant and would like visitors. Chaplain explained the three (3) categories of Submarine Veterans and what each member’s family would expect in a memorial service: 1. Not a member of USSVI or USSVICB; 2. Member at Large / member of another base of USSVI; 3. Base Member of USSVI and USSVICB. Soon to be announced and published will be changes to the Chaplain Manual in what each category will receive in eternal patrol.

John Nichols, Web master: Updated web site with kaps for kids, peanut festival. Talked about establishing a “drop box for member’s photos to be passed to the web. Could be difficult for some members, however Nick would offer training. Encouraged members to assist WWII and older members to drive them to vote.

Rick Sparger, COB: requested and received permission to purchase two (2) \$69.00 coolers from COSTCO that will be used for base activities. Asked permission for Tammy, FRA bar tender, to use 52 chairs for her April 2013 wedding; approved. Reported that the VA Volunteer will be at the November 20th meeting.

Jerry Stout, Vice Commander: Reported that a couple members’ frustration with the last meeting i.e. the outburst of the secretary and a member. Said it detracts from the fun of the meeting and those members will walk out next time and may not return. Carl remarked that the intent of our meetings is to keep the meeting jovial, not so business like and could not offer guidance to keep this from happening again. Reported that the Veteran Homeless stand-down is scheduled for 18/19 October and would collect books of any kind to bring to the event.

Carl Chinn, Base Commander: Reported that the Secretary has resigned and the Vice Commander will take over duties until a replacement is found. Informed the group that Harry Kirk was asked to relieve John Lookabill as Holland Club Chairman. This appointment will be announced at a later time. Reported that WWII money from the shut down will be placed in a SPECIAL ACCOUNT for the preservation of the Amberjack Memorial and other events that support WWII Members and the history. Discussed the inverter issue, that a member would receive his personal devise back and that USSVI could purchase his inverter for a moderate cost. This would benefit both the float and members.

Adjournment