

USSVI – Charleston Base Executive Board Minutes

April 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1757 by Base Commander Carl Chinn. Attending are Carl Chinn, Jerry Stout, Rick Wise, Terry Trump, Nick Nichols, George Scharf, Ed Stank, Ken Hutchison, Marty Sessler, Steve Morawiec and Walt Deal.

George Scharf had nothing to report.

Rick Wise reported that minutes had been sent to the newsletter editor. A new date for the Little David maintenance had not been set but might be determined prior to the monthly meeting. The last of the CSS David books had been sold and the money turned in to the Base Treasurer. Patches are being made for those who have worked on the David since it arrived at the Berkeley County Museum. The patches say "Little David Maintenance Crew".

Ken Hutchison had no report as Base Storekeeper but said that on the way down to Savannah he had driven the float at 65 mph and had no problem with the cover. Because of the reduced participation in this year's parade (6 members) and cost, he asked if we wanted to continue going to the Savannah St. Patrick's day Parade. This is something the board will consider and decide at a later date.

Ed Stank reported that an item on the Marrington Elementary School honoring of WWII vets had been submitted to the Combined Base Charleston *Patriot*, *American Submariner*, and *U. S. Undersea Warfare News*. A decision has been made that the Swamp Fox Chapter will pay for the banquet for the WWII SubVets and their wives at the SouthEast Regional Convention.

Steve Morawiec had reported he had picked up two more advertisers for the newsletter. He will not be at the monthly meeting.

Walt Deal had nothing to report.

Jerry Stout asked if we could send out an e-mail to the membership to request more drivers to help get WWII Subvets to the monthly meetings and events. Carl Chinn will send out the e-mails.

Marty Sessler passed out the programs for the Amberjack Memorial – Submarine Birthday combined ceremony on Wednesday, April 10. There will only be 52 chairs so those who can should stand. The board agreed to get a port-a-let for the event. The board agreed to provide checks for \$15 for each member of the NNTPC Color Guard that will be at the ceremony.

We are getting excess wear on some of the float trailer tires. The problem seems to be with two of the axles. The board agreed on sending the float to Iron Knight, a trailer repair business off of Rivers Ave. near Gaslight Square. This means the float will not be available

for the World Grits Festival in St. George on April 13. The board agreed to cancel the appearance.

We have been invited to pull the float in the Memorial Day Parade in Myrtle Beach, SC on May 25. The board agreed to attend the parade. This will mean that the float will not be available for the Aiken Base use for their Memorial Day Parade.

Nick Nichols provided a sheet on created by Base member David Taylor on his Base Honor Guard. If board members have any questions let Nick know and he will contact David. The sheet is at the end of the minutes.

Stacy Powers expects to get out of the hospital by 1000 Friday, April 5 and expects to be at the Amberjack Memorial Service.

Ken Fuhr's wife, Ev, has had a kidney transplant. She is at MUSC and doing well. Carl Chinn's sister is at home under Hospice care. She is not expected to live much longer. Base member Larry Fox who lives in Georgetown will be going back into the hospital on April 23 to investigate a fluid buildup he is experiencing.

Terry Trump had no report.

Carl Chinn stated that we had received a certificate for the Holland Club for Jim Boggs, who just joined the base. There are no new nominations for the election at the May meeting.

New Business: The board agreed to order an inventory of base plaques of 10 and set a low level of 4. The board agreed to purchase 20 of the new challenge coins from the Scholarship Fund for base use in presentations. There was a discussion on changing the admission amounts to base events. A motion was made and passed to put of a decision until the Base Treasurer could provide information on the cost of the events to the base. The board set the date for the Base Picnic to June 1 with the backup date of June 8.

Old Business: Rick Wise made a motion that whenever the Executive Board decides to recommend something as new business at a monthly meeting that an e-mail sent out to the base members with e-mail addresses no later than 1800 on the Monday prior to the base meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The responsibility to send out the e-mail was given to the Base Secretary.

(Base Secretary Note: When I need to send out an e-mail on new business, I will send it to the Executive Board by noon the Saturday following the Executive Board meeting. Board members need only reply if they think the wording should be changed. The e-mail will not go out to the base until 1800 the following Sunday.)

The meeting was adjourned at 1844.

From: David Taylor <datsh38@yahoo.com>
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1. Purpose

- A. To insure our USSVI creed
- B. To make a complete USSVI. service.
- C. To show we are one.

2. Needs

- A. Two four man teams (Five if we want a bugler)
- B. 3 M1 blank firing rifles.
- C. 1 case blank ammo
- D. 1 ceremonial bugle.
- E. 1 gun safe (if needed)

3. Qualification

- A. vest & ball cap.
- B. Physicaly fit.
- C. Knowledge of M1.

4. Usage

- A. For USSVICB only or with special permission from BOD.

5. Unknowns

- A. If a safe is requided can we bolt it down in storage room at FRA building.
- B. Will there be 8(or 10) volunteers
- C. Place to pratice proper etiquette of use of rifles & bugle.

6. Documentation

- A. Fill out and send paper work.

David Taylor EN2(SS)