

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 4th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1755 by Base Commander Rick Wise. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Bill Freligh, George Scharf, Joe Lunn, Rick Sparger, Mike Welch, Ken Hutchison, Bill Kennedy, Larry Knutson, Mike Knaub, Butch Bryar, Nick Nichols, Ken Curtis and guests Ralph Rohrssen and Gordon Williams.

Base Commander Rick Wise welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kaps 4 Kids – Bill Kennedy gave us a wonderful discussion about the Kaps 4 Kids program and venturing to the Shriners Hospital in Greenville on 15 August. This will be quite the undertaking because there will be approximately 50 kids to visit. Overnight accommodations were discussed as well as leaving very early. We will need more participants to reach out to all the children. We are reaching out to the other four bases in South Carolina as well.

Bill also commented that we need more hats for the Kids. We have 16 in house now and will need at least 50 more. Bill showed us a hat he displayed from a vendor and that the caps cost 13.50 each there is a discount for ordering in larger quantities. Mike Ciesielko suggested we purchase 100 caps and get the discount.

Rick Sparger made a motion to purchase 100 caps at below 13.50. Butch Bryar seconded the motion. The motion passed on a hands vote.

The coloring books and Crayons will be procured at a later date.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh had nothing to report.

Chaplain: Nick Nichols will not be at the May Base meeting. Rick Sparger will be interim Chaplain.

Nick Reported:

- Connie Roup passed away Sunday, April 2nd. Her memorial service was held on April 29th. Several SUBVETS attended.
- Stacy Power is at NHC West Ashley Rm 108 while recovering from his time in the hospital.
- Steve Curry's father, Mervil 'Hap' Curry, passed away in Kansas City.
- Don Petersen has been diagnosed with throat cancer and is having both chemo and radiation treatments.
- Andrew Meadows, Don's son, is scheduled to have a transplant on May 4th. Donnie's testing is complete and he is cleared to donate. Andrew must remain at Walter Reed for 2 months and a family member has to be there to ensure med compliance.
- Barbara Lynn Curtis, Ken and Barbara's daughter-in-law, had a kidney and pancreas transplant. She is now home and doing extremely well.
- Lorraine Curtis, Walt & Maureen's daughter, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and began chemo in early March.
- Jim Loveday is home with hospice care.
- June Kennedy, Bill's wife, is home recovering from her recent hip replacement.

Mike Welch gave his financial report.

Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis reported that audiology clinic now has expanded hours at the VA Clinic.

CRAMA: Butch Bryar keeps fighting the good fight. The Clamagore is here for the next 1.5 years.

George Scharf reported that we will have two complete Scholarship entries.

Secretary: Mike Ciesielko reported that the gun club is going well and that Twin Ponds Rifle range is open and the hours are from 9am to 5pm Tuesday thru Saturday.

Joe Lunn reported that we have candidates for Base Commander Ralph Rohrsen and for Treasurer Gordon Williams.

Joe also reported that we are still scheduled for the First Saturday in May, the 6<sup>th</sup>, for the combined Subvets /FRA Picinic.

Storekeeper: Ron Chambers will investigate pricing for future Kaps 4 Kids purchases.

Chief of the Boat: Ken Hutchison reported that we are host for the Memorial Day service at the Summerville Cemetery.

Base Commander: Will not be in town the Friday after next week's meeting until the end of May.

Rick asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ken Hutchison made the motion and Ken Curtis seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1904.