

## USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen. Attending were Board of Directors members Rick Wise, Ron Chambers, Mike Knaub, George Scharf, Joe Lunn, Rick Sparger, Larry Knutson, Ed Stank, Nick Nichols, Gordon Williams, Bill Kennedy, Mike Ciesielko and Guests Steve Bell.

Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Base treasurer: Gordon Williams gave his financial report.

Membership: Larry Knutson reported that we have 305 members.

Special Events: Rick Sparger had no report.

Nick Reported:

- **RM1(SS) Ronald "Ron" Keith Pool, USN Ret., departed on Eternal Patrol July 29<sup>th</sup>.** Ron was not a member of USSVI. He served on the USS ALBACORE AGSS-569 as a Radioman First Class. A condolence message to the family was placed in the online Guest Book from Charleston Base and Swamp Fox Chapter WWII SUBVETS.
- **Jimmy Kimbrell** had a cardiac ablation on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The next day he was able to breathe again, his vitals had stabilized and his pacemaker was doing its job. I am sure that all the prayers lifted up for me was a big help. I wish to thank all of you for your help, God bless.
- **Steve Everett's SIL, Aaron Stansbury**, had spine surgery on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Aaron was moved to Health South on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We thank our submarine family for their prayers.
- **Don Peterson** is now clear of throat cancer as reported in the FRA newsletter.
- **Beetle Bailey's daughter, Diane**, has had her cancer recur. She has two spots on her liver and will be beginning chemo soon.
- **Rodney McKanna** was diagnosed with a detached right retina. Will be having a procedure in the morning on the eye.

Scholarship: George reported that the scholarship applications are updated and the Scholarship applications are due 16 April 2018.

PAO: Rick Wise reported that he is working on getting our meeting notifications in the local newspapers.

Kaps for Kids: Bill Kennedy informed us that the Kaps for kids caps work. Bill mentioned that they have a large group going up to Greenville 15 August. The Kaps for kids will be headed to Florence in October. Bill went to the Summerville Medical center and talked to Michael McManus. He is trying to schedule a visit for the kids there. Nick is going to help make this happen. Ron Chambers is going to try to get better pricing on our Caps.

COB: Joe Lunn reported that there will be a Victory house visit on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the NNMPCTC Graduation is 15 Sept. Joe also mentioned that he is still researching on the logisitics of catering the Oyster roast.

The Base commander commented on the lack of participation at the NMPTC graduation. People said they would participate and barely anyone showed up.

Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis reported about a Hawaiian Base (Bowfin) selling shirts around the Middle of November for 75 dollars. The order form is on the website.

Storekeeper: Ron had no report.

Base Commander: Ralph Rohrssen had a discussion about the charge for Palmetto Primary Care. The charge is the chronic care management charge. He also informed us that our District needs a new District Commander. Ralph wanted to inform all base officers to be aware of scammers trying get information or money from us. There was an attempt on the Base treasurer by Phishing spammers. The attempt was thwarted and all is well but everyone in the base needs to be aware of scams.

Steve Bell asked the Board to consider hosting the 2019 Southeast Regional Conference. We are going to ask the Base how they feel about hosting the Convention.

Secretary: Mike Ciesielko had no report.

Ralph asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mike Knaub made the motion and Ron Chambers seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1931.