

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1755 by Base Commander Ralph Rhorssen. Attending were Board of Directors members Ralph Rhorssen, Rick Wise, Larry Knutson, Gordon Williams, Bill Freligh, Nick Nichols, Ron Chambers Mike Ciesielko, Ken Curtis, Joe Lunn and guest Tom Lawson.

Base Commander Ralph Rhorssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mike Ciesielko Gun Club: Mike will try to get a guest speaker for the Gun Club. Also he is going to try and get guests to come speak from Gun Stores and Vendors.

Mike initiated a discussion about the Oyster roast and how many guests we can have. The discussion turned to not having fish stew and or Hot dogs and hamburgers. All were stricken from the list.

Gordon Williams made a motion to strike the additional menu items and approve the new list as written. Ron Chambers seconded.

Rick Sparger informed us that we are getting Walt Curtis to be an FRA member.

Membership: 30 Members owe National Dues.

Treasurer: Gordon gave his Treasurer's report.

Storekeeper: No Report.

COB: Announced that the Hunley Memorial will be held 17th February. It was decided that the COB's report will be last in the Monthly Base meetings.

CHAPLAIN:

- Ken Curtis' daughter-in-law, Lisa, wife of oldest son Tim, passed away Saturday evening, the 27th at 1900. She was at MUSC following a short stint in the hospital. She was an organ donor and the doctors told us that 6 people will benefit from her organs.
 - Obituary: Lisa Marie "Darling" Curtis, 49, of Summerville, SC, wife of Robert Timothy Curtis died Saturday, January 27, 2018. Her funeral service will be held Sunday, February 4, 2018 in the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Northwoods Chapel, 2180 Greenridge Road at 1:00 pm. Interment will follow at Bethany Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.
- Rick Sparger went to rehab and then home on the 18th. He's now home doing well.
- Walt Curtis a tumor on his liver which is malignant.

- Terry Trump has his next Dr. visit on Feb. 7th and may be given the green light to drive again. He appreciates everything we've all done for him.
- Carol Yates has the motorized chair/scooter that belonged to Jim. She's trying to give it to a veteran who needs it. I sent out an email for her.
- I have removed two email addresses from my list that continue to bounce. If anyone has a better address please let me know:
William Ford - bford@asosc.com
Churchill Campbell - catricecurtis@att.net [wife's email]
- Veterans Affairs: Ken Curtis reported that the National VA is in turmoil. Our VA Hospital is rated number five overall.
- Robby Roberts sent me a note that there are about 1,100-1,200 WWII Subvets still living.

PAO: No Report.

Scholarship: No Report.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh reported that we will induct 11 members into the Holland Club April 12th.

The Form will be sent out to the Base at the base meeting for recommendation's for the Distinguished Submariner. It is tabled until next meeting.

Ralph informed us that the High School visit at Stratford was moved to the 19th of February.

There was no input on the Chief's dinner.

Base Commander has asked the news stations to Interview one of our WWII Subvets.

Base commander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Sparger seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1915.