

USSVI – Charleston Base Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 3rd 2018

Meeting called to order at 17:59 by Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen, Attending were Board of

Directors members Ralph Rohrssen, Rick Wise, Larry Knutson, Gordon Williams, Bill Freligh, Nick Nichols, Ken Curtis, Butch Bryar, Mike Ciesielko, Joe Lunn, Rick Sparger, Ken Hutchison and guest Ed Stank.

Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Membership: 281 Members.

Treasurer: Gordon gave his Treasurer's rep

Ed Stank has visited the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and will be going there again in June. They believe the neuropathy in his legs may be stemming from problems with his back.

Base Commander Ralph Rohrssen has postponed more oral surgery until after June.

Special events: Rick received an email about a Christmas Parade in Monks Corner. He will find out more details. Rick informed us that the FRA picnic will be 12 May. FRA members are free.

Kaps 4 Kids: Bill Kennedy went over logistics of getting Ball Caps, Patches and wrist bands for the kids. Bill explained that he will need \$1332.50 for the Caps and the other things The storekeeper can provide.

Ken Curtis made a motion to allow funds to be allocated to purchase 100 caps at \$1332.50. Rick Sparger seconded the motion.

Kaps for Kids will be making visits to Florence, Greenville and Summerville. 15 May is Florence and 12 June is Greenville.

Storekeeper: Ken is bringing John Adams Sailors with him at the Next Meeting.

Newsletter : Rick Wise will bring up a By Law Change that is to Change the Order of Business so that the Good of the Order is presented before the officer reports.

Nick Nichols made a motion to concur with Rick Wise's proposal being brought up at the next meeting. Ken Curtis seconded.

Rick Wise has informed us about the difficulties of accessing our storage space.

CHAPLAIN:

- John Lookabill's 94 year old brother, Joe, passed away the morning of 3 May in Aiken SC. His service is probably on Monday. He was a WWII Navy Vet, FC2.
- WWII SUBVET LTJG(SS) John Coming Ball Jr., 95, departed on Eternal Patrol on 4.26.18. He qualified in USS BLACKFIN SS322. He passed at Bishop Gadsen in Charleston.
- Thom Beach has been in the VA Hospital since Tuesday, April 24th. He is requesting no visitors until further notice. Jerry Stout contacted me on Saturday but I was traveling and couldn't get anything out on email. I talked to Linda on Saturday and again on Sunday. According to Linda, he has a blood condition along with the infection he was initially put in the hospital for. The doctors have ruled that it is not liver rejection nor kidney issues. His white and red blood cell counts have both increased. Presently they are using the only antibiotic they can

for the infection. She did say he is looking good, eating well with improved breathing and he has been sitting up.

- Luke Murphy is at home in good spirits and doing better. The lift is working great. He would really like some visitors. Before visiting please call Judy's cell (843.560.0431) to make sure they are home and not at the doctor's office. The address is: 180 Chubb Ln, Dorchester SC 29437
- Larry Cox has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has started with chemo treatments. He is taking time off of the treatments to go to family graduations.
- Storekeeper Ron Chambers has been diagnosed with congestive heart disease and has several health issues.
- COB Joe Lunn has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and has started PT to help him adjust to the diagnosis.

The Vice Commander and Secretary position are to be voted on this next meeting . Mike Ciesielko will not return as secretary but will run as Vice Commader.

Geroge Scharf reported that we have one WWII veteran left.

Scholarship has been difficult this year. We have four applications. George is having a meeting to discuss if any awards will be given this year.

COB: Joe Lunn is alive and well. PD No longer stands for Periscope Depth.

Holland Club: Bill Freligh suggested that we give Holland Club members The Holland Club hats at the ceremony due to the very small amount of future inductees.

Little David: will need a working party the first weekend of June.

The guest speaker for the BOOK POPIES SUITS AND COWBOY BOOTS Charles Hood. Will speak at the June meeting.

CRAMA: Butch sent a letter to NAVSEA. Patriots Point and Reef Masters do not have their proposal ready to even move the Sub.

Ed Stank Gave a proposal to Rick Sparger for attending the Memorial Day Parade in St George. Victory House: Ed Stank and Tom Scott were the only ones at the Last Victory House visit and Inducted BJ Tackett into the Holland Club. The next Victory House Visits will be 15th of May and 19 June.

George Scharf made a motion to adjourn. Gordon Williams Seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1914.