



Minutes from the Meeting of May 20, 2007

Call to Order

Base Commander (BC) Frank Simpson called the meeting to order at 1340 and read the dedication.

Invocation

John Buchanan, Base Chaplin, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by BC Simpson.

USSVI Creed

Barry Martin read the USSVI Creed

New Member introduction

None

Reading of the Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the March 18, 2007 were approved as written

Secretary's Report

There was no report from our Secretary as he was not present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old Business

- A. The Two-volume book set United States Submarine Men Lost During World War Two has been purchased and will be presented to "The National Museum of the Pacific War" by the BC. The Book Plate in the Publications will read:

**“Presented to the
“The National Museum of the Pacific War”
By
The Phillips C. Stryker, JR Base USSVI
In Honor of and in Memory of the
Members of the Nimitz Silver Dolphins Chapter
Submarine Veterans of World War Two**

- (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the BC presented the books to Mike Libens for inclusion in the archives of The National Museum of the Pacific War, on May 31, 2007.
- B. Barry Martin gave a report on the “History and Culture Faire” at the Tejada Middle School on March 31, 2007. Most successful! Members gave an informative “one-on-one” about our Submarine Force to the children, (and some of the adults), who seemed to be quite interested to know more about us. Barry recommended this be an annual event for our Base, with more members attending and spreading the word.
A BZ to all those members who made the effort to “spread the word”.
- C. John Buchanan gave us a rundown of the SubVets WWII “Tolling of the Boats” within the hotel, vice at the Nimitz, in Fredericksburg, April 23-24, 2007. About 20 WWI SubVets were in attendance. John tells us the gatherings are attracting fewer and fewer members. He noted many of the SubVets of WWII have joined or affiliated with a USSVI Base in Texas. He also mentioned the Pearl Harbor Survivors meeting will be in Fredericksburg sometime in June.

New Business

- A. Memorial Day at Fort Sam Houston. Call for volunteers to attend. See Barry Martin We will be driving carts to deliver people to selected sites in the National Cemetery. Please be there by 8-8:30 Monday May 28, 2007 in uniform prescribed. Motion made to buy a wreath for the Memorial Day ceremony. (Note: It was later determined the wreath was available for this purpose)
Barry is now the contact person for MOAA, Alamo Chapter, and VGSAA.
Great job Barry!

Memorial Day at the Nimitz will commence at 1000. A MIA symposium begins at 1330 in the Nimitz Ballroom. A free movie “Last Flight Home” (about the return of remains of our MIA) will be shown at the Stagecoach Theater at 2000, Monday night.

- B. The June social will be at the Simpson’s in Fredericksburg, Saturday, June 16, 2007. Entrée will be provided. Plan on bringing Salads, Potato Salad, Deserts, and you own drinks. Coffee, Tea and water will be provided. Call Francine at 830.997.8910 for details.
- C. USSVI Convention this year is on a cruise ship to the Alaskan Inland Passage.

Other Information

- A. About 14 to 18 Shipmates and spouses plan to attend the USSVI Convention in Dallas in 2008.
- B. A call for contributions to the USSVI Charitable Foundation was made.
- C. Raffle items will be available at the June Social. Be there with money!

For the Good of the order

- A. USS Hawaii was commissioned in Groton, CT May 5th 2007
- B. Meeting Meal Coordinator. Not necessary at this time.
- C. Shipmate Charles E. Schaub, a charter member of this base is on "Eternal Patrol"

Benediction

Our Chaplin John Buchanan gave the benediction.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 1428