



## USSVI South Sound Base

Don Mansfield, Commander

Minutes of Meeting, 03-12-09

VFW Post 969

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The USSVI South Sound Base meeting was called to order by Vice Commander Don Mansfield at 1900 Hrs. There were thirteen members and one guest present. Fred Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance and John Mansfield gave the opening prayer in Don Smith's absence.

Tolling of the Boats lost in March was conducted by Commander Mansfield and COB Greg Lee.

**Binnacle List:** Don Smith reported via email that Ron Eggiman was ill and Tom Wright was recovering from a foot ailment and would not be attending tonight's meeting

A motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes as posted via email and on the SSB web page. The motion was accepted by voice vote

Mike Ellis gave the Treasury Report. The Treasury Report was accepted by voice vote.

Membership Chairman Ken Board gave a membership report. SSB would like to welcome our newest member, Fred Ball. SSB currently has thirty-five members.

Commander Mansfield reported he plans to urge the crew of the USS Connecticut to consider joining USSVI. SSB has been in contact with the COB of the Connecticut and we are hopeful to begin a close relationship with the officers and crew and sponsor the boat.

Storekeeper John Mansfield reported he had funds to turn into the treasury for the storekeeper account, but did not report the amount. He currently has two calendars for sale and many cool items for sale. He had them on display on a table and invited the membership to look during the break. He also reported Jim Rogers purchased five calendars and sent \$ as payment for the calendars and postage. He asked the remainder be placed into the SSB treasury. A huge thank you goes out to Jim, and secretary Ken Board will be sending Jim a thank you letter.

John Mansfield also gave the PAO report. He again is asking for articles and submissions from the membership for the March edition of the Klaxon. He also plans to submit a copy of the Klaxon to National for the annual newsletter competition. He asks the membership to review the editions from May 2008 to March 2009 and select what they feel is the best edition. Five copies must be submitted by April 15, 2009.

Jan Stiffey gave a vendor's report. He reported he would have a remake of the DBF pin available by the end of March. He also has a new patch to honor WWII veterans. He will also have several new ball caps for sale. Jan also had several new coins he displayed to the membership.

## **Old Business**

Commander Mansfield said he has submitted a request to Mary Bridge Hospital for the Kaps4Kids and is just waiting for a reply. He asked for a date the first week in April, and hopes to get it. Otherwise, the hospital will assign a date. It is hoped to have media in attendance for SSB and USSVI exposure.

Commander Mansfield suggested we table the plans for a SSB float for the present time. He felt the proposal was not well received by the membership and felt we needed to raise more money for the project and research it a bit more before proceeding. John Schreiber was selected to for lead a committee, to include Commander Mansfield, to continue to pursue this project.

John Schreiber reported member, Charles Quimby brought in several blankets his wife had made. He asked for suggestions as to how the blankets should be distributed. John Mansfield suggested we begin the "Babies first Seabag" and include the blankets. These would be provided to the crew of the USS Connecticut when crewmembers become parents.

## **New Business**

Greg Lee reported he would like to do an Easter Basket project again this year. We currently have a number of items left over from last year that could be put into each basket however, several items were still needed to include the baskets. A motion was made to spend up to \$ to purchase baskets and for items to be placed into the baskets. The motion passed by voice vote. Greg was appointed the project leader by Commander Mansfield.

Commander Mansfield suggested we put our name on the list to staff the Scatter Creek rest stop on I-5. He reported this is a busy rest stop and we stand to make a substantial amount of money for the SSB treasury. He also reported the waiting list is long for this rest stop, possibly up to a year, so we needed to get on the list soon. The membership agreed it could be a worthwhile project. Don said he would contact the people responsible for the rest stop and get us on the list.

Commander Mansfield reported he would like to put on a BBQ for the crew of the USS Connecticut and do a roast pig. He also thought it would be fun to put on a Beer Ball Game like we used to do in the past on our boats, for the crew.

Ray Stewart was presented a plaque for three years of dedicated service to SSB as Base Treasurer from 2005 to 2008. Thank you Ray for a job well done.

New member, Fred Ball was presented his USSVI/SSB vest by Don Mansfield and Western District 4 Commander John Mansfield.

Western District 4 Commander John Mansfield addressed the membership. He reported he not only represents WD4, but also SSB when he travels to visit the bases under his jurisdiction. He said he would like to get the membership of SSB to start visiting other base meetings within WD4 to spread camaraderie amongst the bases. He suggested SSB come up with an award for the member traveling the most miles at the end of the year for meetings, excluding himself. He hopes this will catch on with the other WD4 bases as well.

SSB conducted a short Holland Club induction. WD4 Commander John Mansfield and SSB Commander Don Mansfield inducted Dave Richards into the Holland Club. Congratulations Dave!!

There was no new business.

John Mansfield gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2112 Hrs

### **Raffle Drawings**

Charles Quimby won the 50/50 raffle for \$17.50

Fred Ball won a hat from the Base Stores.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kenneth Board  
SSB Secretary

### **Upcoming Events**