



## ***United States Submarine Veterans Inc., USS HADDO Base Cleveland Tennessee***

12 February 2011- Cleveland, TN

### **General Membership Meeting USS HADDO BASE-Minutes of Meeting Convened at 12:30 PM At Golden Corral Restaurant, Cleveland, TN. 20 Guests and USSVI Members in attendance**

#### **The Chief of the Boat brought the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.**

- The USSVI Creed was read.
- A moment of silence was observed.
- The Invocation was delivered by the Base Chaplain.
- The Tolling of the Boats was conducted.
- WWII Submarine Veterans and widows were recognized.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
- The Secretary's report was delivered and accepted.
- The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

#### **The Base Commander opened the Business Meeting:**

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The base members were presented with a plan from the E-board to supply to the membership note pads and business cards. The cost to implement is estimated not to exceed \$100.00 for postage. A motion was made and seconded to accept the E-board proposal.

The E-board suggested to the membership to boost membership interest to hold a combined picnic with the Smoky Mountain Base. Motion was made and seconded to go forward. Base member Peter Haskin has volunteered to Chair the committee.

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was reported that Base Member, Charles Levine a WWII Veteran, went on eternal patrol February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Charlie will be missed by all. The E-board recommends to the membership to send to USSVI, Scholarship fund a sum of \$100.00 in his memory. Motion was made and seconded.

The E-board will investigate whether the Base will participate in the Strawberry Festival in Dayton TN.

It was reported that the speaker for the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be retired Admiral Frank Kelso. Adm. Kelso is a Base member and resides in Fayette TN. Adm. Kelso was the 24<sup>th</sup> Chief of Naval Operations during his tour.

**USSVI Creed:** "To Perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Government and its Constitution."

It was announced that a group tour of Base members will travel to Nashville to visit WWII Veteran Nick Christodoulou. Nick is a history buff and has invited base members to view and share his interests. Base member Lee Tucker has arranged van transportation for the trip with Grooms Transport Co.. Riders need only to share in fuel expenses. The scheduled trip will take place on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The van will leave East Ridge TN. At 9AM and we are scheduled to return by 5PM. All Base members are invited to participate.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Armed Forces Day parade will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Base member Lee Rodgers will keep the Base up to date on the parade activities as they develop.

Navy Week is designated for the week of 12 June. Activities in Chattanooga are unknown at this time but the membership will be provided with the activities as they develop.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING ACTIVITIES:**

- **Speaker for the meeting was Sally Brewer from Verble Estate Preservation at Chattanooga TN. The topic addressed was Veterans Benefits associated with (Aid & Attendance & Housebound Pension), and how to obtain them.**
- **Drawing for the Base hat was conducted, Base member Fred Santillanes was the winner**
- **The Base Chaplain delivered the benediction.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Approved:**



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**Richard Noble, Base Secretary**

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**Larry Bell, Vice Commander**