

Trieste Base – USSVI Meeting

15 January 2012

Meeting called to order by Jodie Christopher at 1300.

Attendees:

Jodie Christopher – Base Commander
Todd Miller – Vice Commander/Treasurer
Kent Weekly – Secretary and wife Lorena
Larry Estrada
George Kinnison
Gary Kinnison
Ard Johnson and Jenetta
Ray Hamilton
Tony Espiritu
Rob D’Orsi and wife Ikuko
Evin Stump
Bob Cox
Rick Bingham
Dan Burkett
Jim Hayes
Keith Newell
T. Michael Bircumshaw, National Commander and wife Suzanna

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of the Creed

January Tolling of the Boats

December minutes - approved as posted on website.

Treasurer Report - \$957.54. (Approved)

Storekeeper Report: Not Present

Old Business:

- 1.) Oceanside Parade Update – Rocky Rockers will update at next meeting
- 2.) Rotary Club Field of Honor flag sales generated \$160.00 for the base. Base Commander hopes a more robust figure for the next flag sales.

New Business:

NONE

Good of the Order:

- 1) New USSVI Base being formed at Submarine Base Point Loma. Meetings to be held 4th Thursday of each month at 1100. Hope to generate a lot of interest from the Active Duty folks. National Commander gave a brief talk about the person the new base will be named in honor of Douglas Smay..
- 2) Sailor of the Year (SOY) awards are coming up shortly and a change has been made to the item presented to the winners. Instead of a miniature statue of the

- Lone Sailor, models of the 688 boat, USS Los Angeles will be given out. The National Commander brought an example for display.
- 3) Keeping with the 688 theme, the National Commander brought to the base attention, that the Naval League of Los Angeles has saved the sail of the USS Los Angeles. Plans are to construct a monument built around the USS Iowa (BB-61), the bow of the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles (CA-135) and the Sail from the USS Los Angeles (SSN-688).
 - 4) Rob D'Orsi was inducted into the Holland Club
 - 5) Base Commander brought up the Silent Service Motorcycle Club for those members who ride and are interested in joining.
 - 6) Time to apply for the Dolphin Scholarship.
 - 7) Jimmie Carriaga is due his 1-year longevity pin and patch. But was not present.
 - 8) National Commander stated that there is a little confusion around about the name United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated. He suggests that when talking to prospective members to drop the Veterans and Incorporated when mentioning the organization. People connotate Veteran with someone who has served and not with Active Duty. This may assist in recruiting Active Duty members.
 - 9) Base Commander Christopher mentioned that the defense cuts in the new budget missed the Navy and in particular the Submarine Force. Still planning 2 boats per year.
 - 10) Bob Cox announced that with mutual agreement with Todd Miller he will take over duties as Editor of the Base Newsletter. Bob thanked Todd for his performance as Editor. Bob plans to publish the next newsletter soon.
 - 11) Binnacle List:
 - a. Stan Reinhold recuperating from a traffic accident is home now
 - 12) January Birthdays:
 - a. Colly O'Gorman 01/22
 - b. Keith Newell 01/27

Monthly Raffle:

North Dakota Mug – Rick Bingham
SSN637 belt and enlisted buckle – Ard Johnson
SSN637 officer buckle – T. Michael Bircumshaw
SSN637 hat patch – Evin Stump
Bottle of wine – Dan Burkett
\$40 Base Treasury
\$40 Cash Winner (Evin Stump*)

\$80 Total

*winnings donated back to base

Benediction

Meeting adjourned at 1405 for refreshments and camaraderie.

Next Meeting: 19FEB12 @ Carrows Restaurant in Murrieta on Madison Avenue.