



**Sculpin Base, USSVI
Meeting Minutes 16 August 2025
Museum of the Kansas National Guard
Topeka, KS**

In Attendance:

Bret Cortright, Base Cmdr.
Keith Jeffers, Base Vice Cmdr.
Ellis Dale (Moe) Moses, Base Secretary
Colleen Moses, Base Treasurer
Monte Schmidt, Chaplain
Dennis Mosebey, COB
Steve Alfrey
Terry Romig
Chuck Sibley

The meeting was held on 16 August 2025, at Museum of the Kansas National Guard, in Topeka, KS.

At about 1230 hours, the meeting was called to order by Base Cmdr Cortright

Reading and Bell Tolling of "Lost Boats for 3rd quarter" conducted by COB Mosebey.

USSVI Creed by CDR Steve Alfrey

Pledge of Allegiance by all members present

Invocation by Base Chaplain Schmidt

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by COB Mosebey to accept minutes of the previous meeting as submitted electronically prior to the meeting, seconded by Terry Romig. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Base Treasurer Colleen Moses gave the Treasurer Report covering May 18th to today. Motion made by COB Mosebey to accept minutes of previous meeting as presented, seconded by Monte Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Holland Club – No Report

Eagle Scout – Committee Chair Monte Schmidt stated he had not contact from the area Eagle Scout coordinator of the Heart of America Council.

Website – Website Chair was not present. No report given.

Membership – Membership Chair Moses stated that he had talked and received emails from two optional members. Current membership stands at 23. Three new members our needed for the Base to receive \$100.00 from USSVI National.

Storekeeper – Ellis Moses presented the items for purchase on the back table and discussed other items that the members may want. National Storekeeper allow us to purchase 5 USSVI Charitable Foundation Commemorative Coins and not the 20 voted on in May's meeting. Coins are available for \$15 dollars.

History – History Committee Co-Chair's Al and Tina Anguish were not present due to health reasons.

Old Business:

USS Topeka sail and rudder: The project seems to be stagnant. A Navy contact email was discussed. Vice Cmdr. Keith Jeffers suggested getting the City of Topeka to write a city resolution committing to the project. The Combat Air Museum is another option And may have the backing of many donors. Ellis Moses suggested obtaining a torpedo as a starter project.

Parades: We have had two of the scheduled parades, Old Shawnee Days and the Coffey County 4-H rained out. Emporia Veterans Day Parade, November 11; and the Burlington Christmas Parade in December are still scheduled. Chuck Sibley has suggested expanding our area and doing the Clay Center "Piotique" parade and possibly setting up a information booth. Chuck and other members are looking into the event.

New Business:

Float Trailer – We have found an old pontoon boat trailer for free. It will need some work. Not sure if to be used to haul the "Little Skate" float or a sit on float for our ageing members. Chuck Sibley made a motion to obtain the trailer, seconded by Dennis Mosebey. The motion passed. Ellis Moses to coordinate the initial trailer recovery.

Base Meetings/ZOOM – District Cmdr. Moses has access to the Premium ZOOM application. A discussion followed of possibility of using ZOOM for mid-meeting (about 6 weeks after an in-per. It could be used for other committee meetings and planning meetings.

Static Displays – The Commander lead a discussion of having static displays at various events. A discussion started about doing this at the “Piotique” festival in Clay Center. Ellis Moses donated a 10 by 10 “E-Zup” to the Base for outside setups. A discussion ensued on what to display, but nothing firm. VC Keith Jeffers made a motion to obtain a 10x 20 foot space at the Piotique Festival for \$120.00. Chuck Siblbey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chuck to provide more information.

Newsletter Editor – Ellis Moses would like to step-down as the Editor of the Base newsletter. The Commander asked if anyone would like to take over the newsletter. VC Jeffers stepped forward and will take over the newsletter. Moses to supply information to the VC.

Binnacle List – Ed Taylor, Al and Tina Anguish. Members are encouraged to notify Base Chaplain Monte Schmidt of any members that are needed to be placed on the Binnacle List.

Good of the Order/Crew:

Ellis Moses talked about the USS Batfish and the Batfish Base’s efforts to assist in the moving of the USS Batfish. He will be attending a meeting as DC on October 3rd. Monte Schmidt stated he would like to travel with the DC.

A motion was made by Steve Alfrey to donate \$50 to the Museum to allow us to meet there. The motion was seconded by Monte Schmidt. The motion carried. Ellis Moses won the 50/50 raffle and donated the winnings toward the Museum. A check for \$90 was issued to the Museum.

The Cmdr asked for a place to hold the November meeting. A suggestion was made to hold the meeting in Emporia after the Veterans Day parade. Everyone agreed. Dennis to try to obtain the 627 Restaurant in Emporia. Time and location to be supplied prior to the event.

Benediction by Chaplain Schmidt

Minutes submitted by
Ellis D. Moses, Base Secretary
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