



Sculpin Base, USSVI Meeting Minutes 15 Feb 2025

In Attendance:

Bret Cortright, Base Cmdr
Keith Jeffers, Base Vice Cmdr
Ellis Dale (Moe) Moses, Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Mosebey, COB
Monte Schimdt, Base Chaplain
Steve Alfrey
Chuck Sibley
Ed Taylor
Terry Romig (with Jasper)
Guest Jim Weeks (MM1(SS))

The meeting was held on 15 February 2025, at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard in Topeka, Kansas

After a meal with the shipmates present, Cmdr. Cortright called the meeting to order at 1254 hours. The opening prayer was given by Base Chaplain Monte Schmidt and Vice Cmdr Keith Jeffers lead the crew in the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Alfrey read the Creed. A Tolling of the Boats for February was conducted by COB Dennis Mosebey. An introduction of members and guests was conducted.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by COB Mosebey to accept minutes of the previous meeting as submitted electronically prior to the meeting, seconded by Steve Alfrey. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Base Secretary Ellis Moses and approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Holland Club: – No report

Eagle Scout Program: – A discussion on notifying area scout leaders and possibility of setting up an info booth at a Camp Jayhawk during a Scout Jamboree. Monte explained the parallels between Eagle Scouts and earning your Dolphins.

Membership: – Moe Moses reported that we have had a member and his wife (an Associate Member) requesting to drop of the National and Base rolls. We have two members needing to pay National and Base dues. The current up-to-date membership is 23 members and associates. We have had no new members since our last meeting. Longevity pins were presented. Dennis Mosebey (5 yr), Monte Schmidt (10 yr); Bret Cortright and Ellis Moses (25 yr).

Storekeeper: – Moe reported that we have Base ballcaps, blue and pink “Honorary Submariner caps. Moe stated that if any items are needed or if they wanted items, please contact him. A motion was made by Chuck Sibley to allow the Storekeeper a budget of \$100.00 for stocking supplies. The motion was seconded by Steve Alfrey. A discussion on Base Challenge Coins followed. Moe to follow-up on the cost.

Website: – No report

History: – No report

Old Business:

Cmdr. Cortright gave the oath of office to Vice Cmdr. Keith Jeffers

Memorial Bench: The bench project is now complete. Thanks to everyone who assisted in making this project a success. Bench needs to be added to the USSVI Memorial listing. Moe to follow-up.

New Business:

USS Topeka Sail Acquisition – A discussion pursued on the possibility procuring the sail of the USS Topeka which will be decommissioned this year. Steve Alfrey has put a “bug in the ear” of the Topeka City Council. A committee comprising Steve, Bret, Dennis, and Moe was formed. The discussion led to finding other Bases that have completed this task. District Cmdr. Moses will contact other Bases within our District. Other members will contact other bases. Bret and Dennis will draft a letter to our KS Senators and our representatives within the members area.

USSVI Awards -Cmdr. Cortright urged all present to review the 2025 USSVI Awards Manual. We have deserving members within our Base, let’s reward them.

2025 Parades Schedule – Cmdr. Cortright purposed the following parades for 2025:

- Old Shawnee Days (early June)
- Oskaloosa Old Settlers (late June)
- Burlington Fair Parade (July)
- Emporia Veterans Day (November)
- Burlington Christmas Parade (December)

Possibility of adding Lillis St. Patrick's Day parade and the Neewollah parade on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Motion was made by Dennis Mosebey and seconded by Ed Taylor to accept the proposed Parade Schedule.

Static displays were discussed at some of the above venues.

Good of the Order: Dennis Mosebey will try to secure the American Legion in Emporia for our May 17th.

Binnacle List: No one listed.

Closing Pray: Chaplain Monte Schmidt gave the closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn: – Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Taylor and seconded by Monte Schmidt. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1432.

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Ellis Dale Moses
Base Secretary/Treasurer
Sculpin Base, USSVI

Bret Cortright
Base Commander
Sculpin Base, USSVI