**Minutes of Aug 21, 2025, Village Vets Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting**

***Call to Order:***

* The meeting was called to order by Bob Bechill at 2:58 pm in the Music Room of the OHCC Club Facility. In attendance were Bob Bechill, Greg Coffey, Susz Clark, Jim McDonough, Mike Welch, Jack Shabel, Martin Budoff, and Bob St Laurent, Robert “Smitty” Smith, Pat Battles and Dave Hefler.

***Funds and Minutes:***

* **Treasurer Report:** Robert Smith presented the following report: total deposits $1,303, total expenses $2,521.81, with an ending balance of $3,672.97 and membership stands at 254. One member’s dues continue to be waived due to WWII status.
* Robert Smith will continue responding to requests for Village Veterans shirts.
* **Minutes:** July 19, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting minutes were late due to secretary’s computer issues. Mike Welch stated that they will be completed as soon as possible and approved at the September BOD meeting at the same time as the August BOD minutes are approved.

***Continuing Business:***

* The Veterans Association of North County (VANC) meeting was attended by Joe Ashby who represented the Board of Directors.
* 7/22/25: Mike Welch and Martin Budoff coordinators discussed the submarine trip on July 22, to Naval Base Point Loma. Lessons learned during this off-site trip are as follows:
  + People with impaired mobility issues need to have individuals “assigned” to escort or assist them.
  + In some cases, OHCC Village Vet organizers may have to request individuals not to attend part of the tour due to their limited mobility or other obvious or reported health issues.
  + When military facilities require “no electronics” during the tour, OHCC Village Vet organizers need to coordinate with on-site military/sponsoring personnel to resolve issues if or as they occur.
  + Coordinators must Pre-scout bus routes and facilities to ensure the most effective pedestrian pathway and parking situation for the attendees.
  + Communication is essential, make sure all attendees are aware of the plan and the schedule via verbal instructions or handouts is key.
  + For all-day trips, provide access to lunch facilities and water as needed.
* GOVERNING DOCUMENTS to be voted on at Sept BOD meeting (received post - Aug. BOD meeting).

“This Club understands and accepts that the edition of the “Rules and Regulations of Ocean Hills Social Club’s Corporation” most recently approved by the Corporation’s Board of Directors constitutes the basic Rules and Regulations governing this Club. Specifically, this Club understands and agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct and the Code enforcement regulations articulated therein.”

* MCB, Camp Pendleton Veteran and Retiree Expo event is sold out. Expo is on Saturday, Sept 6 at 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at Pacific Views Event Center, near the Marine Corps Exchange. Military retirees, their dependents, surviving spouses and soon to be retired service members are invited to learn about retiree services, new programs, current changes in benefits, updates to laws and more. Mike and Marta Welch will attend.
* **Period of 2025/2026** ***Village Veterans 2025 Schedule, (all rooms and locations confirmed):***
* 09/25/2025: Bomber Command presentation provided by BOD member Lt Col Greg Coffey, USAF (Ret.).
* 10/23/2025: For the General meeting on Thursday, 23 October, the guest speaker is BOD member, Colonel Suzanne “Susz” Clark, U.S. Army (Ret.). She will also be our Challenge Coin speaker and, with David Hefler, will manage the annual club officer elections. Challenge Coins developed and procured by Martin Budoff was available and shown to the BOD. Everyone agreed the coins looked fabulous. Good job Martin!
* 11/11/2025: Veterans Day is planned and organized with all organizations ready to participate. This is all set. A Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) document has been produced and presented by BOD commander, Bob Bechill. The items to be accomplished are too numerous for these minutes but are succinctly listed in the POA&M with times for accomplishment prior to Veterans Day. POA&M is attached to these minutes. Highlights are as follows:
* Supporting participants are lined up. National Anthem Singer is Amanda Wright. Important issues will be accomplished by Keystone’s Julie Van Dam. The Audio Visual team is set, etc.
* Colonel Scott Battles, USAF (Ret.) will be the principal speaker.
  + - * Challenge Coin distribution Coins designed and procured by Martin Budoff. Considerable discussion on how distribution will take place was commented on by most board members. The final method will be settled at the September BOD meeting.
      * The Veteran Day activities and program will include Rancho Buena Vista High School band and other organizations and speakers.
      * The theme will be “The Cold War.”
      * Stipend amounts approved by the board president are: for the Rancho Buena Vista High School band, $200 and for the Oceanside High School Marine Corps ROTC color guard, $100.
    - 12/12/2025 Holiday Party scheduled for this date, began with the first planning meeting of the subcommittee on 22 August. The Subcommittee is made up of the same volunteers as last year: Ros Nesler, Pat Battles, Marta Welch and Patty “Perf” Coffey. Bob Bechill is working with Tracy Owens, who is with Support the Enlisted Project (STEP), is working on an active-duty guest list.
    - 1/22/2026 First January General Meeting the guest speaker will be a F-14 pilot. Robert “Condor” Genat a contact. (See update to this issue in the August BOD minutes.)
* ***Additional Business:***
* Bob Bechill related that Frontwave Arena Luxury Box could be offered to the Village Vets Board of Directors to enjoy a sports or entertainment event. President, Bob Bechill stated this item will be considered at the December BOD meeting. This continues to be a discussion issue.
* Continuing Issue: Korean conflict and Vietnam War of OHCC Veterans tribute plaques are not on display in the Clubhouse Library. These plaques would be like the WWII veterans that are currently displayed. This issue is under consideration. This item will continue to be listed in the minutes until all decisions are complete.
* Village Vets name tags are still available from BOD member, Martin Budoff.
* BOD additional member “civilian employee of the military” is still under consideration.
* Website July and August 2025 BOD minutes will be posted on the Web by Jack Shabel.
* Bugle – no additional information or discussion.
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* “Battle Buddies” discussion was to include this program as part of SALT Club (Serve and Love Together). BOD or volunteer member to be determined will contact SALT.
* September Honor Flight will return to San Diego International Airport, Alaska Airlines #9676 on 28 September 2025, support this event if possible.
* September 6, 2025 is the Retiree Expo at Camp Pendleton, see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-pendleton-veteran-and-retiree-expo-tickets-1027142840887> for details.

***Other Information:***

* + - * Adjournment motioned by Greg Coffey and seconded by Robert “Smitty” Smith along with David Hefler. The adjournment was at 3:50 p.m.
      * The next Board Meeting will be on September 18, 2025, at 3:00 pm in the Music Room.
      * Attachments 1 Veterans Day POA&M
      * Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Mike Welch