

Minutes of the Bremerton Base USSVI meeting conducted 21 February 2012

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1900

Opening observances were conducted. 30 members signed the rooster. Don Loughridge, WWII Subvet and current Bremerton Base member was in attendance.

Base Commander Jim DeMott thank Dave Niemy and Dutch Kaiser for providing the Cajun Food to help celebrate Fat Tuesday.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone discussed his Naval career starting as a street sweeper at SuBase New London till 30 years later retiring as a Warrant Officer. He was a Photographers Mate and served on the USS Seawolf for 5 years. He also had sea tours on the USS Enterprise and USS Carl Vinson. He served in Viet Nam in a combat photography squadron. There was a lot of interest in the various procedures and equipment he used.

The minutes of the 17 January 2012 meeting were read. Don Bassler requested the minutes be amended to reflect the correct number of Deterrent Park bricks sold. He has sold 8 bricks. In addition there are 9 bricks to honor the Submarine Force Medal of Honor recipients. The minutes were approved as amended.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports the total base financial Assets are \$71,495.44 which includes \$30,357.59 Life Fund, \$13,071.68 Scholarship Fund and \$28,066.17 in the General Fund.

Dennis Nardone reported we currently have 285 members but some will fall off the membership rolls if the are delinquent in their dues. Commander Jim Demott urges all members who might know someone who is behind in their dues to remind them to bring their dues up to date.

John Gardiner reported he is already receiving scholarship applications. The deadline to receive application is 6 May 2012. He has many Willie Spoon Scholarship Fund tickets available. They have been mailed out to members. If you haven't received yours or need more see John. He is also looking for help at the Dolphin Dash on 14 April 2012. If you are not a runner he could use general help. He also has the Dolphin Dash's Letter of Introductions used to obtain gift certificates from various local establishments we patronize.

Vice Commander Steve Corcoran has been assigned by the E-Board to audit the base books quarterly.

Commander Jim DeMott reported the passing of MMCM (SS) Tom Bryson, USN, Ret. To eternal patrol. Tom was a base life member. There will be a memorial for him at the Fleet Reserve 1400 Sat 25 February. Dick Litscher was a friend of Tom's and he did a little reminiscing about Tom. Steve Corcoran made a motion the base by a brick in Tom

Bryson's honor. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Litscher will look into buying the brick.

Commander Jim Demott reported the Float will be ready for the Armed Forces parade.

Mike Sullivan has signed a contract for the credit machine to be used during the fireworks sale. He also encouraged all members to go to [www.thtfireworks.com](http://www.thtfireworks.com) and sign up for their club to obtain discount coupons. We then can give them to customers.

Don Bassler reports the Medal of Honor bricks will be larger than the regular bricks and a different color so they stand out from the others. We need permission from the Pacific Northwest Submarine Heritage organization before he can proceed. He doesn't think this will be a problem.

The Gertrude-Check website is under going a major overhaul. He is still refining it.

Sam Swenson's last newsletter will be July 2012. Dave Pitman has agreed to be the new editor and Don Bassler has agreed to do the advertising part. Past Commander Dave Niemy discussed the National Requirements for the newsletter to get an award.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris had a leather jacket for sale for \$50.000. Charles O'Hara bought the jacket for \$50.00. Ralph also has name badges with your qual date available for \$6.00. See Ralph to order yours.

John Perko asked all members to keep all active duty personnel in their thoughts and prayers.

Commander Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2000.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary