



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Minutes of the Bremerton Base USSVI meeting conducted 17 April 2012

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1900.

Opening observances were conducted. 30 members signed the rooster.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann conducted the opening invocation.

Minutes for the 20 March 2012 were approved as corrected.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports the total base financial assets as of 31 March 2012 are \$75,026.70.

Membership Chairman Dennis Nardone reports the base has 274 members of which 214 are USSVI Life Members, 167 Base Life Members, 122 Holland Club members and 260 war veterans.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris presented Past Base CDR Dave Niemy a "Mail Carriers for Obama" tee shirt.

National Office's executive administrator Fred Borgmann discussed his navy career from his days growing up in Philadelphia, PA to his retirement from the Navy. His career had him serving on several submarines including USS Triton, USS James Adams and instructor duty at Nuclear Power School at Idaho Falls Id. He joined the Navy in 1958 and retired in 1992 as a LCDR. In 2001, he took over the National Office as Executive Administrator, an office he currently holds.

Mike Sullivan the Fireworks Chairman thanked all who have signed up for shifts this season. He also asked everyone to sign up early to get the shift they want. The better shifts are going fast.

Ralph Harris the Base Storekeeper has Subvet Hats, cups, patches and several ships plaques for sale. See him after the meeting.

Sam Swenson brought the float to the Dolphin Dash. The float has been cleaned and is ready for the upcoming Armed Forces Day Parade. He also has brochures for the CPOA Scholarship Fund for anyone interested. Sam Swenson, Dutch Kaiser and Dene Rogers attended the CPOA luncheon and were given head of the line privileges for the luncheon buffet. Sam will need all articles for the upcoming Puget Sounding's by 19 April 2012. This will be Sam's last newsletter. He is turning over the Puget Sounding's to Dave Pittman. Thanks for all the work you did for the Puget Soundings Sam, You produced an excellent newsletter. Once again thank you very much.

Dave Pittman the new Puget Soundings Editor requests a brief Bio from all upcoming speakers to be put in the newsletter.

The Chief of the Boat, Hank Hollis reports the Base Picnic will be on 4 August 2012 at the Elks Picnic area and this years Christmas Party will be 8 Dec 2012 also at the Elks. Please save these two dates.

John Gardner reports the Dolphin Dash made \$570.00 for the Scholarship Fund. He has Dolphin Dash Tee Shirts for sale, \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. He still has raffle tickets available. See John if you require more. Dave Pittman son is graduating from Washington State University with financial help from the Dolphin Scholarship and Dave wanted to thank the organization and let everyone know how much help the scholarships were.

John also reports the Bremerton Armed Forces Day parade will be 19 May 2012. He doesn't know our parade number yet but will have Don Bassler post it on Gertrude-Check when known.

Don Bassler will be installing 19 bricks plus the Medal of Honor bricks around 12 May. Jerry Peeling took his family to Deterrent Park and everyone was impressed with the memorial and Jerry's bricks. Dave Pittman took his class to Deterrent Park to see the memorial. Jerry Drum attended the Patrick Henry's reunion and encouraged people to buy bricks and have them grouped together. As we go to reunions we should take Deterrent Park literature and encourage your former shipmates to buy bricks.

Don Bassler has the update of Gertrude Check progressing smartly. He would like everyone to review the new site and report to him any discrepancies found.

Paul Christopherson and Wayne Sieckowski and their significant others attended the Submarine Birthday Ball at the Sheraton in Seattle. Paul was the oldest qualified submarine in attendance and cut the birthday cake. He was also honored by the Master Chief of the Navy recognizing him and the war patrols he made. Paul qualified in 1943.

Fred Borgmann said it is time for the National Elections. The ballots will be in the next issue of the American Submariner. Fred then presented John Gardner with a star necklace because John is a shining Star of a volunteer.

John said he has received many letters donating gifts for the "2012 William" Willie" Spoon Memorial Scholarship Raffle". It was recommended he post on Gertrude Check who has donated so they won't be bother again this year.

Sam Swenson won \$38.00 from the 50/50 raffle. He donated \$20.00 to the scholarship fund.

Commander Jim DeMott asked everyone to remember the older base members. He encouraged everyone to give them a call or go visit them.

Fred Borgmann gave the Benediction.

Cdr Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary