



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Minutes of the Bremerton Base USSVI meeting conducted
15 May 2012

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1900

Opening observances were conducted. 31 members and 2 guests signed the roster.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann conducted the opening invocation.

Don Loughridge, a WWII Subvet and current Bremerton Base member was introduced. Two Guest of Wayne Sieckowski Jim and Chester Doucette were introduced. They were visiting from Fernandina Beach; FL. Jim served with Wayne Sieckowski on the USS James Monroe SSBN 622.

Holland Club induction ceremonies were conducted for Don Loughridge.

Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski discussed his career from duty at Naval Station Sangley Point, Cavite City, Luzon, PI to his duty on James Monroe, Sam Houston, Aspro and Queenfish. He introduced Jim Doucette as one of his mentors who helped him to a successful career. He retired as an SKCM (SS)

Minutes for the 17 April 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports the total base financial assets as of 30 April 2012 are \$75,277.59

Membership Chairman Dennis Nardone reports the base has 273 members of which 213 are USSVI Life Members, 167 Base Life Members, 122 Holland Club members and 259 war veterans.

Fireworks Chairman Mike Sullivan reports the TNT Fireworks demonstration and BBQ will be June 1, 2012 at 48th Ave CT E Suite C & D. Doors open at 1830, class starts 1930 and Fireworks demonstration after sunset. Those who desire to attend the demonstration please let Mike know a few days before so he can RSVP TNT Fireworks. Al Thurlow has been kind enough to loan us his 5th wheel again this year to support the fireworks stand. Sam Swenson has the watch bill. There are still shifts available. QFC will be contacted about us using their parking lot.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris expects to have the Challenge Coins at the next meeting.

Sam Swenson reports the float is ready for the upcoming parade season. The Bremerton Armed Forces Parade is 19 May 2012 and we are unit C-18. Sam also presented Dave Pittman with his Puget Soundings Editor Badge.

Chief of the Boat Hank Hollis reminded everyone the Annual Picnic will be 4 August 2012 at the Elks Picnic Area on Pine Road and the Christmas Party is 8 December at the Elks.

Cdr Jim DeMott reports on 24 May 2012 at 1000 there will be a "Tolling of the Boats" at Naval Undersea Museum Keyport Washington. In fair weather it will be conducted by the Sturgeon's Sail and Foul weather it will be conducted in the Auditorium. Immediately following the Olympic Peninsula Base will induct VADM Roger F Bacon USN Ret into the Holland Club.

He also said he has been contacted by Lutheran Social Services; they are looking for Veterans 55+ to volunteer to help vets in need. Contact Jim DeMott for more information.

Vice CDR Steve Corcoran reports the scholarship recipients have been selected and results will be published at the next meeting. He is also trying to put together a July meeting on a Saturday Morning at Keyport Museum. He will have all information at the June meeting. He is also wants to have a group attend the South Sound Base's meeting on 14 June to capture the traveling dolphins. Information will be published on Gertrude Check.

Don Bassler had a working party on 12 May who installed 20 bricks and the MOH bricks at Deterrent Park

Boy Scout Troop 1549, Cub Pack 4549 and the Knights of Columbus will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday June 16 from 1000 to 1400- at Holy Trinity Parish at 4215 Pine Road, Bremerton, Wa. If you need to retire a flag you can then.

Chaplin Fred Borgmann said the Benediction.

Cdr Jim Demott adjourned the meeting ay 2025.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary