



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Minutes of the Bremerton Base USSVI meeting conducted
18 Sept 2012

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1905

Opening observances were conducted. 26 members and guest Fred Scacchitti signed the roster.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann conducted the opening invocation.

Potential new members in attendance were Larry Timby and Mike Friend and Shawn Burke of the Groton Base.

Minutes for the August meeting/picnic were accepted and approved as corrected.

There was no Treasurer or membership report.

Don Bassler and John Gardner discussed the National Convention in Norfolk, Va.

Puget Soundings won first place for Base Newsletters for large bases (over 125 members)
Bremerton Base won the Golden Anchor Award for base development and retention.
Over 100 WWII Subvets were in attendance for the decommissioning of WWII Subvets.
Overall comment were the Convention was well organized

Jeff Stoch of the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport, WA. Introduced the evening's speaker Charles Kapsner, a Minnesota Based Artist who is creating five 8 feet by 10 feet paintings that depict our Veterans through the ages. The painting will be permanently displayed in the Committal Hall at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Charles discussed the way he created the painting. He also discussed the networking he became exposed to and how it led to him speaking at the National VFW Convention. His speech was both interesting and educational.

Future speakers will be John Perkins in October and Paul Christopherson in November.

Ralph Harris has challenge coins for sale for \$10.00. He also has custom belt buckle which can be ordered.

Dave Pittman needs articles for the upcoming Puget Soundings by 30 Sept 2012.

John Gardner reports the TTF Graduation program is alive. If you wish to speak at the graduations let John know. He will publish a schedule when known.

The next parade will be the Auburn's Veteran Day parade on 10 November in Auburn then the Veterans Day celebration at the Kitsap County Fair Grounds on 12 Nov.

Next Year's Dolphin Dash will be on 13 April 2013 at Bangor.

Don Bassler has 16 bricks to install at Deterrent Park.

Mike Sullivan reported we made \$2,940.28 this year from fireworks sale. The 2013 season will be Mike's last year. We still need someone to take over from him.

This year's Christmas Party will be 8 Dec at noon at the Elks. Chief of the Boat Hank Hollis will have tickets available at the October meeting. The 2013 Base picnic will be on 3 August at the Elks.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott encourages everyone to take part in the parades and the Veterans Day at the fairgrounds. He also reported the E-Board discussed the eligibility requirements for the base scholarship at their September meeting. It was unanimously decided the requirements will remain the same.

On Saturday 29 September 30, 2012, at Deterrent Park the base will conduct the Medal of Honor brick dedication. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Cdmr. Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2045

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary