

## October 2012 General Meeting Minutes

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

Opening observances were conducted. Western Region Director John Mansfield was introduced and a possible new member, Bryan Gay, was introduced with 19 Base members in attendance.

The Western Region Director presented the Bremerton Base with the USSVI Golden Anchor Award 2012 plaque. John Mansfield then presented shipmate Sam Swenson with the USSVI Plaque for the best Base Newsletter award in the Large Base category.

Shipmate John Perkins was introduced and asked to comment on his career to date. John was introduced to submarines when he was 8 years old as a Cub Scout touring a diesel sub. Many of his stories about his career seemed to involve "queasy- stomach-syndrome". He has had a very interesting career to-date involving duty in the dirt in the middle east and tours on most classes of submarines. John is very patriotic and wears his American heritage on his sleeve.

Paul Christopherson, a WWII submarine veteran, will conclude the 2012 guest-speaker program at the November meeting. Volunteers are asked to check with the Base Vice Commander, Steve Corcorhan, for a date in 2013.

The minutes of the September 18 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The membership report has 278 paid up members. There are 49 annual-dues paying members and 11 have paid 2013 dues. The renewal notices have been sent out.

The Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, reports that shipmate George Pfof is at home and expects to be up-and-about soon.

The Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, reports that sales of the 2013 Calendar and the new Base Challenge Coins are exceeding expectations. He also has a good supply of T-shirts, patches, pins, and other paraphernalia.

Sam Swenson is working on a project to get a fresh coat of paint on the USS Bonefish float. He's working in his back yard when weather permits.

The Auburn Veterans Day Parade is on track for November 10. TTF doesn't have a class of students available to participate. The Base will also be at the Kitsap County Veterans Day program at the Fairgrounds on Monday, November 12.

Shipmate John Gardner reminds everyone that volunteers are needed at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Dolphin Dash on Saturday, April 13, 2013. All proceeds go to the Base Scholarship Fund.

The next group of engraved bricks for the Deterrent Park at Bangor should go according to schedule. Chairman Don Bassler notes that the brick engraving appears to be behind schedule.

The Holiday Party is set for December 8 at noon in the Bremerton Elks Lodge on Pine Road. We have also scheduled our 2013 Annual Picnic there on 8/3/13.

The Ways and Means Committee will meet to work on the 2013 budget at the FRA on Saturday, November 3, at 0800 hours. All hands are invited to attend.

Editor-in-Chief, Dave Pittman, on behalf of the Brownsville Elementary School, invites all hands to attend a Veterans Day program at his school on Friday, November 8, 0930. The Navy Band will be there along with other dignitaries.

The Western Region Director is looking for a Western District 4 Commander. The requirement being that the person applying has had to serve as a Base Commander. He discussed the items that he felt made Bremerton Base one of the most outstanding bases in the Region and probably the country. It is pretty much due to individual efforts by a lot of shipmates and he wonders why some of the shipmates are not nominated for National Awards. He would like to see such nominations before the 2013 deadlines. John is also a strong supporter of the Kaps4Kids program. He and the South Sound Base work with the Tacoma area hospitals and informs us that the kids don't have to be diagnosed with cancer to participate.

Under the Good-of-the-order agenda, the Base Chaplain may be looking for assistance when taking the Base presents to the Retsil Veterans Home in December. It is customary that donations from the Holiday Luncheon, and matched up to \$200 from the Base, be turned over to him to be used for gifts for the needy or as the E-Board directs. The Retsil residents have been the latest recipients. Base members unable to attend the luncheon, are reminded that they can donate to any E-Board member or the Base Chaplain.

Joel Waller won the 50/50 raffle and Jim DeMott won the second prize CD.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Litscher for Dave Sieckowski, Base Secretary.