



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander Jim DeMott called the January 15, 2013, meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. A quorum was present including a guest of Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris from Naval Hospital Bremerton.

Guest speaker, Kitsap County Sherriff, Steve Boyer was introduced. He included several interesting stories in his remarks. He stated some of the worrisome statistics he works with on a daily basis. Some of the most problematical involve budget and finances, which in turn involve manning levels. When asked about the recent increases in countrywide shootings especially the Connecticut school shooting, he thought the school service officers were the best program. The problem is the lack of financing to place an officer in each school.

After a brief recess, the meeting was called back to order.

The minutes of the December Holiday Luncheon Meeting were approved as presented.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, which was approved as presented.

Base Membership Committee Chairman, Dennis Nardone, reports that there are eight base members who owe National and Base dues for 2013. There are also 11 base members owing dues for 2013.

Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, stated that members attending the Holiday Luncheon donated \$425 and that the Base added another \$200 that was all made into gifts for the residents at the Washington Veterans Home in Retsil. There was \$15 remaining after the gifts were handed out which was returned to the Base Treasury.

Fireworks Committee Chairman, Mike Sullivan, needs a replacement that can work along side him this year to learn the operation. The contracts are being readied for this year's sales.

Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has a new shipment of Base Challenge Coins, has a lot of patches, shirts, leather jackets, western hats and others for sale. He has a short supply of 2013 USSVI calendars.

Editor-in-Chief, Dave Pittman, suggests a deadline of 1 February for those who write regular articles/columns. Other contributors have a deadline a few days later.

The scholarship raffle tickets are in the mail. Applications are also available.

Holland Club Chairman, Dick Litscher, has sent welcoming letters to the nine possible inductees for 2013.

Gertrude-Check and Deterrent Park Brick Coordinator, Don Bassler, notes that the Base website is running good. There are no new orders for a brick at this time but expects some applicants before the next laying scheduled for May 2013.

Base Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, states that he has received several complements from the attendees of the Holiday Luncheon. The 2013 picnic is scheduled for the Elks Lodge RV shelter, Saturday, August 3. The 2013 Holiday Luncheon is set for, Saturday, December 7, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge.

The next Bremerton Base meeting will be a Breakfast Meeting at the FRA home, Saturday, February 16, at 0930hours.

The Base Vice Commander, Steve Corcoran, is conducting a membership survey on how we might improve Bremerton Base.

Shipmate Don Quinn won the 50/50 raffle for \$37. The COB won second place for a DVD donated by the storekeeper.