



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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April 16, 2013

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the April 16, 2013, meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. Over 31 members were present including Olympic Base Personnel John Clear, Ed Ferris, Bob Rowley and Dale Derricote. Bob Paul, a National Member, also was in attendance. Ed Ferris is a World War II Subvet who made war patrols on the USS Drum. Ed took possession of the Traveling Dolphins and then told a story about a swim call off Borneo and a missing crew member who ended up onboard cooking himself lunch.

The minutes for the March Meeting were approved as amended.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, totals \$72,029.73 on hand. The report was approved as presented.

Base Membership Committee Chairman, Dennis Nardone, reports base membership is 279

Fred Borgmann the Base Chaplin reports Dee Bassler, Sam Swenson and Bud Berg are recovering from their operations. John Dill is at UW Medical Center with a heart problem.

John Gardner the Scholarship Chairman, reports the Dolphin Dash was held 13 April 2013 at Bangor and grossed about \$1,850.00. The float was at the Dolphin Dash. The Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade will be Saturday May 18. The parade will assemble on Park Ave and 11th St. we will be unit C-8. John still has raffle tickets available. Scholarship applications are due in early May and will be reviewed and graded shortly thereafter. He is also looking for volunteers to help at the Bremerton High School Track meet.

Gertrude-Check and Deterrent Park Brick Coordinator, Don Bassler, notes that the Base website is running well. He has 15 orders for a brick at this time but expects some applications before the next laying scheduled for May 2013. He will always accept article for the website but request we stay away from political articles.

Mike Sullivan the Fireworks Chairman is still in need of a relief for the 2014 season. This upcoming season 2013 will be his last. TNT Fireworks Demo Day will be Sunday May 19. If you are planning on attending let Mike know.

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.

Ralph Harris shared some personal experiences about the Boston Marathon and growing up near Boston.

Puget Sounding Editor Dave Pittman would like all articles by 5 May for the upcoming edition.

The Base Vice Commander, Steve Corcoran will contact the VFW and inform them that this year the Sub Vets will have a wreath to present at the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at Ivy Green Cemetery at the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on 27 May. He also reports James Smith will be the May speaker.

Gary Kaiser volunteered to conduct the Base Elections for Officers this year.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott reports \$423.00 was collected from the membership by passing the hat and the E Board voted to authorize donating \$1,077.00 for a total of \$1,500.00 for the USS Thresher 50th Memorial Ceremony.

Mike Friend volunteered to look into setting up and maintaining a base Facebook page.

Gary Clinefelter requested members sign a petition for Teddy Shannon to receive the Victoria Cross.

Dean Rodgers made a statement about Ed Ferris being a big supporter of the Bremerton Base.

Dick Litscher won \$48.00 in the 50/50 raffle. He donated it to the General Fund.

Fred Borgmann, Base Chaplin conducted a closing Benediction.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2005.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary