



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander Jim DeMott called the May 21, 2013, meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. Over 24 members were present including New Member Bob Paul and perspective members Bob Taylor and Warren Wattenbarger.

Dick Litscher Holland Club Chairman inducted Ken Abernathy into the Holland Club.

After his induction Ken gave a brief talk about his career. He was raised on a farm in Missouri and after graduating High School and a few jobs, a friend of his joined the Coast Guard. Ken thought that was a good deal and went to join, but the day he went the Coast Guard office was closed but the Navy Recruiter's office was open and Ken ended up talking to him. He joined the Navy and the Nuclear Pipeline. He told a story of his first boat the USS Barbero SSG 317 and Regulus patrols. He also told of their stop in Adak and the Adak's Totem Pole relocation.

The minutes for the April's Meeting were approved.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, totals \$74,244.66 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 the Base's Binnacle List will be on Gertrude-Check. He also reported Dennis Nardone has volunteered to work in the National Office.

John Gardner the Scholarship Chairman, reported the Scholarship Committee has selected 6 Scholarship recipients and we are in need of Restaurants Donations. We had a good showing for the Bremerton Armed Forces Parade and the future parades are Port Orchard's Fathom of Fun 29 June, Bainbridge Island 4 July, and Silverdale's Whaling Day 29 July. There will be a TTF Graduation at the end of May at a date to be determined.

Gertrude-Check and Deterrent Park Brick Coordinator, Don Bassler, notes that the Base website is running well and he is always in need of pictures and/or articles. He has 24 orders for a brick at this time and the next laying scheduled for 0930 25 May 2013.

Mike Sullivan the Fireworks Chairman report Mike Friend has agreed to relieve him for the 2014 Fireworks season.

Sam Swenson the Float Manager report the float did well in the parade. The fireworks watch bill is on line or see him to volunteer to work at the stand.

Puget Sounding Editor Dave Pittman will accept pictures until Memorial Day 27 May.

Gary Kaiser reminds every one of the Memorial Day Ceremony at Ivy Green Cemetery at 1300 27 May. Ivy Green Cemetery is at 13<sup>th</sup> and Naval.

Past Base Cmdr. Dave Niemy reports the Traveling Dolphin Retrieval Team date to assembly and retrieve the Traveling Dolphins will be posted on Gertrude-Check. He is also trying to come up with a list of Past Base Commanders and is looking for inputs.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reports this is an election year and anyone who wants to get involved in the operation of the base is encouraged to run for an office. See Gary Kaiser to volunteer. Base Member Al Durkee is the new Region 4 District Cmdr. Relieving John Mansfield. The USS Nevada will have a change of command 21 June at 1400. If interested in going see Jim. The Scholarship presentation will be at the 18 June meeting.

Wayne Peterson won \$42.00 from the 50/50 drawing. 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