



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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

Opening observances were conducted. Over 33 members and guest were present including New Member James Thomas. In attendance were WWII Submarine Veterans Ed Ferris and John Baker, President of the Lockwood Chapter of WWII Sub Vets. During the Tolling of the Boats for the month of July V. Adm. Wilkerson, the first CO of the Nautilus was remembered as he enters on Eternal Patrol.

Also in attendance from the Olympic Peninsula Base were Cmdr. John Clear, John Mansfield Western District Cmdr. Dene Rogers's sister Millie and Sister In-law JC were also present.

Fred Borgmann, the Base Chaplain, conducted the Invocation.

Lt. Britta Christianson, U.S.S. Ohio's Supply Officer was the monthly speaker. She talked about her career from graduating from the University of Wisconsin, her experiences in Naval Aviation, Destroyer Duty, Kabul Afghanistan and then finally Submarine Duty.

The Olympic Peninsula Base Members John Clear, Ed Ferris and John Baker came to claim the Traveling Dolphins. John Clear told a Sea Story about mess cooking on the USS Diodon SS349 and John Baker talked about the launching of the USS Atule SS 403.

The minutes for the June's Meeting were approved as corrected.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, totals \$68,605.08 on hand and Base Membership is 282. The report was approved as presented.

Chief of the Boat Hank Hollis reports the Annual Base Picnic will be August 3, 2013, at the Bremerton Elks picnic area, 41311 Pine Road, Bremerton, WA. The base will provide Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, brats, beverages and plenty of sea stories. Bring a dish to share.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran discussed parade participation and working at the fireworks stand. He encourages all to get involved. It is a good experience.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reminded everyone this is an election year and encourages everyone to get involved with the base. We will not march in the Whaling Days parade due to the insurance requirements. There will be a short meeting at the Annual Base Picnic starting about 1130.

Fred Borgmann, and Kenny Dicks and George Pfof will be attending USSVI convention in Rochester, Minnesota. He also reported Mary Berg and Bruce Loughridge are on the binnacle list.

Dick Litcher reports the will be 1 Holland Club induction at the picnic.

Don Bassler Deterrent Park coordinator reports he has only of a couple of brick sold.

John Mansfield, Western District Director, talked about the election of the District Officers and it went well. He encourages participation in the Celebration of Military Parade in Tacoma and USSVI awarded 17 High School Students Scholarships and 20 college students.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran reminded everyone of the USS Alexander Hamilton's reunion at the Silverdale Beach Hotel 9/11/13 – 9/14/13. He is also in need of guest speakers.

Wayne Peterson won \$39.00 in the 50/50 raffle and Don Bassler won a screwdriver set.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary