



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander Jim DeMott called the September 17, 2013 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. Over 42 members and guest were present including New Members John Norris and Brian Heckle. In attendance was WWII Submarine Veteran Ed Ferris.

Also in attendance from the Olympic Peninsula Base were Cmdr. John Clear, Carl Callender and Dale Derricote and Past National Cmdr. Pat Householder.

Fred Borgmann, the Base Chaplin, conducted the Invocation.

Past National Commander Pat Householder had prepared a short video that reviewed the 2013 national convention he attended in late August and commented it was the best one he had ever attended, emphasizing the convention organization, the friendliness and hospitality of the people in Rochester, MN.

The minutes for the August's Meeting were approved as written.

Base Treasurer, Dennis Nardone, gave a report on the Base finances, totals \$72,924.51 on hand and Base Membership is 282. The report was approved as presented.

John Gardner reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Parade in Auburn on 9 November and the Veterans Day celebration at the Fairgrounds on 11 November.

The Christmas Party has been moved to 14 December at the Elks on Pine Road vice 7 December.

Don Bassler, Deterrent Park coordinator, reports he has only sold a couple of bricks and has extended the deadline to buy bricks until 15 Oct.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran commented on the good turnout for the meeting. He is trying to get a Medal of Honor recipient as a future speaker. He is always in need of speakers.

Nomination Chairman Dutch Kaiser reports the following members in good standing have been nominated for office:

Steve Corcoran Nominated for Commander and Vice Commander
James DeMott Nominated for Commander
Dennis Nardone Nominated for Treasurer
Wayne Peterson Nominated for Vice Commander and Chief of the Boat
Wayne Sieckowski Nominated for Secretary

Base member Dale McVey is working on a Base Facebook page.

John Clear and his motley crew then went up to the podium to claim the Traveling Dolphins. After a spirited discussion between John Clear and Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran the Traveling Dolphins were reluctantly turned over to the Olympic Base. Ed Ferris then gave a short, but very amusing sea story about a lady he encountered in his 89 years of travel in the world. Olympic Base member Dale Derricote gave inspiring comments on the submarine service and its veterans. He talked about the uniqueness of being a submariner.

Base member Joe Gavasso turned over his claxton to Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott adjourned the meeting at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary