



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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47 Members and guests enjoyed a complimentary breakfast provided by the base

Base Commander, Jim DeMott, called the February 15, 2014 meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. Westem Region Director, John Mansfield was in attendance along with Paul Christopherson a World War II Submarine Veteran.

New Members or perspective new members in attendance were Alan Hunter, Qual Boat USS Abraham Lincoln and David Hoeg a member of the USSVI Reno Base who has relocated to Bremerton.

Bremerton Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski was then sworn in by Cmdr. Jim DeMott.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott introduced Cris Larsen, a Local Comedian and Chairman of the Armed Forces Day Parade, as today's guest speaker. Cris gave a very entertaining talk about his life as a comedian and his 11 years as Chairman of the Armed Forces Day Parade. The Armed Forces Day parade will be the 3rd Saturday in May, 17 May 2014.

The minutes of the January meeting was approved as written.

The Base Treasurer reported there is \$75,435.28 in various accounts.

There are 285 Bremerton Base members as of the end of Feb.14, 2014.

Storekeeper, Ralph Harris hawked their wares. He has base coffee cups for sale.

John Gardner has Scholarship raffle tickets for sale. Applications for the 2014 scholarships are available at various local schools and on-line. Help is needed for the 2014 Dolphin Dash at Bangor in April 12, 2014.

Wayne Peterson, the base COB has the annual Base Picnic tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 20, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge RV shelter.

The Base vice Cmdr. reported on the new storage unit which was recently leased. He is always in need of guest speakers. He talked about Saturday morning meetings. He is planning on attending the National Convention in San Francisco in Sept. 2014.

Don Bassler the Base's webmaster and Deterrent Park Coordinator reports he has sold only 2 bricks for the May installation. He will always accept articles for the website.

World War II Sub Vet Paul Christopherson proposed the Holland Club do a Dolphin Dash at the Base Picnic. Holland Club Base Chairman will take the idea under advisement. Dick will also have to check the response time for an ambulance service to the Elks Picnic Area.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott thanked everyone for attending this breakfast meeting. He encourages everyone to participate in the various events and parades during the year.

John Norris won \$71 from the 50/50 raffle. He donated \$46.00 to the base fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sieckowski
Base Secretary