



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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

Opening observances were conducted. 36 Members and Western Region Director, John Mansfield was in attendance along with Paul Christopherson a World War II Submarine Veteran. Will Harvey transferred from the Tar Hill Base

Commander Jim also recognized four members who recently went on eternal patrol. They are: Bobby J Thomas, Robert "Robbie" Robertson, Shane Foraker and Erv Schmidt.

Life and Holland Club member TMCM(SS) John Norris (ret) gave a review of his Navy career along with detailed documentation. John served in the *Sterlet*, *Sargo*, *Greenfish*, *Andrew Jackson*, *Nathaniel Greene* and *Alexander Hamilton*. John served in *Alexander Hamilton* for 7 years and was the COB for later portion of his tour.

The minutes of the February meeting was approved with one correction.

The Base Treasurer reported there is \$75,966.81 in various accounts.

There are 274 Bremerton Base members as of the end of Feb. 2014.

Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris hawked his wares. He has base coffee cups for sale and he lowered the price.

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. He will take special orders from non-runners for Dolphin Dash T Shirts especially in sizes 2XL and above.

Wayne Peterson, the base COB reports the annual Base Picnic tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 20, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge RV shelter and the Christmas Party will be Saturday December 13, 2014 at the Elks.

The Base Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran reported he has completed the Audit of all base financial accounts and they were perfect. He appreciated all the help he had getting rid of the old fireworks stand. He also thanked everyone who attended Robbie Robinson's Funeral.

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.

Joe Hanisko was selected for OCS and will be leaving sometime this year.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott discussed the meeting hours. The E Board will vote on whether to go back to the Tuesday night meeting or keep the Saturday morning meeting. John Gardner spoke on behalf of returning to the Tuesday evening meeting for the summer months. The fireworks stand watchbill will be posted soon. Sign up early before all the time slots are taken.

Lunch today is Corn Beef and cabbage provided by Steve Corcoran and Wayne Peterson.

John Mansfield briefly discussed the mid-term meeting. He also announced he will not be running for reelection.

Fred Borgmann won \$50 from the 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sieckowski
Base Secretary