



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander, Jim DeMott, called the April 15, 2014 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. 32 Members and Western Region Director, John Mansfield was in attendance along with Paul Christopherson a World War II Submarine Veteran, Dan Crowther from USS Nebraska the host boat for the Enlisted Submarine Birthday Ball and Paul Williams a new member.

Kitsap Bluejackets Baseball Team owners Mr. & Mrs. Rick Smith were the guest speakers. Rick gave about a 30 minute review of the 9 year old semipro Bluejacket Baseball Team's history, the league and many details of the organization and their desire for us to interact with the team.

The team and league are made up of college students from around the country. The Bluejackets play a 58 game schedule from June 6th through August 10th; 28 Home games at the Kitsap Fairgrounds.

Fred Borgmann the base chaplain reported Frank Lester entered on eternal patrol. He also thanked Paul Christopherson for bringing the WWII Subvets copier to the National Office.

The minutes of the March meeting was approved as written.

The Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports there is \$76,602.13 in various accounts.

There are 270 Bremerton Base members as of the end of Mar. 2014.

Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris has a Submarine Cookbook along with his usual items for sale.

John Gardner has Scholarship raffle tickets for sale. Applications for the 2014 scholarships are available at various local schools and on-line and are required to be submitted NLT May 5. The Dolphin Dash grossed about \$1,900.00. The exact amount will be available after all the bills are paid. The Bremerton Armed Forces Parade will be May 17.

Puget Sounding's editor Dave Pittman would like all inputs by May 1.

Wayne Peterson, the base's COB reports the annual Base Picnic is 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.

Don Bassler the Base's webmaster and Deterrent Park Coordinator reports he has sold only 3 bricks for the May installation. He will always accept articles for the website. He also discussed how the base accumulated \$76,000.00 in the treasury.

Dick Litcher Holland Club Chairman says there will be an induction at this year's Tolling of the Boats at Keyport. See him if you are eligible and want to be inducted there.

Base Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran talked about attendance and he is always in need of speakers. He also encouraged everyone to be a speaker.

Mike Friend Fireworks Coordinator will have the watch bill out soon.

Dale McVey the Facebook coordinator reports he is updating the base's facebook page. He also finished his first marathon. Congratulations Dale.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott discussed the meeting hours. The fireworks stand watch bill will be posted soon. Sign up early before all the time slots are taken. We also need volunteers for the scholarship review committee. The next meeting will be May 20 at 1900.

John Mansfield briefly discussed the South Sound Base, nominations for National Awards, and the state of USSVI.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sieckowski
Base Secretary