



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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19 August 2014

Base Commander, Jim DeMott called the August 19, 2014 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted. There were 38 Members and guest along with WWII Submarine Veteran Paul Christopherson and Guest Speaker Bruce Harlow, Rear Admiral USN (Ret), and potential new member Marty Mallory.

Holland Club Chair Dick Litscher conducted the ceremony presenting inductees Shirley (Marty) Crutcher and Ron Lewis with their certificates and paraphernalia for their long standing (50 years), "qualified in submarines". Marty qualified in *Pickrel* and Ron in *Sargo* in 1964.

Bruce Harlow, Rear Admiral USN (Ret) gave a very educational short talk on his experience as a legal authority in creating a treaty with the Soviet Union during the Cold War. He gave all, credit for their submarine service during those times which showed our potential advisories a deterrent to be reckoned with. He closed with a short review of his experience in leadership establishing and ongoing help at the Navy Undersea Museum at Keyport which included an effort to obtain the Narwhal for the museum.

He was followed by Mike Loby, owner and operator of the Horse & Cow. He made a review of his family's ownership of the famous "Horse and Cow" and its newest location on 4th Street in Bremerton. He then provided schnapps for a toast to his Dad and Uncle for all in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written.

The Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports there is \$75,700.59 in various accounts.

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

Wayne Peterson, the base's COB reports we had a good turnout for the base picnic, and the Christmas Party will be Saturday December 13, 2014 at the Elks.

Sam Swenson the Float Coordinator thanked Dene Rodgers for pulling the float during the Tacoma Military Appreciation Parade.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris has Horse and Cow Tee Shirts for sale.

Puget Soundings Editor Dave Pittman says everyone should have received the newsletter. The on line version has more pages and information. If you did not receive your newsletter you should verify your info on the National Website.

Parade and Scholarship Chairman John Gardner reports the Base Float won the Best Military entry at the Fathom of Fun Parade and the judge's award at Whaling Days

Base Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran talked about the parades and thanked everyone who attended. He will be attending the National Convention in San Francisco and anyone who wants something discussed at the convention talk to him.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott discussed the meeting hours and tum out for the parades. The next meeting will be Sept 16 at 1900 this will be the last evening meeting of the year. The October General membership meeting will be Saturday October 18 at 1000. Jim also discussed the need for Fireworks Chairman. He also announced the 4000 Strategic Patrol Ceremony at Bangor. Anyone interested in attend should see him after the meeting.

Bonney an employee of the Horse and Cow won the 50/50 raffle and donated the winning to Subvets.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Sieckowski
Base Secretary