



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander Jim DeMott called the April 21, 2015 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

Dignitaries from other bases attending the meeting included Bob Bissonnette, Western Regional Director, and Dick Gonzales, Seattle Base Commander along with Seattle Base Member and Past National Commander Pat Householder and Base Member Dutch Krumpholz. South Sound Base Commander and Past Western Regional Director, John Mansfield with South Sound Base Member Mike Ellis.

Seattle Base Commander Dick Gonzalez accompanied by Seattle Base members Dutch Krompholz and Pat Householder captured the Traveling Dolphins from the Bremerton Base. Of course they were required to present tales of the past of their submarine experiences in order to capture the dolphins. Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran reluctantly turned over the Traveling Dolphins to the Seattle Base Representatives.

Western Regional Director and San Diego Base Commander Bob Bissonnette gave a review of his career in the Navy and the Arctic Submarine Lab in addition to his service to Subvets as a Base Commander, District Commander, WR Director and USSVI Photographer. He discussed the progress being made on a "new" national web site which will be "friendlier" to users. Also a method to pay dues via a web site may be in the future.

The minutes of the March 21, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$77,435.09 in various accounts. He also reports we have 271 members. The Treasurer's March 2015 report was approved as submitted.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris advertised his Shirts, Hats and many other items he has for sale.

Parade and Scholarship Chairman John Garner reports the Dolphin Dash was very successful. The Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade will be May 16 and the Bases Position in the Parade is E21. Scholarship applications close on May 5 and then the review process will begin.

Don Bassler Gertrude Check Webmaster and Deterrent Park Chairman reports Deterrent Park brick installation will be in mid-May. He will always accept article and or pictures for Gertrude Check.

Puget Sounding Editor Dave Pittman needs articles by April 30 for the upcoming edition.

Sam Swenson the Float Chairman reports the float is ready for the upcoming parade season. He also has the Fireworks Stand's Watch bill and encourages everyone to sign up before all the shifts are taken.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran completed his audit of the treasurer's books. All account checked out perfectly. He encouraged everyone to participate in the parades. They are a goodtime. He had a good time at the Dolphin Dash. He reminded attendees this is an election year and the Cmdr. And Vcmdr. cannot run for reelection. These positions will be open.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reminded attendees everyone is invited to participate in the parade including members from other bases. Base members Dene Rodgers and Bruce Loughridge are on the Binnacle List.

South Sound Cmdr. John Mansfield announced the Auburn's Veteran Day Parade will be Nov. 7.

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 19, 2015 1900 at the FRA.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary