



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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19 May 2015

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the May 19, 2015 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

World War II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson was in attendance.

The Chief of the Boat Wayne Peterson gave an excellent impromptu recap of his Navy career which encompassed joining the Navy in Denver to retiring at Bangor, Washington. He discussed his duty on various FBM and Trident Submarines.

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

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$81,784.83 in various accounts. He also reports we have 271 members. The Treasurer's April 2015 report was approved as submitted.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris advertised tonight was Shirt and Hat night and they were all on sale. Ralph presented WWII Veteran Paul Christofferson with a belt buckle and a camo hat. Paul thank everyone and expressed he was glad to be here.

Don Bassler Gertrude Check Webmaster and Deterrent Park Chairman reports Deterrent Park bricks were installed on Sunday. He discussed a letter he received about the need for a proper brow for Deterrent Park. He will discuss this with the E-Board. He will always accept article and or pictures for Gertrude Check.

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 there are many shifts available.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran encouraged everyone to participate in the parades. The next parade will be the Fathoms of Fun in Port Orchard on June 27. The base will lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown at Ivy Green Cemetery at 1300 on May 25. He is always in need of speakers for the General Membership meetings. The Traveling Dolphins are now in possession of the Seattle Base.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reminded attendees everyone is invited to participate in the parade including members from other bases. May 25 is Memorial Day and along with the ceremony at Ivy Green Cemetery there also will be one on the U.S.S. Turner Joy. At the General Membership meeting on June 16 we will present the scholarships. He stressed we are in need of contribution for the scholarship raffle. He always stressed how much fun the parades are and invited everyone to attend.

John Norris won \$40.00 in the 50/50 Raffles

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 16, 2015 1900 at the FRA.

Meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary