



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Vice Commander, Steve Corcoran, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

Possible new member, James Sipes, introduced himself.

The Vice Commander then introduced Jack James, Director of the USS Turner Joy Museum Ship. He explained that he was recruiting for volunteers. He told the membership about his military background which consisted of submarine duty and service with the Navy Seals. He went on to explain that volunteers were needed in all facets of the program he directs. Duties include work in the Museum Store, maintenance work aboard the ship, tour docents, assisting with guided tours dealing with ghosts, assisting with overnight stays, NJROTC tours and training, and working with the Sea Cadets who assist with the annual Memorial Day services. He provided flyers and forms about the volunteer programs.

Shipmate Don Floyd was introduced. Don told of military experiences including submarine FT duties, Navy reserves, National Guard and Army reserves. Because he qualified on USS Cusk (SS 348) in 1965, Don Floyd was then inducted into the Holland Club.

The minutes from the June 16th meeting and the financial report were approved as presented.

The membership is at 273 as of June 30th. Committee Chairman, Dennis Nardone, reminds everyone that the National dues are going up from \$20 to \$25 as of 1 January 2016.

Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, reported on his trip to the East Coast and showed off a few new items in the Ship's Store.

Float Manager, Sam Swenson, announced that the float is cleaned up and ready for the Silverdale Whaling Days parade.

COB, Wayne Peterson, invited the membership to the Base Picnic, Saturday, August 29 about 1100 hours. The picnic will be at the Bremerton Elks Lodge off of Pine Rd. The COB also provided hotdogs and fixings for those present at the meeting.

The Vice Commander commented that we need more voluntary participation at base functions and parades.

He announced that three National Scholarship awards had local affiliation: Nathan Parish (grandson of shipmate Dennis Wendt); Martha Durkee-Neuman (granddaughter of shipmate Al Durkee); and Joseph Wiltz (son of shipmate Steven Wiltz).

He invites the membership and their families to view the movie "Hunt for Red October" to be shown at the Dragonfly Theater in Port Orchard. Showtime is scheduled for 1830 hours, on Thursday, 13 August, with popcorn, soda, and candy included in the price of admission.

The Vice Commander then expressed his views on the base fireworks business. The project will be discussed at the 1 August E-board meeting at the FRA. He has strong opinions about the small rate of return for all of the work involved and the weak showing of volunteers.

There will be no August General Membership Meeting other than the brief business meeting conducted at the Base Picnic on August 29 at 1200.

The next scheduled General Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, 15 September 2015.

The 50/50 raffle of \$40 was won by John Layton. He donated \$25 of his winnings to the Scholarship Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2034 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Litscher
For Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski