



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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15 Sep. 2015

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

Opening observances were conducted.

South Sound Base Commander and Bremerton Base Member John Mansfield was in attendance.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott read the Citation for the Robert Link Award which was presented to Sam Swenson.

The minutes from the August 29 meeting were approved as presented.

The membership is at 269 as of Sept. 30th. Base Treasure, Dennis Nardone, reminds everyone that the National dues is going up from \$20 to \$25 as of 1 January 2016. The Base has \$80,507.29 in all accounts. Currently, the profits from the Calendar sale so far are \$2,358.07

COB, Wayne Peterson, announced the Christmas Party will be Dec. 12 at the Bremerton Elks Lodge off of Pine Rd.

Deterrent Park and Gertrude Check Chairperson Don Bassler has about 20 bricks to install on Oct. 24. Ray Pitts volunteered to help Don with the installation. Oct. 4 will be the drop dead date to order bricks for the October installation. Don will always accept pictures and articles for Gertrude-Check. He talked about the Arizona Silent Service Memorial and had a few donation flyers available.

John Gardner, Scholarship and Parades Chairperson, reminded everyone of the Auburn Veterans Day Parade on November 7, and Veterans Day at Kitsap County Fairgrounds on November 11.

Gary Kaiser, The Nominations and Elections Chairperson wants nominations for USSVI Bremerton Base elected offices in accordance with the base By-laws sent to: gekaiser@comcast.net.

Written nomination will close 30 days prior to the November meeting (Oct. 16). An opportunity to verbally nominate someone will occur at the November meeting.

The Base elections will be held at the November 2015 Meeting for the Offices: Commander, Vice Commander, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief of the Boat.

The E Board meeting will be held 0900 November 14 at FRA so as not to conflict with the Auburn Veterans Day Parade.

The Base Historian Bob Paul is working on the website adding base photos.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran reports his audit of the base's financial records is complete with no discrepancies.

Dene Rogers presented the base with a Best Float Trophy from the 1995 Whaling Days Parade.

John Mansfield, South Sound Base Cmdr. announced base will be closing after 13 years in existence. John will give his Ship Store items back to Ralph Harris. He also announced the Yakima Base was awarded Best Newsletter.

The next scheduled General Membership Meeting will be Saturday, 17 October 2015 at 1000 at FRA

The 50/50 raffle of 27.00 was won by Dennis Nardone. He donated \$25 of his winnings to the General Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski