



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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21 November 2015

Base Commander Jim DeMott called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

World War II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson was in attendance.

Cmdr. Jim DeMott introduced the evening's speaker, PSNS Pipe Shop Deputy Sup Timothy Meeson II, Tim, introduced his Dad, an Air Force vet., and his Son, a high school senior

Tim, with 20 years in the yard, told of his experience on the way to achieving his current supervisory level, with 900 employees under his leadership. Tim's positive, no bars held exuberance, almost hyper, has vaulted him beyond the normal level for a person his age.

Tim's employees' average age is 25. They have little experience, and management has brought retired employees back to train them. On the bright side, PSNS still stands a top the 4 nation's Navy shipyards

Nominations person, Dutch Kaiser called for nominations from the floor for any or all of the 5 elected base offices. No one took the opportunity, and those previous nominated members were all voted in unanimously, under a recent bylaws amendment permitting the raising of the hand by a majority of members present to approve the new officers for 2016. They are:

Commander - Steve Corcoran
Vice Commander - Douglas McKay
Secretary - Wayne Sieckowski
Treasurer - Dennis Nardone
Chief of the Boat - Wayne Peterson

IAW with the bylaws, Jim DeMott will serve as the 6th voting e-board member as Immediate Past Base Commander.

The 2016 officers will be sworn in at the January 16th, Sat morning meeting.

The minutes from the October 17 meeting were approved as presented.

The membership is at 269 as of Oct. 31 2015. Base Treasure, Dennis Nardone, reminds everyone that National dues are going up from \$20 to \$25 as of 1 January 2016. The Base has \$82,228.96 in all accounts.

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 next install will be in May 2016. 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.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann will not be available to do the shopping for the Retsil Veterans Home Christmas visit. He will turn the task over to Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski.

Sam Swenson the Float Chairman reports the float is in storage for the winter.

Dick Litscher Holland Club Chairman says there is 1 or 2 to be inducted at the Christmas Party.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris presented WWII Veteran Paul Christofferson a street sign 'Paul Ave'. Then Paul told a story about correcting a U. S. Marine who was disrespecting the flag.

Base Historian Bob Paul passed out the Base Brochures at Veteran Day at the Fairgrounds. He also is working on putting base pictures on Gertrude Check.

Vice Cmdr. Steve Corcoran needs 5 or 7 members to be on the 2016 Budget Committee. He thanked everyone who participated in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade.

Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott gave a detailed and informative review of his trip to San Diego to witness a routine DASO launch from USS Kentucky at the invitation of the ComSubGru9. He then talked about perks for the Base Commander.

Gary Kaiser, Base Officers Nomination Committee Chairman recommends at complete review of the By Laws.

The next E Board meeting will be held 0900 December 5 at FRA.

The next scheduled General Membership Meeting will be Saturday, 21 November 2015 at 1000 at FRA

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Base Secretary Wayne Sieckowski