



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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19 March 2016

Base Commander, Steve Corcoran called the March 19 2016 meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

WW II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson and World War II Veteran Hal Barker were in attendance

The first speaker was an active duty sailor STS1(SS) Gavin Stephens of the **Kitsap Bluejackets**. Gavin gave a brief overview of his Navy career which included duty on the USS Philadelphia (SSN-690), shore duty as a recruiter in Cleveland, OH and his current boat, USS Maine (SSBN 741). Gavin is the leading Sonar Technician.

The purpose of his visit was to inform the base that he will organize a Navy day special event for a Kitsap Blue Jackets semi-pro baseball team. The date of the game is a yet to be determined. He will keep us informed of his progress.

Second speaker was former Western Regional Director, District Commander and South Sound Base Commander John Mansfield .

John has volunteered to take on the base Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Program lead.

Local chapters (Bases) voluntarily do this by making these children Honorary Submariners; giving them Caring Attention, Honorary Submariner Kaps, Honorary Submariner Certificates, photos of Submarines signed by Sub Vets, K4K Wristbands, and K4K Temporary Tattoos during visits. John did a great job explaining this program. He quickly got 7 volunteers.

The minutes of the February 20, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$80,198.74 in various accounts. He also reports we have 258 members. The Treasurer's February 2016 report was approved as submitted.

The Tickets for the Scholarship Raffle will be in the mail March 26, 2016

Parade and Scholarship Chairman John Garner reports the Dolphin Dash will be April 9 at Bangor and he could use more help. If you want a Dolphin Dash sheet and need a 2xl or larger see him to special order it. The Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade will be May 21.

The Deterrent Park brick installation will be May 22.

The Submarine Birthday Ball will be April 2 at the Seattle Sheraton. Contact Steve Corcoran if you wish to attend.

Next meeting will be April 19, 2016 Tuesday 1900 at the FRA.

Respectfully submitted
Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary