



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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19 April 2016

Base Commander, Steve Corcoran called the April 19 2016 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

WW II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson was in attendance and gave a short talk about the Submarine Birthday Ball. New member **Gary Dillard** was introduced.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran introduced ex-Marine, Nick Archut, he assisted in diagnosing and making member Bud Berg comfortable, until the arrival of the 911 van, after his fall after the March meeting.

A presentation by guest speaker, Steve Talkington, current Vice President of FRA 29, about the Honor Flights to D.C for WWII Veterans that happen every year free of charge. This included a video showing flights and activities that were conducted in the recent past. Noted there are about 700,000 WWII vets alive, of the millions that served.

The minutes of the March 19, 2016 meeting were approved as corrected.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$79,759.65 in various accounts. He also reports we have 256 members. The Treasurer's March 2016 report was approved as submitted.

Past Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott says everyone should have received the Scholarship Raffle Tickets. If you didn't or need more contact him.

Parade and Scholarship Chairman John **Gardner** has Dolphin Dash Shirts for sale. The Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade will be May 21. John has started receiving Scholarship Applications.

Base Lifetime and Holland Club member, Jerry Drumm inducted Mike Weber and Bob Paul into the Holland Club.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris reports they made \$375.00 at TTF and John Mansfield was present at the meeting to autograph his book.

Puget Sounding Editor Dave Pitmann reports the deadline for submitting articles is 1 May.

Don Bassler, on 22 May will install 11 bricks. He will always accept articles for Gertrude Check.

Kap for Kids Chairperson John Mansfield reports he received Patches, coins and etc. from the National Coordinator. He then talked a little about the program. The first visit will be in the fall.

Vice Cmdr. Doug McKay thanked everyone who helped at the Dolphin Dash. He also has Author Rick Campbell as guest speaker for May.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran said we received a Thank You from the Chief of the Boat from the USS Washington SSN 787 thanking us for our donation. Steve reminded anyone who has made a Deterrent Patrol to contact Mary at Keyport. This year's Tolling of the Boats will be 26 May Deterrent Park on Bangor. There is a need for volunteers to work in the National Office.

Next meeting will be May 17, 2016 Tuesday 1900 at the FRA.

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary