



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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Base Commander, Steve Corcoran called the May 17, 2016 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

WW II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson, Asst. vice Cmdr. WD4 Jim DeMott and Author Rick Campbell were in attendance.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran introduced Author and Retired Navy Commander Rick Campbell. Rick gave a thorough review of his first, of three books, *THE TRIDENT DECEPTION*. He then gave a few hints on his latest, *ICE STATION NAUTILUS* which involves a US Submarine & a Russian Submarine collision under the North Pole ice cap and the recovery response. It will be on sale June 28th, with a Kick Off at the Silverdale Yacht Club Restaurant on July 10.

During the break hotdogs were provided by the base.

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

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of **\$84,901.12** in various accounts. He also reports we have 256 members. The Treasurer's April 2016 report was approved as submitted.

Parade and Scholarship Chairman John Gardner reminds everyone the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade will be May 21. He also reports Scholarship applications have been coming in and he needs a committee to review and grade them.

Bonefish Float Chairman Sam Swenson reports the float is ready for the upcoming season. He also reported Tommy Robinson is in the hospital.

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

Chief of the Boat Wayne Peterson reports the Base Picnic will be July 30 at the Bremerton's Elks Picnic area.

Vice Cmdr. Doug McKay thanked Rick Campbell for his presentation.

Past Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reminded everyone he still has raffle tickets available. You can get them from him or the National Office.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran reports this year's Tolling of the Boats will be at 1000 26 May at Deterrent Park on Bangor. There is a need for volunteers to work in the National Office. On Saturday 28 May, 6 unclaimed remains of Veterans will be escorted to Tahoma National Cemetery. This is the Run to Tahoma. On Memorial Day May 30 at 1300 the Base will present a wreath at the annual Memorial Day Observance at Ivy Green Cemetery. This week's Soup Down will be at Cashes Brewery in Old Town Silverdale.

Next meeting will be June 21, 2016 Tuesday 1900 at the FRA.

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary