



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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April 18, 2017

Base Commander Steve Corcoran called the April 18, 2017 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

WWII Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson, Western District 4 Cmdr. Al Durkee and Vice Western District 4 Cmdr. Jim DeMott were in attendance.

Western District 4 Cmdr. Al Durkee talked about the Liability Insurance Program is changing but he was not sure of the exact changes. He talked about the USS Thresher SSN 593 sinking on April 9, 1963. He remembered being at sea when President Kennedy was assassinated and the action taken and last but not least he remembers who he knew that now are on eternal patrol.

The minutes of the March 18, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$77,285.03 in various accounts. He also reports we have 257 members. The Treasurer's April 2017 reports were approved as submitted.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann reports Base Member Jerry Drum's wife is in a Nursing Home and seems to be doing better.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris advertised his wares and also reported that he and Gary Dutch Kaiser with their significant others attended the Submarine Birthday Ball and had a very goodtime.

Base Float Coordinator Sam Swenson reports the float is ready for the upcoming season.

Base Scholarship and Parades Chairman John Gardner reports the Armed Forces Day Parade will be May 20.

Deterrent Park Coordinator and Gertrude - Check Webmaster Don Bassler is planning on installing brick on May 28. He is always in need of articles for Gertrude-Check.

Puget Soundings editor Dave Pitmann reports the deadline for articles will be April 28 and he also volunteered to be the Facebook Coordinator.

Previous Base Cmdr. Jim DeMott reports the Scholarship raffle tickets have been mailed. If you need more they are available in the National Office. He reminded everyone if you are mailing more than 1 book then you will need to attach extra postage.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran is in the process of reviewing and updating the By-Laws.

The Basket raffle at the Fleet Reserve is in progress. The tickets are 6 for \$5.00.

Steve is looking for someone to take his place at the National Convention.

This year the Base Picnic will be held August 19 at the Bremerton Elks picnic area in conjunction with the Bremerton American Legion.

This is an election year and the Base needs volunteers for the election committee

The Scholarship Letter for donating businesses is available on Gertrude-Check..

This year's Tolling of the Boats will be May 25 at 1030 at Deterrent Park.

There will be Memorial Day services at Ivy Green Cemetery . The time will be published when known but plan on 1300 unless heard differently.

John Wardean won \$53.00 in the 50/50 raffle. He donated \$33.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Meeting was adjourned at 2000

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 16, at 1900 at the Bremerton FRA.

Respectfully submitted
Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary