



United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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May 16, 2017

Base Commander Steve Corcoran called the May 16, 2017 meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening observances were conducted.

WWII Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson, Vice Western District 4 Cmdr. Jim DeMott, Joe Gavasso, Secretary of Barbel Base in Yuma AZ., Dewey Reed and his wife visiting SubVets from Phoenix, AZ. were in attendance.

New member Pete Espiridion was introduced.

Base Cmdr. Steve Corcoran introduced Past FRA 29 President Otis Robinson, Sr., a former Navy Deep Sea Diver. Otis gave us a brief overview of his Navy career before presenting a "Man" Basket created by his wife, Annie Robinson (who was sick and could not be present) who put it together for the Base raffle. Chief of the Boat Wayne Peterson's name was drawn as the winner by Otis.

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

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reports we have a total of \$80,436.51 in various accounts. He also reports we have 258 members. The Treasurer's May 2017 reports were approved as submitted.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann reports Base Member Jerry Drumm's wife is in a Nursing Home and seems to be doing better. He also mailed the Eternal Patrol Certificate to Kay Hollis.

Base Storekeeper Ralph Harris advertised his wares.

Base Float Coordinator Sam Swenson reports the float is ready for the Armed Forces Parade on May 20. We will be in Position B4.

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.

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.

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

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.

Steve is planning on making a trip to attend the Yakima's Base meeting on June 10 to retrieve the traveling dolphins.

Base Lifetime Member Jerry Drumm discussed making an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Peninsula High raised \$6,000.00 and enabled 6 Veterans to go on the Honor Flight. Jerry was very impressed with the flight and program.

John Norris won \$65.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at 2000

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 20, at 1900 at the Bremerton FRA.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary