



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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20 October 2018

Base Commander, Steve Corcoran, called the meeting to order at 1000 hours at the Fleet Reserve Home in Bremerton, WA.

Opening observances were conducted.

Members attending included:

WWII submarine veteran Paul Christofferson

WD4 Commander James DeMott

New Members

Eric Antoine – qualified USS Greenling (SSN 614) 1987

Drake Evans – qualified USS Tinosa (SSN 614) 1968

Zackary Jeter – qualified USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) 2011

Bremerton Base Holland Club Commander, Dick Litscher, welcomed new members to the Holland Club. They are:

Al Wilkins qualified in USS Skate (SSN 578) 1960

Drake Evans qualified in USS Tinosa (SSN 606) 1968

The Base Commander introduced Pete Batcheller Cmdr. USN retired as the guest speaker.

The commander regaled us with details of the F8 Crusader aircraft and many stories of flights and Aircraft carriers.

The meeting continued

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer report was approved as presented.

The Base membership is at 270 as of 9/30/18.

Sam Swenson, Base Float Director, will have the float ready for Veterans Day weekend festivities.

Dave Pittman, Puget **Soundings** Editor-in-Chief, reminds members that pictures should be submitted in the Largest sizes so that he can adjust them to fit the space to be used. Also, he reminds members that the deadline for the next issue is 1 November.

John Gardner invited the membership to participate in Veterans Day activities. The Base and float are Scheduled to be in the Auburn, WA, Veterans Day parade Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 1000 hours.

The local Veterans Day program is scheduled for the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Sunday, November 12, 2018 at 1100 hours.

WD4 Commander, Jim DeMott, is leaving after the Auburn Parade to head to Yakima Base for their Parade on November 11 and attend the Base meeting. He has room for three other Bremerton Base members to ride along if they like.

Base Commander Comments:

Steve, Jim DeMott, Dutch Kaiser, and Ralph Harris traveled to a Rogue-Umpqua Base meeting in Southern Oregon. They proceeded to capture the Traveling Dolphins and returned them back to Bremerton Base. A good time was had by all at the September 28 meeting.

A new book, "Poopy Suits and Cowboy Boots", is on sale with the proceeds being donated to the USSVI Charitable Fund. Members attending the meeting voiced willingness to buy the book if we had some on sale. Signed books will be ordered soon.

A reminder that the Base Christmas Party will be at the Elks Lodge, Saturday, December 15, 2018.

The next General membership meeting will be Saturday November 17, 2018

Minutes were taken by Holland Club Chairman Dick Litscher

Submitted by Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary