



# United States Submarine Veterans Bremerton Base

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October 19, 2019

Base Vice Commander Don Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1003 hours at the Bremerton FRA

Opening observances were conducted.

World War II Submarine Veteran Paul Christofferson spoke

Western District 4 Cmdr. Jim DeMott is in attendance.

John Gardener made a presentation covering his attendance at the 2019 USSVI National Convention in Austin, Texas

The minutes of the September 2019 were accepted as written.

Base Treasurer Dennis Nardone reported we have \$65,19.52 in various accounts. The base has 269 members.

Base Chaplin Fred Borgmann reported Capt. Bobby Baker has died. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery

Bear Stiffey has created four new Base Hats. They are available at \$12/each. One is donated for the 50/50 drawing.

Dave Pittman - Submission cutoff for soundings is 01 November. Please make sure that all photographs are not fuzzy.

Don Bassler reported that the cutoff date for Deterrent Park bricks is 10/27. The bricks will be installed on 11/7. Please visit [Gertrude-check.org](http://Gertrude-check.org)

John Gardner reported that the last TTF day netted \$250. The Veterans day event at the Kitsap Pavillion is at 0900. If you would like to help him set up, please let him know.

COB Wayne Peterson reminded members that he is collecting money for the Christmas party (12/21). The cost is \$20/person and can be paid to the National Office. The February Meeting will be moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February due to a scheduling conflict at the Elks Club.

Vice Commander Don Carpenter reminded members of the Auburn Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November. Also "seconds" are needed for various Base posts/officers. Please consider volunteering to be a second. Please recruit new members. The Base depends upon the lifeblood of new members. The Base is

accepting any and all ideas and suggesting regarding the Float. Paul Christofferson suggested that a new float contain elements of the modern Nuclear Boats.

District Cmdr. Jim DeMott ask everyone to verify their name on the USSVI website. He reminded members to get their dues in. He reminded members that 0930 is the muster time for the Auburn Parade next month.

Fred Borgman has been in contact with Pinecrest Elementary School. They have requested the Float for their Veterans Celebration in November. As per COB, more information is required before a commitment can be made. Fred will contact the school to obtain further information.

Chief **Kleiner** announced that the USS Pittsburgh decommissioning ceremony will be on 1/10 at 1100 at the Keyport Museum.

Next meeting is Saturday November 16 at FRA. The guest speaker will be Representative Derek Kilmer

Submitted

For Wayne Sieckowski, Base Secretary

By Dave Bowman, Base Member