

## Minutes of the meeting conducted 01/15/08.

The Bremerton Base Commander, Don Bassler, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- New members and guests were introduced. Guests Page Ollice and his mother, Marianna; new attendees John Perkins and Art Thigpen; and WD4 Commander, Bud Berg were included in the introductions.
- The Western District 4 Commander then presented Page Ollice with USSVI certificate of accomplishment in completing all qualifications for Eagle Scout.
- Bill Lightfoot was introduced. He is a self-made marine historian. His presentation was centered on submarines made in the Puget Sound Area. His photographs and stories were very interesting considering that most such submarines were very early 1900s.
- The meeting resumed with word that shipmate Bill Hipp was recovering from a bout with pneumonia and shipmate Dave Landerman was recovering from a double bypass heart operation.
- The Base has received a thank you note for our contribution to the Lone Sailor Statue project. We have received a request and it was approved to donate \$200 to the District VFW van replacement fund. The membership was encouraged to donate to the Caring Clowns International organization for their work with children in need of medical care in South America and Vietnam.
- The Treasurer reports assets over \$75,512. Dutch Kaiser as Membership Chairman also reports that Bremerton Base has 296 members with 34 not having renewed their annual memberships.
- Storekeeper, Tommy Robinson, has linked a website to the Gertrude Check weekly news letter. He has a good assortment of pins, patches, and hats for sale.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, asks that all ideas, pictures, and articles for the next edition be submitted to him by February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bob Webster, reports that raffle tickets are ready for mailing. He expects to sell tickets at Bangor in the March to May timeframe. TTF Command Master Chief Scott Fusco will assist with the arrangements. A letter of introduction is available to solicit raffle prizes from local businesses. Applications for scholarships are also available from the committee.
- Shipmate Jim Demott, will work on a new Base website which will link to the National website and follow their guidelines. This will eventually replace the independent, stand alone website which has been maintained by Don Smith for all the previous years.
- Holland Club Coordinator, Dave Davenport, reports that there are nine candidates for induction in 2008.
- Bud Berg announced that he and his wife, associate member Mary Berg, attended to getting \$800 in gifts to the needy family selected this past Holiday season.
- The Holiday Party was well received by 80 of our members last month.
- The USS Bonefish float coordinator, Sam Swenson, reports that he has pipe available to use for stanchions for the safety lines on board. He is still waiting for a demonstration of a PA system that may be purchased.
- Associate member Dee Bassler has agreed to become the Base Historian. People with information and or pictures should contact her to have them properly filed and maintained.
- The next meeting will be a brunch at the Fleet Reserve Association Home on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1030 hours. Shipmate Ed Jones will discuss Navy wives experiences especially concerning submarines.
- Shipmate Jerry Peeling invites the membership to help him celebrate a birthday June 13.  
The 50/50 raffle winner was Dee Bassler (\$39) who then donated the winnings to the Scholarship Fund.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.