

Minutes of the meeting conducted 01/20/09.

The Bremerton Base Vice Commander, Bob Webster, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Twenty four members were in attendance.
- Guest Stan Everett gave a presentation on his World War II days as a paratrooper at the Battle of the Bulge and his capture by the German soldiers. He talked of his days in captivity and the ordeals of getting to France after the guards disappeared ahead of the Russian army.
- The minutes were summarized and approved.
- Base Treasurer, Dutch Kaiser, reported \$69,119 in assets.
- Base membership is at 309 with 28 of those not having paid 2009 dues.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has set 18 February as the next deadline for pictures and ideas for articles.
- Scholarship Chairman, Bob Webster, states that the raffle tickets have been sent to the membership and he has about twenty of those turned in. Extra tickets and letters of introduction are at the National Office in Silverdale for anyone needing extras.
- National Office Manager, Fred Borgmann, states that the volunteers are tracking 13,362 members with 1,625 not paying 2009 dues. The number of non-paying dues members is going down on a daily basis as checks are being received at the office.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, reported that we received \$464 passing the hat at the Holiday Party. The Base added \$414. There were some gifts donated at the Party plus the presents, prizes, gift cards etc. that he bought with the donations. All were delivered to Retsil Veterans Home by Shipmate Fred and his son in the son's 4-wheel drive in the deep snow of December 19. The Chaplain then read a letter of thanks and appreciation we received from the Home Administrator.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, stated that there were 83 members and guests at the Holiday Party.
- Holland Club Commander, "Dave" Davenport, has ten new inductees to the Holland Club for 2009. One, Fred Borgmann, has requested that he be inducted at the National Convention in San Diego during the Holland Club breakfast.
- John Gardner reports that the USS John Adams (SSBN620) graduating class at TTF is a go for 27 January. There will be a USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN617) class in March and a USS James Monroe (SSBN622) class in April. He is looking for volunteers for participants in the graduation ceremonies.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Bobby Baker (\$31) which was donated to the scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.