

Minutes of the meeting conducted 10/20/09.

The Bremerton Base Commander, Dave Niemy, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

- Opening observances were conducted. 34 members signed the roster list.
- The Base Commander then gave a presentation on how he went from Pennsylvania farm boy to a mighty MT1(SS) serving on the USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN 658). There was an entertaining slideshow that shipmate Dave gave about his rise to power. Pictures included shipmates he served with and places that the ship took him including Hawaii, South Carolina, and Scotland.
- The meeting was called back to order with the reading of the minutes. There was a correction on the preferred name of new member Admiral Frank Caldwell vice Admiral James Caldwell. The minutes were approved as corrected.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, reported that there are \$13,811.38 in liquid assets and \$51,338.45 in money market and CD accounts for the Life Fund and Scholarship Fund. A list and value of physical assets such as the float, PA system, banners, etc. is being generated. Those additional assets bring the total worth of Bremerton Base to approximately \$78,240. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- It was announced that shipmate John Gardner has volunteered and approved to be the Scholarship Committee Chairman. He asks that volunteers come to see him for various jobs within the committee. The raffle program will begin at the start of the new year.
- Shipmate Gardner then reported on the TTF school graduations. The USS Nathan Hale (SSBN 623) class will be at 1400 22 October. The USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) class will be at 1130 on 30 October. The USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628) will be in December.
- Base event scheduler, John Gardner, invites the membership to participate in the Auburn Veterans Day parade. Members of other Puget Sound USSVI bases will be in attendance led by the USSVI WWII veterans. Members are also asked to participate in the Kitsap County Veterans Day observances. Bremerton Base will have a presentation booth and the USS Bonefish (SS 223) float at the county fairgrounds. The program is scheduled to start at 1000 hours.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has set 22 October as the cutoff date for the next issue. He is still looking for a replacement. The Base Commander suggests that a volunteer accept a temporary position as Assistant Editor-in-Chief to learn work required to put out the newsletter. Shipmate Swenson reports that he and shipmate Dutch Kaiser are working on making models of the bridge guns for the USS Bonefish float.
- Shipmate Sam Swenson will continue as the fireworks stand coordinator. The E-board has approved the project for 2010. Any member wishing to help him or relieve him of the job should talk to him after the meeting.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, showed off T-shirts for sale and announced that he has new hats, jackets, pins, patches and belts. See his display after the meeting.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, reports that the Holiday Party is scheduled for 5 December. The event is at the Bremerton Elks lodge beginning with cocktails at noon followed by a lunch buffet at 1300. A Holland Club induction will be conducted after lunch. Cost is \$33.00 per couple prior to 20 November and \$40 per couple at the door.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, reports that Bremerton Base has 300 members. There are currently 55 annual dues payers owing 2010 national and base dues. They all have been notified and follow-up communication is pending. The membership is reminded to continue with their recruiting efforts for new members.
- The Base Commander reports that the E-Board is working towards a budget for next year and is also in the process of producing meaningful financial reports.
- Shipmate Sam Swenson will be our liaison with the PACNORWESTCPOA while Dene Rogers is going south.
- The membership asks that the E-Board consider accepting scholarship applications from students attending or planning to attend a trade school/culinary school.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Jim Smith (\$43.50) and was donated to the Scholarship Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.