

Minutes of the meeting conducted 10/21/08.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- 28 members were in attendance. Western District 4 Commander, Bud Berg, was present. New TTF Command Master Chief and Groton Base USSVI member, Vic Smith, introduced himself.
- The Base Commander then reported that shipmate Bruce Lougheridge was at the Bremerton Health and Recovery Center. He enjoys visits from Base members and appreciates our prayers.
- The minutes of the September meeting were summarized and approved.
- The Commanding Officer of USS Ohio (SSGN 726 Blue), Captain Christopher Ratliff, invites the membership to attend his change of command ceremony. The event is scheduled for 6 November at 1400 hours at the Keyport Museum. COMSUBPAC, RDML Giardina, is expected to attend.
- Base Treasurer, Dutch Kaiser, reports that we have \$69,427 in assets.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, reports that we have 299 paid up members.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, announces that his shop is open and he has a wide selection of pins, patches, hats and shirts.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has a deadline set for tomorrow, October 22. This is a first-time printing with Minute Man Express a new printer.
- The USS Bonefish Float Coordinator, Sam Swenson, is setting up a new display which gives some history and background about the USS Bonefish and the float. When the float is used as a stationary display, the information will be set up on an easel near the float.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bob Webster, is recovering from surgery but reports that shipmate John Hertzberg has donated \$1,000 to the fund.
- Holland Club Chairman, Dave Davenport, is ready for the Holiday Luncheon Induction Ceremony.
- Fireworks Stand Chairman, Krystal Hudspeth, reports that she is in contact with the company and expects a smooth transition from the previous chairman. All plans are tracking.
- TTF Graduation Coordinator, John Gardner, reports that there will be three radioman class graduations in the next three months. The USS Thomas Jefferson (SSBN 618) class graduates 8 November; the USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) graduates 8 December; and the USS John Adams (SSBN 620) graduates January 2009. Any member having served on the listed subs is encouraged to participate in the graduation programs.
- The Lone Sailor statue has been placed at the Bremerton Marina. The dedication is scheduled for sometime during spring of 2009.
- The Kitsap Military Fall Festival was well received at the Kitsap Pavilion on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The members participating in this years' event suggest that the Base should continue in the program.

- The Blue Star Banner commemorating our shipmate John Perkins is still in the planning stages.
- The Auburn Veterans Day parade on Saturday, 8 November, is one of the best on the West Coast. Shipmate Lon Redman has volunteered to tow the USS Bonefish float. The membership is encouraged to participate. Carpooling will begin at the parking lot at the National Office around 0815 hours. Others driving directly to Auburn should meet at the parking lot by 0930 hours.
- The Kitsap County Veterans Day program will be at the fairgrounds on November 11. The doors open at 0930 and our float and a table presentation will be there. The ceremony starts at 1030 hours.
- The annual Holiday Luncheon and Holland Club Induction is ready to go at the Bremerton Elks Lodge on Pine Road, Saturday, December 13 at noon. The membership is encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible by contacting COB, Hank Hollis, and paying the \$33 per couple fee. After December 5, the reserved price ticket is \$40 per couple.
- Dolphin Dash Coordinator, John Gardner, has set up to run at the Bangor SubBase on Saturday, April 11.
- Western District 4 Commander, Bud Berg, is setting up a joint Northwest USSV WWII Regional and USSVI WD4 District meeting for late May 2009 in Kitsap County.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, is asking for alternative ideas to help needy families during the Holiday season. He states that previous efforts to locate a needy submarine community family through base chaplains and command master chiefs have not been forthcoming. Contributions to local food banks or the Bellringer program are ideas being discussed if a submarine family cannot be located.
- The membership is reminded to reserve a hotel room early for the 2009 National Convention in San Diego, CA.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Krystal Hudspeth (\$32).

The meeting was adjourned at 1955hours.