

Minutes of the meeting conducted 05/18/10.

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

- Opening observances were conducted. 28 members signed the roster including USSVI National Commander, Patrick Householder, and USSVI Western District 4 Commander, John Mansfield.
- The Base Commander called on Holland Club Chairman, Dave Davenport to induct Bremerton Base member, Neil Wollam, into the Holland Club. Shipmate Davenport provided a brief biography of shipmate Wollam's Navy career. USSVI Commander, Patrick Householder, presented the new inductee with a certificate of membership into the Holland Club. WD4 Commander, John Mansfield, presented him with the Holland Club patch and pin. After a few remarks by the National Commander and the WD4 Commander, shipmate Wollam discussed his career from reporting aboard USS Rasher (SS 269) in 1959 to making Warrant Officer while on USS Vallejo (SSBN 658) and on to LDO and various submarine and nuclear repair activities.
- The meeting resumed after a brief recess.
- The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, announced that the Base has over \$69,700 in financial assets. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, reports over \$5,400 in raffle tickets and donations. He hopes to turn in over \$1,000 after all late sales of race shirts are tallied from the Dolphin Dash. The Base has received 23 scholarship applications, which will be judged by the committee this week.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, states that the Base has 286 paid up members. The roster includes 66 annual dues paying members and 12 associate members.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, announced the passing of shipmate Loren Nyland.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has more belt buckles in the inventory as well as new western cowboy type hats to bolster his ample selection of baseball and bucket style hats.
- Shipmate, John Gardner, invites the membership to participate in the Bainbridge Island July 4 parade and the Silverdale Whaling Days parade, July 24.
- There will be an induction ceremony for three inductees into the Holland Club at the Base picnic. The picnic is at Illahee State Park on Saturday, July 17.
- The Deterrent Brick sales are happening. Contact Wayne Sieckowski.
- The COB, Hank Hollis, invites the membership to the annual Base Picnic. Officer swearing-in usually occurs at 1200 hours. Attendees are encouraged to bring a beverage of choice and possibly provide a side dish or desert to be shared.
- Base Commander comments: The Base Booster Club, which acknowledges member contributions in deed and money, is working. The Base is setting up

an information and recruiting table in the lobby of Trident Training Facility and the membership is invited to participate on the first Wednesday of the month between 1100 and 1300 hours. The USS Bonefish (SS 223) float and the help of the TTF contingent won the Armed Forces Day parade Mayor's Trophy. A letter will be sent to the TTF CO thanking the SUB School class for their participation, spirit, and professionalism while in the parade. Plaques and submarine memorabilia are requested from the membership to be gathered and subsequently sold over the Internet. The membership is asked to write down the many sea stories they have and place them in a binder that the Base will provide. The book will be considered as the No-shitter Log. There will be the annual Tolling of the Boats ceremony on Thursday, May 27, at the Keyport Museum. The membership is invited to attend flag disposal ceremonies on Flag Day, June 14, at TTF and/or FRA.

- Shipmate Jim DeMott is getting married at the Retsil Chapel, Saturday, June 26, at 1500 hours. The membership is invited to attend.
- The 50/50 raffle (\$41) was won by Don Pennington and donated to the scholarship fund. John Mansfield won a hat, which the Base Storekeeper donated.
- The membership was invited to remain after the meeting to observe a patriotic presentation given by shipmate Greg Fessler's granddaughter, Justine.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.