

Minutes of the meeting conducted 05/19/09.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Over 34 members and guests were present. Western Regional Director, Jim Dunn, was introduced. Several other visiting USSVI members were in the area for the upcoming WD4/WWII conference. FRA Branch 29 Vice President, Frank Duncan, was also in attendance.
- Naval Base Kitsap Commanding Officer, Captain Mark Olson, was introduced. He gave an informative presentation on the size of his command including acreage, types of commands within NBK, and an idea on where he fits in among the other military installations in the area. His answers to questions were quite informative as well.
- The membership is invited to the dedication of the Lonesome Sailor statue at the Bremerton Marina, Saturday, at 1400 hours. USSVI National Commander, Pat Householder, sent a thank you to the Base for the donation to the Al Packard Memorial Scholarship program.
- Base Treasurer, Dutch Kaiser, reports that the Base has \$79,257 dollars in assets. The WD4 conference registration money is included in this figure.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, announced that the Base has 295 paid up members.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has some of his merchandise present for view and purchase. Most of his inventory at the present time is set up at the conference hotel.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, wants pictures and articles submitted by June 19.
- The USS Bonefish (SS 223) float was a hit at the recent Armed Forces Day parade. Float coordinator, Sam Swenson, states that the float will be at the WD4 conference hotel and will be at the Whaling Days parade in Silverdale this July.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bob Webster, has received \$7,290 from raffle ticket sales and donations. There have been 21 scholarship applications received. Fourteen are first-time applicants and the other seven have submitted applications in the past. The selection process begins Friday and the winners announced early next week. Presentations will be done at the next meeting June 16.
- There is no new news from Holland Club Chairman, Dave Davenport.
- Shipmate John Gardner reports that the next TTF ET/RM subschool class the USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN 624) will graduate in July. Members having served aboard the Wilson or any interested USSVI members are invited to participate.
- WD4 Conference coordinator, Don Bassler, reports that we have received approximately 125 registration requests. Registration begins tomorrow at 1100 hours. There is a meet and greet party beginning at 1645 hours. The submarine tour on Thursday is limited to one bus load of 36 participants. All hands are invited to attend the annual tolling-of-the-boats ceremony at the Keyport Museum on Friday.

- Deterrent Park chairman, Tom Roper, has reported to the Base Commander that the transfer is progressing and that he is working on new brick applications and is ready to begin a new promotions program.
- Shipmate Sam Swenson has the fireworks stand watchbill. Members are asked to sign up for a four-hour shift to sell the fireworks beginning June 28 through July 4. Help is also needed putting up and tearing down the stand and product loading and unloading.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, is ready to set up the Annual Base Picnic at Illahee State Park. Saturday, July 18, with officer installation about noon followed with hamburgers and hotdogs. Just bring something to drink and a side dish which can be shared by all attendees. The site is the last picnic shelter on the loop road which winds around the park.
- The Base Nominating Committee is still looking for a candidate for Base Commander.
- The Base Commander will be submitting an application to participate in the Bainbridge Island July 4 parade commencing at 1300 hours. Those members not selling fireworks are asked to attend.
- The 50/50 drawing was by Phil McGaughey (\$47).

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.