

Minutes of the meeting conducted 05/20/08.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Guests and new attendees were introduced. Sean Bittner, and Sunny Chabra along with WD4 Commander, Bud Berg, were among the 25 members attending.
- Shipmate John Clear gave a very interesting and fun history of diesel boats. He has pictures of each sub in numerical hull number order. He has copied all WWII patrol reports from microfiche to CDs and has copyright protected them. He and his partner, Dan Martini, now have them available to the public.
- The meeting resumed at 1930 hours.
- Base Treasurer and Membership Chairman, Dutch Kaiser, reported that we have \$79,435 in assets before we pay out the 2008 scholarships. We now have 293 members.
- Base Storekeeper, Tommy Robinson, reports that business has slowed a little but he continues to turn in profits each month. He has a lot of pins, patches, caps, and vests. Check out his link at the base website.
- The Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief as set June 15 as the next newsletter's deadline for pictures and articles.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bob Webster, has over \$7,600 in donations and ticket sales. Gift certificates for raffle prizes are still coming in. There are 36 applications for scholarships and the selection committee has been meeting today and will finish up tomorrow, 21 May.
- Reports of the Enlisted Submarine Ball were of fun with probably 900 attendees.
- Shipmates attending the Submariners of Canada gathering in Victoria were greatly impressed with the parade, ceremonies and party. All had a good time.
- The USS Thomas Edison sub school class has graduated at TTF and the next class will be the USS John Marshall. Anyone having served aboard or wanting to participate June 17, contact John Gardner.
- The Armed Forces Day parade was a success. This was the first time the USS Bonefish float was rigged out with new pennants and new sound system. The next parade will be the Whaling Days in Silverdale on July 26. We will need a truck and driver to tow the float.
- The Tolling of the Boats ceremony is scheduled for the Keyport Museum on Friday, May 26. The float and sound system will be there.
- The Western District 4 Commander, Bud Berg, will be attending the USSVIWII Regional Convention in Butte, Montana. He will be proposing that Bremerton Base host a combined USSVI District and WWII Regional convention next year.
- There is a USSVI Opportunity raffle in progress. Tickets are \$10 each with \$5 going to the Base and the other half going to National. The drawing will be held at the National Convention in September. See the Base Commander or Bud Berg for tickets.

- The membership is reminded that the 2008 National Convention is in Fort Worth, Texas, during the first week in September. There are only about 800 people signed up so far.
- The Base has agreed to sponsor a Blue Star Banner if an appropriate candidate comes along. We would like to sponsor a local Navy member currently serving over seas.
- Nominations are open for Base Officers. All serving officers have volunteered to continue in the same office if elected. Nominations will stay open until elections on June 17.
- The Western Region Director and all Western District Commanders are also up for election. Bud Berg has agreed to be nominated for WD4 commander.
- Fireworks Chairman, Joe Gavasso, is planning to put the stand up on June 20. Shipmate Sam Swenson's son has agreed to apply a new coat of paint. The supplies will be delivered sometime between June 22 and June 24. The stand will open for sales June 28 and go through July 4. A lot of help is needed for all occasions. Night security duty is needed for the whole time that the stand is up. We will get some help from the PACNORWESTCPOA.
- COB, Hank Hollis, has arranged the Holiday Party to be held Saturday, December 13, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge. Cocktails at noon and ceremony and lunch at 1300 hours.
- Recruiters for USSVI are needed for TTF on June 6 at 1130 hours.
- We may get a request to assist in the Bangor SubBase DC Olympics in August again this year.
- The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Dee Bassler (\$34) and returned to the scholarship fund..

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.