

Minutes of the meeting conducted 08/18/09.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- 27 members plus guests were present. USSVI Western District 4 Commander, John Mansfield was in attendance. Mike Gamble a possible new member was introduced.
- National Scholarship recipient, Joseph McNutt, was presented a \$950 check by the WD4 Commander.
- Dave Davenport was asked to provide some information about himself and some of his Navy experiences. The membership is asked to sign up for a meeting so that they might tell of some of their submarine adventures.
- There was no meeting in July. The reading of the minutes was dismissed.
- The Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, gave an in-depth report. The Base has assets of \$64,405.43. The report was approved unanimously.
- The Base Membership is at 295 paid up members.
- The Base Commander listed the Standing Committees with their required members and asked the attending membership to volunteer to fill vacant positions.
- Base Chaplain, Fred Borgmann, reports that cards had been sent to families of deceased members Jack Webb and Bob Waters.
- Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, gave a detailed report on expenses of the Puget Soundings newsletter. He is going to have the newsletter produced in a lighter weight paper which will cut costs for each printing. He is also trying to get the membership to accept the newsletter via e-mail which will reduce costs of sending via snail-mail.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, has more t-shirts, patches, pins, and hats.
- Parade Coordinator, John Gardner, announced that the next event will be the Auburn Veterans Day parade, November 7.
- John is also asking for volunteers who served aboard USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) to be present at the TTF graduation November 2.
- Shipmate Gardner announced that the Submarine Birthday run will be April 10, 2010 and will commemorate the first submarine launching of a Polaris missile.
- The Holiday Luncheon will be at the Bremerton Elks lodge on Saturday, December 5.
- USS Bonefish (SS 223) float coordinator, Sam Swenson, will attempt to make replicas of bridge mounted guns for the float. If that goes well, he will try to put railings around the bridge.
- Communications included: thank you note from scholarship award winner, Ariel Hay; a thank you note and \$100 donation from the USS James Madison (SSBN 627) reunion committee for use of the float and bell; an invite to the Change of Command at TTF.
- The only unfinished business was the listing of scholarship raffle winners. This list will be posted annually as requested.
- Under new business, the Base is waiting for a request for support of activities for the port visit of USS Bremerton (SSN 698) at the end of the month.
- Barbel Base Commander, Joe Gavasso, invited the membership to attend a meeting and or a parade if they visit the Yuma area this next fall and winter.
- The WD4 Commander reported on the activities of bases he has recently visited. Included were the Blueback Base, Seattle Base, and South Sound Base.
- Bremerton Base member, John Perkins, announced that he was in receipt of IA orders to Iraq. He expects his training to begin in October for deployment in January.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Dave Niemy (\$33) which was donated to the Base General Fund.
- A \$50 gift card was returned from a Scholarship Raffle winner and was auctioned off at the close of the meeting. Shipmate Al Durkee, also of Barbel Base, won the gift card with a bid of \$50 which was turned over to the scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.