

Minutes of the meeting conducted 08/19/08.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- Western District 4 Commander, Bud Berg, was in attendance with 27 other members.
- The Base Commander presented Malea Martin, daughter of member Jim Martin, with a National Scholarship check of \$950. Malea thanked the attending members for the work they do to provide scholarship funds for the use of members' families.
- The Base Commander then introduced the Commanding Officer of the IMF PACNORWEST, Captain Jim Stone. The Captain is a member of USSVI at Groton. He gave a presentation of the scope of his command and duties. He closed with a pitch that we could be helping recruiters finding top-of-the-line young people to join the military.
- We have received a letter of resignation from the Base Chaplain, Bill Hipp, -- shipmate Fred Borgmann has agreed to fill the rest of the term. The Base Storekeeper, Tommy Robinson is in the process of turning over his duties to Ralph Harris. We have received a thank you letters from scholarship winners, Kelly McColl and Janna Matthews. The Scholarship Raffle first prize winner, William Hutterman, returned \$300 of the \$500 he won to the scholarship fund. National Commander, Tom Conlon and National Junior Vice Commander, Pat Householder, sent letters thanking Bremerton Base for the \$1,250 contribution to the National Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund.
- The minutes of the June meeting were summarized and approved.
- The Base Treasurer, Dutch Kaiser, reports that we have assets over \$69,900. We have recently received a supplemental check of approximately \$1,600 from the fireworks provider. As the Base Membership Committee Chairman, he also reports that our membership is at 295 members.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, reports that he is recovering from cancer treatments and that the prognosis is good. The Holiday Party is scheduled for the Bremerton Elks Lodge on Saturday, December 13, starting about noon. In order to get the best count of possible attendees, the Base will charge \$33 a couple for advanced reservations and \$40 per couple at the door.
- Relieving Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, announced that he has set up shop as usual and members are invited to check out the displayed material after the meeting.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, is putting the newsletter together now and any new ideas or pictures should be in to him by 1800 hours tomorrow (August 20).
- The National Office Manager, Fred Borgmann, says that the volunteer office workers are tracking 12,548 national members. The national elections are in progress. The deadline for mail-in ballots is nearly here. Online balloting is the way to vote. Members having problems accessing the electronic voting system

- should call him at the office and he is sure he can walk you through the procedure.
- Approximately 35% of the Base membership has voted electronically.
 - Holland Club Coordinator, Dave Davenport, reports all is ready for the Holiday Luncheon induction.
 - A banner supported by the Bremerton Base is on order by the Kitsap Blue Star Banner organization. We are getting a banner for a local submarine crewman.
 - The Base needs a towing vehicle and driver for the float at the Auburn Veterans Day parade on November 8. Anybody willing is asked to contact the Base Commander.
 - The Base is hoping to set up the float and a table at the Kitsap County Veterans Day program at the fairgrounds like we did last year. The county is having planning meetings between now and November.
 - The Bangor Submarine Birthday Run will now be the Dolphin Dash according to run chairman, John Gardner. The 2009 run will be held Saturday, April 11 next year.
 - The Casimir Pulaski (SSBN 633) class at TTF will graduate on October 15. Anybody previously serving on the submarine is invited to participate. See John Gardner.
 - The 50/50 drawing was won by associate member Lynne Ryan (\$30). Lynne has also donated a model of the submarine USS Barb (SS 220) along with the book Thunder Below written by the skipper of the Barb Eugene Fluckey. We hope to raffle the items at the Holiday Luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.