

Minutes of the meeting conducted 08/21/07.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- New members, guests, and first-time attendees were introduced. Out-of-town members included Kirk Smith from the Twin Lakes, Arkansas base, and Doc McCance from Groton base. First-timers, Jim Smith and Cliff Lightfoot were in attendance with 38 other members.
- The Base Commander introduced the 2007-2008 officers and Committee Chairmen.
- The PACNORWESTCPOA was presented a check for \$1,930.33 for the assistance they provided to our fireworks sales project. Chief Jay Klega accepted for the CPOA.
- Meghan Granito was presented a \$900 USSVI National Scholarship check. Meghan was accompanied by her mother, Laura.
- Lyle Nelson of the Naval Memorial Museum was introduced. He invited the membership to attend the ribbon cutting and opening of the new museum facility. He is also in need of volunteers to man the gift shop and to be docents. The shifts generally run 1000 to 1300 and 1300 to 1600.
- The Base Commander then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Carl Rehberg. Carl was born in Germany and migrated to the U.S. with his mother before WWII. He talked of the homeland and of the Type XXI German submarines. Because of the advanced technology, crews could not get trained in time for these subs to impact the war. Two of the 118 built were able to get underway toward patrol areas. Carl was instrumental in interpreting systems on the sub captured by the USN and brought to the states.
- The meeting resumed at 1930 hours.
- Communications included a thank you letter from the FRA branch for our donation and a thank you from the Gibson family of the USS Cuttlefish Base who attended our Base Picnic.
- Treasurer and Membership Chair, Dutch Kaiser, announced that the Base had assets of \$74,215 and a base membership of 270 members.
- Storekeeper, Tommy Robinson, is bringing more items to the meetings to be purchased by the membership. He has cruise patches and the 2008 calanders for sale.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, announces that the current issue is near production and will be mailed soon. In addition, there will be an issue placed in each stateroom of the cruise ship.
- The 2007 Convention Cruise has 1646 people signed up. Cruise coordinator Bud Berg is working to get this edition of the Puget Soundings printed in color.
- Holland Club chairman, Dave Davenport, says that the 2007 induction programs are ready to go.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, reports that the Holiday Party is scheduled at the Bremerton Elks Lodge, Saturday, December 8. A no-host cocktail hour begins at 1200 followed by the Holland Club induction and the lunch.

- The October guest speaker is Don Jassek who will talk about the USS Virginia class submarine.
- John Gardner announced that the Base won two prizes at the Whaling Days parade.
- The TTF graduation program is continuing with the Theodore Roosevelt and Robert E Lee classes scheduled to graduate in September. The Samuel Houston class graduates in October. Members wanting to attend or to participate in the programs should contact John Gardner and MCPOC Scott Fusco.
- A motion was made and passed unanimously to cancel the September business meeting.
- The Base Commander then announced that there would be no September e-board meeting.
- The USS Bonefish Float coordinator, Sam Swenson, discussed planned improvements and repairs.
- Bud Berg announced that he had received word that he won the election for Western District 4 Commander.
- The 50/50 raffle winner was Don Pennington (\$37.05).

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.