

Minutes of the meeting conducted 09/15/09.

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

- Opening observances were conducted.
- 23 members and guests were present. New members and possible members were introduced, including: Dean Whitehouse, Jeb Stuart, and Dave Raney.
- Bremerton Base Vice Commander, Jim DeMott, was introduced as the guest speaker. Jim gave an entertaining presentation on how he rose from being a baker apprentice in New Jersey to a highly trained, highly qualified US Navy missile tech.
- The minutes of the August business meeting were read and approved as read.
- Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, reports assets of \$63,364.48. The report was approved as presented.
- The membership report includes 298 paid up members. Admiral James Caldwell and Jody Bessert were announced as being to members of Bremerton Base. Membership Chairman, Tommy Robinson, reminds the membership to keep up the recruiting efforts.
- John Gardner reported on his activities. The National Office is tracking 13,361 members. The next TTF submarine school graduation is on 2 November and is the USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626) class. The next parade that the Base will participate in will be the Auburn Veterans Day parade 7 November. The Base and USS Bonefish (SS 223) float will also participate in the Veterans Day program at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds on 11 November.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, announced that the deadline for pictures, articles, and ideas for the next edition is set for 22 October. Sam also reported that he and shipmate Dutch Kaiser were making models of bridge guns for the Bonefish float. Hopefully they will be aboard for the Auburn parade.
- Sam reported that the PACNORWESTCPOA received their check for \$800 as their share of the fireworks sales. The chiefs then donated \$400 of that money to the Base Scholarship Fund. Sam and the Base Commander then reminded the membership that a relief is needed for the editor's position, the fireworks coordinator position, and the Scholarship Committee chairmanship position.
- A report was given that memorial services are scheduled for Ken Garoutte, son of life member, Holland Club member, Shorty Garoutte, at the Poulsbo Sons of Norway, September 19, between 1300 hours and 1500 hours. Services for Louis Bunte are scheduled for October 10, 1400 hours, at the Jackson Park Chapel with reception following at the Bremerton Elks Lodge.
- The Base Commander reported on the National Convention at San Diego.
- The Base E-Board has announced that Bremerton Base has taken charge of brick sales for the Bangor Deterrent Park. Tom Roper will coordinate.
- The Base Commander then reported that the Base had donated \$300 to the USS Bremerton (SSN 698) welcome festivities.
- Shipmate Dene Rodgers told the membership that he is heading to points south for the winter and would appreciate a Base member attends the PNWCPOA meetings which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Charlie Deer (\$30).

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.