

Minutes of the meeting conducted 09/16/08.

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 present with 30 other members. New members introduced included Wayne Sieckowsky, Brian Mason, Anthony Maloney, and associate members Krystal Hudspeth and Sam Swenson III. Dene Rogers introduced his visiting brother-in-law from Wyoming.
- The Base Commander announced that shipmate Bruce Loughridge was in the intensive care unit at Naval Hospital Bremerton. He asks that we all remember him in our prayers.
- Past Base Commander, John Gardner, was called on to introduce guest speaker Jessica Sincich. Jessica was a four time scholarship winner and graduated from the University of Alaska with a degree in journalism and public relations. She was very appreciative of what we had done for her and all other winners of our awards. She claims to steer people to our fireworks stand every year knowing the value of the profits from that project. She is now the editor-in-chief of the shipyard weekly paper and has hopes of becoming the command spokesperson some day.
- The Base Commander then introduced Don Hock of Ivy Green Cemetery. Don wants the Base to consider downsizing its' number of plots reserved. Of the 40 plots set aside for SubVets, one plot was bought to use for a plague designating the site as ours and a very recent purchase by a member. Two sites sold in 18 years didn't add up to a worthy designation of plots for our use. The E-board will take for action.
- There were about 10 Bremerton Base members attending the 2008 National Convention in Fort Worth, TX. They all spoke highly of the hospitality of the members and the people in the area. The voting percentages (26.25%) were higher than previous elections. All of the Constitution and By-Law changes were approved as was the Creed Amendment. No Holland Club changes achieved the needed majority votes to pass. The new National Officers are:

Commander:	Pat Householder
Senior Vice Cdr:	Jon Jaques
Junior Vice Cdr:	Michael Bircumshaw
Secretary:	Albert Singleman
Treasurer:	John Markiewicz
ERD:	Paul Orstad
SERD:	George Boyle
CRD:	Carl Schmidt
WRD:	Jim Dunn
- The minutes of the August meeting were summarized and approved.
- The Treasurer reports \$68,777 in assets and the Membership Chairman reports the Base has 297 paid up members.

- The Holiday Luncheon at the Bremerton Elks Lodge is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at noon. The cost is \$33 per couple due when you make the reservation. After December 5th, the cost will be \$40 per couple.
- Puget Soundings Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has set October 22 as the deadline for ideas and pictures for the next edition.
- Base Storekeeper, Ralph Harris, is well stocked with pins, patches, and hats. He has the 2009 National Calendar for sale at \$7.00 each.
- Base Scholarship Committee Chairman, Bob Webster, reports that we have money in the 2009 scholarship fund to provide 11 awards of \$1,250 each plus one for National.
- National Office Manager, Fred Borgmann, states that he and his staff are currently tracking 12,791 members. He needs a volunteer to check and correct data base entries of the new members. The outgoing volunteer has been working Wednesdays but days and times are negotiable.
- A check for \$1,200 was presented to the PACNORWESTCPOA for the share of proceeds from the fireworks stand.
- The Blue Star Banner being donated by Bremerton Base is still being produced.
- The Auburn Veterans Day Parade will be Saturday, November 8. Shipmate Lon Redman has volunteered to tow the float.
- Planning meetings are in progress for the Kitsap County Veterans Day observances. It is planned to have the USS Bonefish float in the area and a display table.
- The 2009 Dolphin Dash is scheduled for April 11 at Bangor. It is the 109th anniversary of the submarine force.
- The Base will support a display table at a Veterans Military Fall Festival at the Kitsap Fairgrounds on October 18. We need volunteers between 1100 hours and 1500 hours.
- Shipmate John Perkins reported on the visit to the Veterans Home in Augusta, Maine. He and several crewmembers of USS Maine (SSBN-741) traveled to the Home to deliver presents bought with donations from the crew and organizations such as our USSVI.
- Shipmate Rocky Park announced that the TTF softball team placed 3rd out of the 20 teams entered. He thanked the Base for the donation which helped get them entered.
- There will be USS Albacore memorial dedication in Beaverton, OR on November 11.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by associate member Delourse Bassler (\$32).

The meeting was adjourned at 2010hours.