

Minutes of the meeting conducted 09/21/10.

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

- Opening observances were conducted. 34 members and prospective members signed the roster.
- The Base Commander recognized shipmates Fred Borgmann and John Clear for their accomplishments and for being recipients of the Robert Link awards at the National Convention.
- The Base Commander then introduced Willie Slusarski of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. Willie qualified in 1972 on USS Barbel (SS 580) and went on to a long career including LDO. His presentation on Veterans health benefits was very informative and he finished up with details about the Washington Veterans Home at Retsil.
- A brief recess was called before continuing the meeting.
- The minutes from the August 17 meeting were read and approved as read.
- The Base Treasurer, Tommy Robinson, reports that the Base net worth is at \$64,114. This was divided among the Life Fund (\$28,757), the Scholarship Fund (\$15,684), and the General Fund (\$19,671). He also has profit and loss statements for the membership to look at. The report was approved as presented.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, John Gardner, is receiving thank you letters from several 2010 winners. He also acknowledges that the Ways and Means committee has recommended that the 2011 scholarships do not exceed the amount of money taken in during this year's fund raising projects.
- Membership Committee Chairman, Tommy Robinson, announced that his position is open and needs another volunteer. The Base has 293 paid up members and that the 2011 dues drive is underway. He has sent out letters via e-mail and snail mail to all annual dues paying members.
- The Ways and Means Committee has nothing to report.
- The Scholarship Review Committee has met and will continue meeting until a consensus is reached and a report is readied for presentation to the E-Board sometime before years' end.
- Puget Sounding Editor-in-Chief, Sam Swenson, has set 15 October as the deadline for the next issue. Anyone with ideas, stories, or pictures should have them in to him prior to that date.
- Fire Works Committee Chairman, Sam Swenson, announced that the position is also open for a new volunteer. He reports that the net proceeds from the fireworks sale was between \$3,400 and \$3,500.
- The USS Bonfish (SS 223) Float Coordinator, Sam Swenson, reports that the float will be in the Auburn Veterans Day parade and will be at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds for the annual Veterans Day program November 11.
- Shipmate John Gardner announced that the Base sponsored submarine birthday Dolphin Dash will be Saturday, April 9, 2011. John says that the next TTF graduating class will be the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629) class on 8

October. He states that the radioman classes will all be conducted at New London. The navigation ETs will continue here at TTF.

- Holland Club Chairman, Dave Davenport, explained that the National Constitution and By-Laws had just been revised allowing annual dues paying members to enter the Holland Club without the 5-year prior membership. There are now four additional Base members eligible for 2010 induction.
- Chief-of-the-Boat, Hank Hollis, has the annual Holiday Party set for Saturday, December 11, at the Bremerton Elks Lodge. The facility is in East Bremerton on Pine Road. Cost is \$40 per couple if paid before November 19.
- The Base Commander encourages the membership to participate on an information table at TTF. The program has been in progress most of the year. The table is now setup every other month during the lunch break on the first Wednesday of the month. The Base Storekeeper also is on hand selling items of interest.
- The Base Commander is assisting the scheduling of a Trident sub tour for South Sound Base, Seattle Base, and Bremerton Base. The tour is now scheduled for Tuesday, October 26. Members are reminded that the climb to enter and exit the ship is rather difficult. If you can't make the climb, please don't sign up for the tour. The bus will depart Keyport Museum parking lot at 0930 and returns at 1500 hours. The tour will include a stop at TTF.
- There is a Base Booster Club, which is meant to properly recognize members donating money, time, work, etc. Make your recommendations to the Base Commander.
- There has been some static about different versions of the Friday Soup Down List. The Puget Soundings list can get quarterly updates only. The preferred listing is on the Gertrude Check. Revisions are kept to a minimum but must be made to track the businesses that help USSVI projects. Base Vice Commander, Jim DeMott, has been making the advanced call to the restaurant each week so that they have ample warning of our arrival. If members want, they can call him and we will have the right information.
- The Second Reading of the proposed changes to the Base Constitution and By-Laws was conducted. The third and final reading will be at the October 19 meeting followed by a vote.
- The 50/50 raffle (\$45) was won by Dick Litscher and was donated to the General Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.