



USSVI South Sound Base

Don Smith, Commander
Minutes of Meeting, December 11, 2008
VFW Post 969
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Tacoma, WA 98404

The USSVI South Sound Base meeting was called to order by Commander Don Smith at 1900 Hrs. There were thirteen members present and five guests. Hal Barker led the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Smith gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats lost in December was conducted by Commander Smith and Cob John Schreiber.

Binnacle List: Lee Wise and Ron Eggiman were both ill with colds and unable to attend the meeting. South Base members also want to pass on their condolences to National Commander and SSB member, Patrick Householder on the passing of his brother. Please keep Patrick and his family in your prayers.

Each SSB member introduced themselves, where they live and the year and boat they qualified in Submarines.

Prior to the meeting beginning SSB held a ceremony inducting SSB member Charles Quimby into the Holland Club. Congratulations are extended to Charles for reaching this honored milestone.

Our presentation for this month's meeting was also conducted before the meeting. SSB member Alan Mandigo talked on the Northwest Leadership Conference. SSB sponsors at least one Stadium High School NJROTC Cadet to attend. Along with Cdr Mandigo, were two of his Cadets, Cadet Sr Command Master Chief Rusty Jacobson and Cadet Chief Petty Officer Taylor Adamson. Rusty attended the conference in 2008 and Taylor attended in 2007. They gave an excellent presentation on the conference and both Cadets represented Stadium High School and the Navy very well.

Secretary Ken Board read the meeting minutes from the October meeting. The minutes were accepted by voice vote. (There was no November 2008 meeting due to the Bangor Tour)

Treasurer Ray Stewart gave the treasury report. The treasury report was accepted by voice vote.

Membership Chairman Ken Board gave a membership report. SSB has gained two new members which raises our total membership to thirty seven. Ken also reminded the membership 2009 dues are now due. Due to new USSVI rules, any member failing to renew by December 31st is considered delinquent. If the member has not renewed by February 1st, that member is dropped from the rolls of USSVI.

PAO John Mansfield reported the base news letter has received several nice comments from outside SSB. He also said he attempted to enter the USSVI newsletter competition however he missed the cutoff date by a couple of days. He will enter again next year. He also asks for member contributions to the newsletter. Anyone with base news or a submarine related story is welcome to submit it for inclusion.

Old Business

A report was made on the Bangor Tour. Those who attended said it was a great tour and everyone had a great time. The tour included a tour of the USS Maine, which was in dry dock.

A lively report was made regarding the fundraiser on Veterans Day. There were two groups from SSB conducting fundraisers; one at the Spanaway Wal-Mart and one at the South Hill Wal-Mart. Eleven SSB members took part in both fundraisers. The conversation turned to the competitive nature of all submariners and who raised the most money. The Spanaway group raised \$ while the South Hill group **only raised** \$. Spanaway claimed the win, however South Hill declared foul since \$ was made from the storekeepers fund. To date, a winner has not been declared, however, as base secretary and recorder of the meeting minutes, and member of the Spanaway Group, I declare the Spanaway Group the winner.

Ken Board reported no further nominations had been made for 2009 Base Officers. Those currently running for office are:

Commander: Don Mansfield
Vice Commander: John Schreiber
Secretary: Ken Board
Treasurer: Mike Ellis

Ken Board reported on the Thanksgiving Food Donation to Spanaway Elementary School. John Mansfield purchased enough meals for ten families. He paid a little extra which added a turkey to the meals, which added ten more families. Greg Lee also solicited donations from the Grocery Outlet and several cases of donated canned goods were donated to our cause for Spanaway Elementary. The food was delivered to the school by John, Greg, Ken and Dave Richards. The school was very appreciative of our donations.

New Business

A motion was made to spend another \$ for a food donation to Spanaway Elementary School for Christmas for the needy. The motion passed by voice vote. Greg Lee will also contact the Grocery Outlet and inquire about another donation of canned goods. Mike Ellis indicated he has a neighbor who is a minister that has cases of canned food in his garage for the needy. He said he would contact the minister and ask for a donation too.

A motion was made to accept the nominated base officers for 2009 by acclamation. The motion passed by voice vote. Base Officers for 2009 are:

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Don Mansfield reported SSB has six dozen caps for Caps4Kids. He would like to coordinate a date in late January for a limited number of members to go to Mary Bridge Hospital and present the caps to the kids undergoing chemotherapy and losing their hair. It was suggested we limit the number of members who take part to three to four to not disrupt the hospital environment where the kids are located.

John Mansfield asked for photos that can be put in the newsletter.

Late Entry: Ken Board reported after the meeting Seattle Base member, Bob Opple, contacted him and wants to start a Submarine Veterans Motorcycle Club. Bob is in the beginning stages of forming Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The first organizational meetings will be held sometime in late January or Early February. Anyone with a motorcycle is welcome to join. This club will include members from Bremerton, Seattle, South Sound, and Yakima Bases, and will start out as a Northwest Club. It is hoped the club will become National before long.

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned at 2056 Hrs.

Raffle Drawings

50/50: John Schreiber. Total Pot: \$40.00. John donated his share (\$20.00) back to the base treasury.

Storekeeper Drawing: Doug Corwin. Doug selected a copy of John Mansfield's book, Cruisers for Breakfast.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kenneth Board
SSB Secretary

Upcoming Events