



## USSVI South Sound Base

Don Mansfield, Commander

Minutes of Meeting, 12-10-09

VFW Post 969

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The December 2009 USSVI South Sound Base meeting was called to order at 1900 Hrs by Treasurer Mike Ellis. There were 12 members present. Lance Nowland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Smith gave the opening prayer.

Tolling of the Boats lost in January was conducted by Mike Ellis and Greg Lee

Mike Ellis read the USSVI Creed.

Base Commander Don Mansfield arrived and took over the meeting proceedings.

**Binnacle List:** John Cox sent an email reporting he has been ill and suffering back problems for the past two months and been unable to attend the meetings. Associate member Lori Mansfield was hospitalized for four days recently with respiratory problems.

There was no reading of the November meeting minutes

Mike Ellis gave the Treasury Report. SSB currently has \$2842.23 in checking and \$1022.05 in the Storekeeper account. A motion was made to accept the Treasury Report. The Treasury Report was accepted by voice vote.

Membership Chairman Ken Board gave a membership report. Ken reported we currently have forty members in SSB. He also reported yearly dues are now due. He asked that members renew their memberships ASAP to keep from becoming delinquent.

John Mansfield reported he sent the latest edition of the Klaxon to the membership via email, however thirteen emails were returned indicating the file was too large to accept. John brought a copy for the membership to read.

Storekeeper John Mansfield reported on the Base Stores. He reported when he took over the Storekeeper duties last year there was no money in the account. We now have 1022.05 in the Storekeeper account. He said he could not have done it without the membership purchasing items. He currently has a large selection of items in the stores for sale, including patches, hats, t-shirts and books.

## **Old Business**

John Mansfield reported food was delivered to Spanaway Elementary School on behalf of South Sound Base for their needy families for Thanksgiving. He said the staff was very appreciative for the donations. He said he gave enough food to serve forty families. It is hoped to provide food to the needy at Christmas also.

Ken Board reported he delivered two pickup truck loads of toys on behalf of South Sound Base to Spanaway Elementary School. The toys will be distributed to needy families at the school for Christmas. The toys were provided to Ken by the Fife Police Department.

Dave Richards reported he has been in contact with New Tacoma Cemetery and Mt View Funeral Home and Cemetery regarding placing the torpedo veteran's memorial in their cemetery. Mt View did not seem to be interested, however New Tacoma was very interested. Dave reported the funeral director there was a submarine sailor. Dave is attempting to schedule an appointment with New Tacoma Cemetery to discuss this proposal further.

Don Smith reported the USSVI entry in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Auburn won the Best Military Organization award.

Officer elections for 2010 were conducted. All nominations ran unopposed and the positions were accepted by Acclimation and approved by the membership by voice vote. Base officers for 2010 are:

Commander: Dave Richards  
Vice Commander: Greg Lee  
Secretary: Ken Board  
Treasurer: Mike Ellis.

Appointed positions will be made at the January 2010 meeting after the installation of the new officers. Ken Board was asked to send a Base wide email asking volunteers to step up and fill one of the positions.

## **New Business**

John Mansfield reported he attended a Seattle Base meeting and learned they had formed a committee to bring the USS Narwhal to Keyport as a museum. The vessel is currently moored in Bremerton. John reported there are currently plans to pull the boat out of the water and place it on supports at Keyport. He said this would be a ten-year project.

Don Mansfield reported some sad news. Five-year-old Bailey Reeves recently passed away. Bailey was one of the children at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital who received a caps4kids from South Sound Base and made an honorary submariner.

Greg Lee reported he would be contacting both the Spanaway Wal-Mart and South Hill Wal-Mart for our two fundraising events for 2010. It was also suggested we add the Lakewood Wal-Mart and attempt to work three Wal-Marts for our Memorial Day and Veterans Day fundraisers. John Mansfield reported he would contact the Lakewood Wal-Mart.

Ken Board was asked to send thank you letters to both the Spanaway Wal-Mart and South Hill Wal-Mart for allowing us to conduct our two fundraisers there in 2009.

A motion was made to spend \$200.00 to purchase food for Spanaway Elementary School's holiday food drive. The motion was approved by voice vote. John Mansfield will purchase the food. Greg Lee said he would contact the Market Place and ask for food donations to deliver to the school as well. Ken Board will contact the school and schedule a day when we can deliver the food.

John Mansfield reported Nelson Elementary School would be dedicated on January 9, 2010. Nelson is a new school in the Bethel School District and their mascot will be called the Navigators. He said he has been asked to be the guest speaker at the school. John said there would be several hundred attendees at the dedication to include the district superintendent, state and local politicians, members of the Bethel School Board and community members. John asked members of the Base to be present as well.

There was no new business.

Don Smith gave the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 Hrs.

### **Raffle Drawings**

There were no drawings conducted this month.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Kenneth Board  
SSB Secretary

### **Upcoming Events**