



USSVI South Sound Base

Don Mansfield, Commander

Minutes of Meeting, November 12, 2009

VFW Post 969

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Tacoma, WA 98404

The USSVI South Sound Base meeting was called to order by Past Commander John Mansfield at 1900 Hrs. There were nine members and one guest present. Ron Eggimann, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Don Smith gave the opening prayer. John read the USSVI Creed: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States Of America.

Tolling of the Boats lost in November was conducted by Past Commander John Mansfield and Treasurer Mike Ellis: USS Albacore (SS218) 1944, USS Growler (SS215) 1944, USS Scamp (SS277) 1944, USS Corvina (SS226) 1943, USS Sculpin (SS191) 1943. A moment of silence was held for our departed shipmates on eternal patrol.

Binnacle List: Commander Don Mansfield, Ken Board.

A motion was made and passed to accept October's meeting minutes as posted.

Mike Ellis gave the Treasury Report, and a motion to accept it as read was passed.

Base Newsletter Report: John Mansfield said that Don "Mac" Smith has agreed to be South Sound Base's "Klaxon" editor next year. Many thanks to Don for stepping up.

Storekeeper: John Mansfield reported that the storekeeper account has reached its goal set out at the beginning of the year to have at least \$1,000 in net sales. Many thanks to all of our members who have supported the program. Shipmate Fred Ball has agreed to take over the storekeeper position at the first of the year. Thank you, Fred. It's a challenging but rewarding position.

Old Business

Dave Richards gave a Memorial Committee report. He visited Mt View, Fir Lane and New Tacoma cemeteries. New Tacoma Cemetery told him they may be interested in our project at their facility.

Mike Ellis gave a report on happenings at the South Puyallup Wal*Mart fundraiser. A 911 call was made when a young man appeared to be experiencing a breathing and anxiety problem. Rescue units responded quickly. Thanks to Gregg Lee, Mike Ellis, Dave Richards and Mike Robb for making our annual Veterans Day event a huge success.

John Mansfield reported on the fundraiser at Spanaway Wal Mart. A similar 911 incident occurred, when a young boy disappeared from his mother in the store. Pierce County Sheriff deputies responded and the boy was eventually located out at the far end of the parking lot. In the true spirit of competition, John Mansfield, Tom

Wright, Ron & Marie Eggimann, Norm Carkeek and Lee Wise took in \$504, beating the South Puyallup team by \$7.00. With a combined total of a little over \$1,000, this was the best one-day fundraiser we've had in our seven years as a base. Kudos to everyone who helped, and especially to all the kind folks that made donations. Our next fundraiser will be on Memorial Day, 2010. An order for lapel ribbons will be made prior to that event.

New Business

John Mansfield talked about the need for volunteers to stand up and be counted; as election of officers approaches. Nominations and voting will be held at our December 10th meeting. If you are interested in holding one of the below positions, please contact John Mansfield.

The list of candidates so far:

Commander: Dave Richards

Vice Commander: Greg Lee (if no one else volunteers)

COB: Vacant

Secretary: Ken Board

Treasurer: Mike Ellis

Appointed Positions:

Membership Chairman: Vacant

Memorial Chairman: Dave Richards

Storekeeper: Fred Ball

Newsletter Editor: Don "Mac" Smith

PAO: John Mansfield (Unless someone else wants to step up)

Historian: (Vacant)

Good of the Order

John Mansfield asked for someone to make a motion to support Spanaway Elementary's food bank for Thanksgiving. A motion was approved to purchase ten turkey and ham food packs from Summit Trading, not to exceed \$200. John will pick up the food and members will be asked to participate in delivery to the school.

A motion was made and tabled to have South Sound Base donate up to \$300 in matching funds to Commander Alan Mandigo's NJROTC cadets for the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference sponsorship at Stadium High School. It will be voted on at the December meeting.

Chaplain Don Smith gave the closing prayer.

The meeting ended at 1845

Respectfully Submitted:

John Mansfield, Acting SSB Secretary