



USSVI South Sound Base

Don Mansfield, Commander

Minutes of Meeting, October 8, 2009

VFW Post 969

3510 E. McKinley Ave.

Tacoma, WA 98404

The USSVI South Sound Base meeting was called to order by Past Commander John Mansfield at 1900 Hrs. There were ten members and two guests present. Dave Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Don Smith gave the opening prayer. John read the USSVI Creed

Tolling of the Boats lost in October was conducted by Past Commander John Mansfield and Treasurer Mike Ellis.

Binnacle List: Commander Don Mansfield

Each member and guests introduced themselves, gave their qual boat and year on submarines and where they live. Jerry Pratt, Lincoln High School classmate and former sea scout shipmate of Don & John Mansfield was welcomed by members. Jerry qualified on USS Sabalo (SS302). It turns out Jerry and SSB Treasurer, Mike Ellis, discovered they served together on USS Carbonero (SS337) in the early 1960's.

John Mansfield gave a short recap of September's meeting, which ended up being a sea story sessions among the four members in attendance. Evidently, the change in meeting night due to the National Convention threw off everyone's schedule.

Mike Ellis gave the Treasury Report. The general account has \$2,142.83 and \$888.55 in the storekeeper fund. A motion to accept the Treasury Report was passed.

Base Newsletter Report: John Mansfield proudly displayed the "Newsletter of the Year" plaque, presented to him at the awards banquet at the USSVI convention in San Diego, September 8-12, on behalf of South Sound Base for its "*Klaxon*" newsletter in Class III (bases with 50 members or less), for which he is editor.

Storekeeper John Mansfield turned in monies from sales bringing a balance in the account to \$888.55. Several sales were produced from the base store on our website.

Old Business

Dave Richards gave a Memorial Committee report. Research is ongoing regarding the type of monument to be used and a potential site. One of the locations up for consideration is the New Tacoma Cemetery.

A social break was taken and everyone shared pieces of South Sound Base's 7th Anniversary cake. It was a white cake with raspberry filling. Mmmmm Mmmmm Good !

New Business

John Mansfield spoke on South Sound Base's many accomplishments over the past seven years since it's inception. An informal ceremony was held in which USSVI Longevity Pins from 5 to 20 years were presented to base members in attendance. The list of names will be in October's Klaxon.

Good of the Order

John Mansfield displayed a beautiful wooden plaque presented to him at the Awards Banquet in San Diego. He was honored with being named Western Region District Commander of the Year representing District 4.

Holland Club and Blueback Base member Lance Nowland, submitted his application for dual membership in South Sound Base and Jerry Pratt indicated he plans on joining USSVI and SSB at next month's meeting. We welcome you both, Shipmates.

John reminded members of several upcoming events. On Friday 16 October from 7 to 8 p.m., Stadium High School's NJROTC program will conduct their annual Military Inspection Pass-In Review. The event will include drill team performances and awards. Members are encouraged to attend.

The Auburn Veterans Parade will start at 11 a.m. November 7th, 2009 on Main Street.

South Sound Base will be holding their Veterans Day fundraisers at the South Puyallup and Spanaway Wal Marts from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. All members are encouraged to participate, in all their submarine veteran regalia.

Members were asked by John Mansfield to suggest ideas for creating veterans support programs. One idea was accumulating medical equipment for distribution to members, their family members or homeless veterans in need. Concerns made were: where would the items be stored and how would they be distributed. It was decided that a program of this magnitude would require too much time and logistics support.

An appeal to members....the Nomination Committee is searching for candidates to fill officer and other positions within South Sound Base. Don't be bashful; take that next step; VOLUNTEER. Elected positions are open for Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. Appointed positions are open for COB, Newsletter editor, PAO, Storekeeper, Historian and Memorial Committee members.

Chaplain Don Smith gave the closing prayer.

The meeting ended at 2100

Respectfully Submitted:

John Mansfield, Acting SSB Secretary