



**USSVI
USS BONEFISH / USS TRIESTE BASES
KENT WEEKLY &
MICHAEL WILLIAMSON
BASE COMMANDER'S
MEETING STRUCTURE
AND BONEFISH BASE MINUTES IN BASE SECRETARIES
ABSENSE
12-21-2008**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER
EVERYONE SIGN IN – NOTE DATE AND TIME: 1300**

**“ALL RISE”
“OUR CREED”**

“To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their 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 and its Constitution”

“LET US AT THIS TIME, WITH A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER, REMEMBER OUR SHIPMATES WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE, THAT WE MAY GATHER HERE IN PEACE.” “WE DEDICATE THIS MEETING TO OUR SHIPMATES ON ETERNAL PATROL, TO PERPETUATE THEIR MEMORIES IN OUR LIVES AND TO HONOR OUR SHIPMATES ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE SERVICE OF THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE OF OUR NATION.”

**REPORT THE SUBMARINES AND CREW LOST IN THIS MONTH
(AQUIRED FROM USSVI WEBSITE)**

INVOCATION & “PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE”

“BE SEATED”

MEMBER INTRODUCTION

“Would each member please rise, state your name and recite the boats you served / serve on for those new members and guests who don’t know us.”

**CALL FOR READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
[POSTED ON THE WEBSITES](#)**

**CALL FOR TREASURERS REPORT
[Treasurer’s have paper copies for members which request them.](#)
ANY DISCUSSION, CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS?**

CALL FOR MOTION TO ACCEPT

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

On December 08, 2008 USSVI NC Pat Householder sent out a FLASH – 01: A Shipmate in Dire Straits! Submitted by John Peters USSVCF Exec Director. They started a Doug Jenson fund within the Brotherhood Fund of USSVCF and made an emergency donation of \$1,000.00. Doug lives in Friendship, WI and on November 22, 2008 had a house fire and lost his house, furnishings, and vehicles in the garage. He made it out of the house with burns and loss of hair, even his eyebrows. He is fine, but has lost everything. I sent him a Christmas card at 1098 County Road J, Friendship, WI 53934. Bonefish Base passed the hat by way of email and Treasurer Frank Campbell sent a check yesterday to the Doug Jenson Fund within the Brotherhood Fund of USSVCF, USSVI Office in Silverdale, PO Box 3870, Silverdale WA. 98383.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I have had people calling me, and I have been sending Applications both electronically and snail mail.

MEMORIALS AND CEREMONIES

Ron Durling is up and around on a walker after having fallen and broke his hip. He would like calls and correspondence from Shipmates to help pass the time. Long distance Shipmate Dennis “Frenchy” Fuqua went in for “Quad” Bypass Surgery. I have been told by his lovely wife Barbara that he is doing well, and is in rehabilitation. Thank you for your prayers.

SOCIAL EVENTS

American Legion 106 Auxiliary had a Thanksgiving dinner which Benefited Jerry L. Pettis VA Hospital. I and my wife Shirley attended and it was delectable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Murrieta Veterans Day Parade was a success.

Those present:

Michael Bircumshaw, Len Heiselt, Bob Cox, Jerry Cornelison, Johnny Meyer, Kent Weekly, Mike Williamson, and a couple more which I fail to remember their names. A good time was had by all, and they even fed us a hot dog, chips, and water at the end. Even had the Marine ROTC carry the Scamp Base banner through the parade.

John Raplee has been inducted into the Holland Club. Unfortunately he will not be able to be with us today as he has had shoulder surgery. It was my hope we could have him at our December meeting to celebrate his being qualified in submarines for 50 years. But he has informed me he is still in rehabilitation. On the same note William Newman has had me send his certificate, patch, and card to him. He will not be able to attend meetings until sometime next year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

NJVC Michael Bircumshaw brought forward news on the Dolphin (SS)-555. February 5, 2009 there is a meeting with the museum organization. He is looking for a speaker. Someone who likes to do that sort of thing. Contact the NJVC for details. Also he spoke on the subject that we should organize a committee to raise funds and arrange for a larger, more obvious plaque to honor the Submarine Veterans of WWII for have part in the building of the Roncador Memorial. I have attached a picture of the current plaque to the email I am sending this message with.

ENTERTAIN MOTION TO ADJOURN

ADJOURN MEETING – TIME: 1348

We then joined the ladies and went for a tour on the USS Helena (SSN)-725. Then we went back to the picnic at Smugglers Cove. A good time was had by all.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from the Bonefish Base.

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