

Transcript of USSVI Bremerton Base eBoard Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Base Commander Ileene Davis

the monthly meeting of Bremerton based eboard United States submarine veterans Incorporated will come to order all right um I think on the phone line I think I think that's Dan but we will start with our secretary go ahead.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Okay uh I reviewed I reviewed the uh uh minutes that David put out from uh the last one and the changes, there were a few minor changes and they were made. After the changes were made, I reviewed it again. They look like they're completely up to speed and everything. So I make a motion that we accept the minutes as the electronic minutes as written.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Second.

COB Dave Pittmann

You're muted, Eileen.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Eileen.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Sorry. Any discussion? All in favor? We're good.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Aye. Aye.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Thank you, Bob. Okay. Treasurer, you're up. Looking good now.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yes, that is me on the phone. Start with membership. For the end of last month, we were down six members. Fortunately, all those were due to internal patrol. So, we will work to get that number back up again. The treasurer portion, we started the month. of November with \$58,188, brought in \$6,474, spent \$3,940 for a net of \$2,534. We ended the month with \$60,722. Course Challenge for the month of November brought in \$100. Year-to-date is \$3,450. Crafting for Sub-Vets brought in \$972. That was the best out of any of them that they've done so far. And this show is currently talking about doing four next year instead of the usual three. So, we will see how that works out. And a quick note for the calendar fundraiser, we are no longer in the red. So, at this point, we are in the green and heading upwards. So, that is all for my official report. Did you want me to talk about the other thing here as well, Commander?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes, we can do that.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Okay. I wanted to get a vote so I can be ahead of time on rental for the Christmas party. For the picnic, we donated \$500 to the VFW and I want to see what we wanted to do for the Christmas party. Same thing, a little more, a little less. What are we thinking?

COB Dave Pittmann

I'd like to do the same.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Same yeah I think 500 is a reasonable amount for uh uh for this activity.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I agree what do you think Dave Bowman okay we are good to go um treasurer we can.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Go ahead and I will make a check out I'll make a check out for \$500 for the physical party. I'll have it available at the physical party.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Awesome. Do we know who we're giving that to from hand to hand? Waylon, is that.

COB Dave Pittmann

It'll be Dave Peterson. He's the commander there now. Okay. He's part of SubVet, so he'll be there.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, I was good. I know we usually go with Derek, but I wasn't sure who it was, so thank you. And I just want to make sure that we get it from Dan to whoever it needs to go to. Okay.

Treasurer Dan Inman

We'll make it happen. That's perfect. I just had a quick question concerning Rickover. We did a Rickover process. And I wouldn't know if we were going to make that a regular yearly thing, or if that was like a one and done, we caught up with everybody and now we're going to take a break. Do we have any thoughts on that?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Given the nature of it, my original plan was just to do it one and done, but with the belief that anybody that wanted it after that could just do it themselves. But I have the letter on hand. So if we have a list of who's eligible, I don't mind doing it. I'd prefer to just do it once a year, though, instead of trying to, you know, each month, it's still once a year at the end of the year or whatever.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I agree with that. Having it done at the end of the year or whatever is the easiest, we could do it once a year and it's a fun, unofficial tradition.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I just just don't think we need.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Go ahead, Bob.

Secretary Bob Hickman

All right. I just want to I don't think we want to do it at either the picnic or the Christmas event. It takes a little bit of time and everything. If we're going to do it once a year, we should pick some...

Past Commander Dave Bowman

April. Just do it in April. April.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Okay, it works for me.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Submarine birthday. Submarine birthday, yeah. Let me interrupt here for just a moment. I'm getting some serious background noise, like somebody's got a radio or TV on.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Dan.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

News. I don't think it's me.

Thelma Ruiz

I'm sorry. I think it might be me and my husband to senior news. I'll just mute my mic. Sorry.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Thank you. Whoever it was. Thank you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, so I got down April of each year works.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I think that's best. You just do it as part of the birthday celebration.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I like that.

Treasurer Dan Inman

I like that too. Who wants to be the overseer? Is that something that might fall under the safe person at the Holland Club? Dave Bowman, are you saying you're the right person for that right now?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, I'll keep it right now. I mean, I have the letters. I just, all I need is the list of who's eligible.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Okay, so what I'll do is I will pick out an eligibility letter, phase one, April. I gave you plenty of time before the meeting.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, let's just and let's do it for the entire year. So anybody that's anybody that meets that criteria during that calendar year.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Like we do for Holland Club.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

It's not going to matter if we give them a rickover badge six months earlier, it's not going to matter.

Treasurer Dan Inman

All right. I will get that information out to you.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I do.

Treasurer Dan Inman

No later than one April, but I'll probably do it before that.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Oh, yeah.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

While I agree with April, and if you want to tie it to Rick over, his birthday's in January. January 27th, 1900.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh my gosh.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Just food for thought.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Whatever's convenient. Dave looks frozen. Okay, no, he's not. Okay. Moving on, we got that taken care of.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Hang on one second. Dan, I missed the number on membership. I got we were down six, but I didn't get what the actual number was.

Treasurer Dan Inman

The number was 248, 248.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Thank you.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yep. So I had two more quick things, I hope. Our usual \$50 donation for the Western Region Roundup. I wanted to make sure we still want to do that and get concurrence that we want to get that out to them.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Is that what's the purpose of that \$50? I don't remember.

Treasurer Dan Inman

It's just a Yeah. Any of the cost support. Yeah.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

We're going to do a show of support with \$60,000 in the ban?. Can we bump that a bit?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Absolutely.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I would.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

What do you, what would you like to propose?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Top of my head, 250. I don't think that's an unreasonable.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's not unreasonable. What does everybody else think?

COB Dave Pittmann

That's fine.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

250 is fine.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yeah, that worked for me.

Treasurer Dan Inman

I don't.

Secretary Bob Hickman

We were. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, Dan, make it 250.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Bill says it's good.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

250, eh? Yeah, we'll change that in our annual, you know, what is it?

Treasurer Dan Inman

Annual budget.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That thing.

Treasurer Dan Inman

That piece of paper we make sure it's ready to go.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I know.

Treasurer Dan Inman

And the last thing I had was, sorry. The last thing I had was, I've got a bunch of hard copy membership reports. place far back, I think is 2015. There's no retention requirement for those. Do we see any need for me to keep those or to, certainly not in paper copy, I'm sure, but to keep them electronically, or do we think the past seven years is sufficient for retention for membership report?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I think even seven years might be a lot. What do you think, Bob?

Secretary Bob Hickman

Go with the IRS, seven years. The Infernal Revenue Service. Yeah, I don't think we need to keep more than that. The rest of them can just be shredded, but seven years?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Those are just number reports, right? We had X number of members.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Bingo, that's all it is. Yes, I double-checked with national and double-checked with several other people and there is no requirement for it that anybody can find. So I will stick with the seven years along with the treasury reports and we will call it good. All right, that's all ahead. I appreciate your time.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Thank you.

COB Dave Pittmann

All right, ma'am.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Let's see. No one's here.

COB Dave Pittmann

You had two other things on the agenda for treasurer about Central Oregon float.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, yeah. I moved those down. And then I think I had he also had the Holland Club. The Holland Club. I moved that, you know, down to where it belonged. I just copied and pasted from the e-mail. Gotcha.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No, you're good, Pop. Thank you. I didn't get anything from John Perkins, Steve. or Fred, but I know we need to keep Kay in our prayers. I haven't heard anything since I sent out my text message. But I did call him, so I'll call again probably tomorrow. I didn't expect to see John here. So I'll just follow up with him and see how he's doing. Don Carpenter, I just got a message e-mail from him. reporting that he was okay with flooding from feedback, but he said he had gotten his hip replaced, so he'll be out for about four more weeks. So he said happy holidays to everyone. Does anybody else have any reports of members or?

COB Dave Pittmann

I had a question on John. So does he have kids in the area and grandkids in the area?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All of his family, all of his kids are here.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, so is there something we can do?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I asked him.

COB Dave Pittmann

Or anything okay because I was at a legion meeting last night and because they're talking rotaries and kwanas and is there something else so yeah okay so until I hear something.

Secretary Bob Hickman

You know I know we all want to really take John and the heart and and he is in our heart and everything but but we don't know well I think he's You know, there's just a, it's tough.

COB Dave Pittmann

Yeah, I just curiously if family's here. I mean, it's like, as long as family's here, then he's probably being taken care of. And I don't, I don't overstep my bounds either. I just want to make sure if there's something that we need to do while we do it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I asked him when I was on the phone just before texting you all that. When I talked to him, he was just saying that his daughter was getting ready to come over, but all of his kids are here already.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, he's taken care of with his family around him. And like I said, I'll follow up again tomorrow and then I'll let you know if we need something, if he needs anything that we can help with. So, anybody hear anything else from any of the other members?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Sean Bagby.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

How's he doing? I haven't heard from him in a while.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

He fell. I don't know why he was outside in a snowstorm without a coat or anything else on. And apparently he doesn't know why he was outside in a snowstorm with a coat without a coat. He ended up falling. He was face down in the snow for about 15, 20 minutes before they found him. Yeah, he's Sean was never, you know, all together there to begin with, but What was his rate? Storekeeper. But he's not physically, he's not doing well mentally. He's still pretty sharp, but physically he is not doing well. And to answer your question, Dan, he and I discussed it. He would like to remain a member. We're just working on how we can get that taken care of. So we'll get it taken care of before the end of the year.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Perfect. Thank you for letting me know.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right.

Secretary Bob Hickman

It's about those storekeepers are Between Sean and Don Quinn. Oh, boy.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

He's he's he's at home. He's fine. He's been been told not to go outside anymore.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Cobb says next. So I haven't got any negative feedback since I sent out the e-mail asking if our membership is okay during the floods. The worst report I got was the pipe was bursted in their home, but They are taken care of. There's nobody that needs anything immediate. Um, so that's, that's a great, a great report in my eyes right now. So we'll just, I'll just keep an eye on all my emails. I'm getting a lot of emails back responding from people I have never even met or heard of, but that's good. That means that, you know, they're getting my e-mail and they're happy that I've checked on them. So, uh, So storekeeper, I didn't get any feedback from Alan, but Dan, you were there. Dan. Oh, there you are.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yeah, sorry. It takes me a second to unmute with the phone.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You're good.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yes. TPF sales actually went very well. I think we had almost \$400 just in credit card sales. And then another couple hundred, but coins are definitely the big thing. As soon as they come out there, I think we sold like 25 coins in TPF alone. So basically as soon as they come out, people are just eating them up as fast as we can get them out there just about. So I think it's going well at TPF at least. One of the points that I brought up Commander real quick is that I want to make sure we're incorporating membership into our TTF visits and make sure we stress the active duty or free, come join us, that kind of stuff. So it's a perfect opportunity once a month at least to engage with them, not just for TTF sales, but for membership as well.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right. I thought that was a good idea. I mean, I know we always have had the active duty, you know, one year membership but just promoting it and letting them know maybe on a nice advertisement and putting the with them the what's in it for me on there showing you can get volunteer volunteerism hours you know there's a what is it supporting your

community supporting you know those who serve before you or whatever you know something nice to put on there that catches their eye the whole what's in it for me is a real thing so as long They could see it and, you know, give examples of, you know, who's come out and the pride behind it. Hopefully we can catch some good sailors that would really like to be a part of what we're doing. They see us all the time, so we're making a very big presence and we're being recognized a lot more. And hopefully we will get into the auditorium. soon that's my that's my big goal um hopefully this year is to get back into their Friday hooyahs and to be able to present maybe some awards with them on the other side of that turnstile so thank you Dan I appreciate that and I also did get a coin binder um it's down below I did put it add it on there um it was \$27 and that holds a 114 coins, big and small. So it's just a better way of organization and to display the coins. We can take them out of the binder, display them, but instead of pulling from the binder, we just take out from our inventory and then just be able to inventory it a little bit easier, a little bit more organized for John and whoever needs to come in and out and make it a little bit neater and easier to put away. Yep, I saw that.

Treasurer Dan Inman

I like it. Looks good.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Float manager's not here. All right. Update on the Holland Club. What do you got, you guys?

Holland Club Chair Bear Stiffey

Can you hear me?

COB Dave Pittmann

Yes.

Holland Club Chair Bear Stiffey

Okay. I sent you a list earlier today of all the upcoming people for next year. There's about eight of them on there. Plus we have two Captain Mack still. And so I forgot to forward it to Selma as well. And so anyways, I'm going to work more on that list in the upcoming days before the end of the year. But that's the list we need to get off the national. We also need to ask all our members in general if they were qualified, if they qualified in 1976 and they're not on that list, we need to know that so that we can go in and figure out what's wrong, whether it's the membership list or the base or whether I just missed it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Can you work with Thelma on that? You guys send her that list and then you guys get together. And you guys, she can send an e-mail to National and get a better conversation going between you to see where the disconnect is. And then as far as Holland Club, if anything, she could send out an e-mail to the membership from her. Do you have access yet to the tools, Thelma?

Thelma Ruiz

No, not yet, but I'll definitely, I did get an e-mail, I'll look at that e-mail again and make sure I get it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, then if not, let me know and then I'll push it so they can get that to you. So if when and if you need to, like Bear is saying, you know, trying to make sure that we get out to the membership and trying to inquire anything, you can do that from you.

Thelma Ruiz

Yeah, I'll do that.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Awesome. Okay, get back with me. So if I need to push the national chairman, I can help out with that.

Thelma Ruiz

Okay.

Holland Club Chair Bear Stiffey

Awesome. Exchange emails, Thelma.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Say that one more time, Bear.

Holland Club Chair Bear Stiffey

Okay. I said let's either exchange emails or phone call tomorrow, Thelma.

Thelma Ruiz

Okay, we'll do that. We could do that offline. I'll send you an e-mail after the meeting.

Holland Club Chair Bear Stiffey

All right, thank you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Do you have anything else, Thelma?

Thelma Ruiz

No, that's it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Thelma, are you going to be at the party?

Thelma Ruiz

I am.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay. I do need to get a picture of you for the leaders page. So. Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Don't get away from me without without that. Thank you.

Thelma Ruiz

Okay. No problem.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Let's see. Phil, you're here. Holy snikies. It's like seeing Santa. Unmute yourself and let me know what's going on. We have an update on anything. Are you talking? Because it's hard to hear.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Can't hear you?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We can't hear you. No.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

No.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We can read your lips though. Kind of.

COB Dave Pittmann

Small amount. Rats.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Nope.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Oh, nope. We can see you, Phil, but we don't hear you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You can call in if you need to as well. Leave your laptop on would call in.

Phil Paugh

Can you hear me?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, yes.

Phil Paugh

Oh, I fixed it. I don't know what that was. Okay. Eggangers and computers. I do have two bricks to install. I'd actually scheduled with the two people who ordered them because they wanted to be there for the install, but then I had a family emergency and then weather and schedule hasn't really permitted since. So I still need to work out a time to get those two bricks installed. But that's all I got. I got nothing on order right now.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Do you have any receipts for us, for me and Dan?

Phil Paugh

I don't think so.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, my gosh, that's not an answer.

Phil Paugh

I know.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You sound, not to offend, but you sound like a husband.

Phil Paugh

Yeah. I don't know. I don't think so. I think I'm all good. All right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

If you do find them, though, you don't have to wait for a meeting, just send over. the invoice you could snap a picture send an invoice to me and Dan and let us know so we can get you reimbursed for that because we don't want to wait years and you're like oh God I need money help me here's all my receipts.

Phil Paugh

I'm good on money I don't think I don't think I have any receipts um I usually have I usually have my wife pick them up so.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So I should be asking her.

Phil Paugh

She might have a better idea but I don't I don't think she has anything. I'm pretty sure she would have told me.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, right. All right.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Bill Whelan, if you could let me know I'd, I'd be there with the brick install as well like I did before.

Phil Paugh

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I like I like the pictures of you installing and what Whelan Yeah, what you have. So that'd be nice for our group to check to get in some updates. I know that we still need to work on getting the current bricks re done because of the they're going like I don't know what is that they're legible.

Phil Paugh

Even the the brick like locator they have turned over it's listed by who bought the brick not by what's engraved on the brick.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Not by the name of the brick wow.

Phil Paugh

Yeah so I don't even know how Like the ones we can't read anymore. I don't know how we would identify those. Like some of them you can still read. They're just harder to read.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Is that the same vendor that we're buying from?

Phil Paugh

I'm using the same vendor that was turned over to me back in like 2019.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, give me a second. Past Cobb is calling me. Give me one second. Go ahead and keep.

Phil Paugh

It's a reflections custom etching, I think it's called down in Olympia. It's like a small business guy runs out of his wife running out of his garage.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

How many are not legible?

Phil Paugh

I don't have a number for you as far as how many are not legible. And I think a little bit that would depend on who's looking at it. Some people might look at one and be like, I can read that and another guy like, I don't know what you're talking about.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay. Well, all I was going to.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Say safely say 20% of them may be eligible.

Phil Paugh

And it's weird too because like some of the earliest ones are legible still, but then some in the middle or not. And then it goes back to being legible again.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Right.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I'll try to get out there in the next week or so and get some pictures because with the Photoshop AI enhancement now, A lot of that stuff where I'm picking up stuff that is illegible, that it's, it's able to pick that out. So I'll get out there and get some pictures of it once the weather passes.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I've forgotten, but who, who, what activity or, or who owns the memorial and the bricks and so on. I mean, is it, is it us? Is it Navy League? I mean, I don't know.

Phil Paugh

I it's my understanding we we own the like the top side the bricks right because we're as far as I know so I was I started doing this in 2019. We've only been the one all we're the only ones who do anything with the bricks on top side. We did have some repairs done to the sale because it had some holes in it from rust. I'm not sure. I think Steve helped coordinate that.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

TRF done the repairs.

Phil Paugh

Okay, so the TRF did some repairs to it. put some patches on there to make it look prettier.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So back when this started, it was the Woodrow Wilson Recreation Association, and they disbanded. That's when it kind of fell into our lap or everything. Before, I guess, some vets just did the bricks, and that was all before my time. I just know how it was the Woodrow Wilson Recreation Association way back when. and then I guess some vets did the bricks to begin with that's how we got the the turn part and stuff but uh I have a grandiose ideal and maybe we need to do a committee to to look into it Eileen okay is uh I think there's probably a time and place that we want to take and take all the bricks out and kind of start over again relay them Because it's all kind of wonky. No. That would be a chance to either change vendors instead of mom and pop down in Oregon or go with the there's a place down in Florida that does them and they ship free apparently. I don't know the details anymore. I had looked into that once before.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. And I know that Mick. Has his person that's. not far either but his bricks that he puts up at all the memorials 911 Memorial and around town those bricks are pretty nice and they have some you know people that stomp on them all the time Woodrow Wilson she hardly gets on you know stomped on and she's pretty rough.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Well it's the weather really that's doing them in from what I can tell.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. But yeah, that's, I mean, that's a good idea. I mean, if we, we get a new vendor and I think that's kind of a really cool project that, you know, we can, I can see us doing down the line, redoing the bricks and having, having maybe some of the active duty come in and volunteer to help us put together and lay it out would be nice to have them involved.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I think we can get a grant from some vets. As well, National.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

The National Monument.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. That's a good start.

Secretary Bob Hickman

If the Woody Woo Wreck Association has disbanded and gone away and everything, then do we need to start thinking about maybe taking that whole shooting match over or I don't want to step on group nine's toes or anybody out there.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

But they're not doing anything.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well, I know that.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Well, apparently there's an MOU, memorandum of understanding, somewhere. I still have yet to see it. That says that the Navy base is responsible for the maintenance of. So that's something we still need to figure out. That's We'd have to lean on Steve, I guess, maybe to figure that out.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yeah, we need to know, you know, anytime I come across the bridge and I'm at the exchange or something, I always swing through there because I was, I did two tours at group nine, which goes to prove I'm not a very smart guy.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay, I went to new construction twice.

Secretary Bob Hickman

So yeah, yeah. So but I always swing by there and take a look at it. Or and I both have a brick darrow and everything. So I'm I don't know.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We'll figure it out. Well, we'll get some some movement going with that. And it'll be definitely have to be like a committee we put together in a project that that we got to have

some good, good planning into, you know, as far as, you know, involvement with the base, group nine, maybe some sailors and just having good weather too, to make sure that it all is taken care of in a good matter of time too. You know, we don't want to get this project to, especially when we start doing restoration, pulling bricks, we want to do it pretty fast when it comes to that part.

Secretary Bob Hickman

So do we need to do we need to have a little conversation with Pam Love just for historical reasons you know?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

If we need to I don't know I mean is she involved with the original listen or?

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well in in the old days when when in the old days Pam was very, very cooperative with us on setting up ceremonies and stuff like that and tolling of the boats and everything when she was the PAO at group nine. I'm just wondering how much historical data she's got.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Maybe, maybe she's somebody that, you know, would be able to help us. Like, like you said, historically, you know, we having the knowledge and stuff like that, that might be a good spot to to start with her and then, you know, Waylon and I can do some research with Steve and we'll go from there too. We'll hit them from, you know, whatever angles we can. Yeah, that would, that would help.

Vice Commander Waylon Shropshire

One thing we got to figure out is the flags to remember that what the totaling of the boats we did.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh my god.

Vice Commander Waylon Shropshire

What a cluster it was with the flags.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Off through the, so off through those sailors, there are all the ones that are possibly getting, you know, discharged, medically discharged.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So they don't give a ****.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, they're going to surface, you know, because they're getting, you know, disqualified for whatever reason. Some of them, you know, there's very few that are in there that are stationed at the off crew building, but that room is maintained by people who don't really care. when I was there every six months I'd go down there to ask requests for you know laser engraving and stuff like that for awards and things and such for ceremonies and it was very hard to get a professional anything and then they were very rude if you I don't know who I think it was Steve Steve was in the room with me the one when they were being disrespectful to me so he had to stop a conversation before I.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Myself in trouble. I was retired, so.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Cop, I saw you shaking your head there about my two tours at group nine. The reason I did two tours at group nine is they needed a fast attack later to jerk a knot in their butts.

COB Dave Pittmann

Good job.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Secretary Bob Hickman

And that was my job.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, we're going to move on past the bricks. My cats are attacking me. Oh, let's see. Okay, Mike Talpai is not here, but I do want to officially congratulate him on this keyboard meeting and whoever sees it. He did an amazing job with the Kitsap County Halloween Bash and they won event slash activity, best activity of the year at the Greater Kitsap Chamber Gala Award ceremony.

COB Dave Pittmann

So I have a question. I wasn't here last month, obviously. What kind of money do we bring in from that?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I don't know if Dan has the numbers. I can't remember. I think we brought in \$4,000, Dan, off the top of your head, because I know you're on vacation.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yeah, no, we are. We haven't closed everything out yet, so we are between four and \$5,000. But yeah, A little north of four is what it looks like right now.

COB Dave Pittmann

Is that for the base or that charitable foundation?

Treasurer Dan Inman

That is for Burnmington Bay.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, thank you.

Secretary Bob Hickman

There's a there's a good there's a good picture of of Mike and on Facebook being recognized by everybody in the world. It's pretty If you look at Facebook at all, you might get lucky. I just ran across it. I wasn't even looking for it. I ran across it. But there was our guy, Mike, wearing a tie and looking sharp.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, that was a fun time. Nichelle and I went to that. And Mike and Stacia, his wife, were there. And Deborah Rance, the person who did our marketing for the whole entire event. uh we were all there representing it was so much fun I don't know if Fred and his date last year I can't remember who it was it was **** or I I don't know but it it was a crazy fun event um there's a dessert dash and people were running taking off their heels and running for dessert so I mean that was It was it was a good time and we were not expecting we, you know, we did not expect to to win at all. We were just excited just to hear the Halloween bash up there. And people were just laughing at us because the whole table erupted. I posted some pictures on my page too, but I posted on our USSVI page the the award. and mic up there. So that that's a lot of work. that goes into that and the amount of volunteers

that we get, I still, you know, it's not enough for the amount of work that goes into it and the day that we show, because I know between all of us that showed up, we were stretched way too thin and there was not enough people at all. I know poor Cobb and his bride were working so hard. I mean, I didn't know I was wearing two hats. I was outside in the rain safety. We had nobody in front of the float, which I wish we had. I mean, there was like the wind and the rain and everything. It was pretty crazy out there. Yeah, and having a power outage and stuff. I mean, we kept smiles on our faces. The kids were happy. Very thankful that we got to host 5000 people. And people were still coming after we were breaking down. We were almost broken down and people were still trying to show up, which was crazy. So I know that Mike said he has two buildings next year, but I don't know if that's something that we want to do again because we don't have enough volunteers. We could probably be volunteers as a part of it, but not being the main people putting it together again. And Mike says that's fine as well. And we can talk about it again later because that's next year. Historian, social media, what do you got?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Not a whole lot. The social media is what it is. I mean, it's there. History has kind of lagged this month. I just haven't been able to do what I want to do. But it's still there. So we're, I've done a little bit with it, but not a lot. As far as the website goes, I have begun the transition, deleted a bunch of the Sorry, if you had pictures there that you wanted to keep, they're gone now. So on the new site, I have finished with a single exception. The leaders page has been migrated over. I've started migrating over the media as well with a target. I think if I remember right, Gertrude Check, we've paid through March, if I remember correctly, we should probably keep the URL for that, the gertrudecheck.org, and just repoint that to Puget Soundings. I'd kind of like to parallel them together. So we're looking at a probably a March to April launching of the new as the new place, but we won't, we won't have to say it's the new Puget Soundings. If they go to Gertrude Check, it should just automatically migrate over. So, and then as we get to the end of the year, then we can start saying, okay, we've, we've changed this to that because I'm sure there will be some glitches. I'm sure there's stuff that will be lost and a few things like that. Have a discussion with Angela at the last meeting about the storekeeper stuff on there. I'm not a huge fan of building a store on there, but I did see today the Palmetto base has a PDF file that lists things that they have and you just contact their storekeeper. So I'm thinking that's a pretty good way to do that. And that's a very easy fix to do. And so I haven't had a chance to talk to Angela about it yet, but it's like I said, it's pretty simple PDF file and you just open it up and go, let me call or e-mail the storekeeper. And of course, we'll have to manipulate that as need be. So any questions, comments or complaints about that?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I saw the PDF that you posted on sub bits is where I saw it, the sub bit. So I thought it was a good idea and something maybe we should consider. So I'm glad you're thinking along that way already.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, that's why I put it there because I didn't want to lose it and I had a feeling I would. I've loaded it up in the chat and if you want to look at it, it's simple, it's straightforward. So easy to do.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Awesome. I was just downloading that real quick before I forgot. What was I going to say? So you said it should automatically migrate you once you click on Gertrude Check, it'll take you to the new site.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Late March, early April, we'll repoint the gertrudecheck.org. So if you type in gertrudecheck.org, or if you have a, you know, save link or something like that, and it should automatically forward it to the Puget Sound.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, perfect. I just want to make sure that when We have a lot of business cards that have.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, then that's my point. We won't have to change any of that until 2027. So.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right. That's what I was thinking. As long as we can get those cards out and then, you know, we'll advertise, you know, at, at that point, make sure that you know.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Truth is for 18 bucks a year, we could never have to change it. We could just keep a Gertrude check and then, but that's a discussion we could have in 2027. So.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. That's not bad. Very nice. Okay. And Jim's not here. He'll do, I get, I'm assuming he's going to do the longevity presentation. If not, I can do that. I have the EP boards that I'm

getting out of the storage. Pass commander. We already talked about the rick over stuff. Started on April. Anything else?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Not for this month, no. I have one thing for new business, but otherwise. No.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Cobb.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay. Wreaths across America. So I sent a blurb out to everybody. And it's a two for one. Or as Mick says, buy one, get one free. Because for some reason, people understand the word free better than two for one. I saw them today. Anyway, so for \$425, we can buy 25 wreaths. which will go to 50 wreaths. And that would always be for next year. So I'd just like to make a motion then. I'd like to make a motion that we buy the 25 wreaths with a two-for-one program through McKirsty at a total of \$425. Second.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All in favor? Any discussion? All in favor.

COB Dave Pittmann

Aye. Okay, so, so for the person that writes the checks, whoever that might be. So if you write it, and I put the blurb out here, it has to go to Marion Hersey, that's his real name, Marion Hersey, and it's W-A-I-G-C-B, coordinator, and his phone number, 360, 535-3886 and he'll meet you. So whoever does the money.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You get all that, Dan.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yes, I got that. Yep, I got that. I was writing it and trying to unmute and wow, too many things at once.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No, you're good.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Just so you know, we did it last year. We did 10 reads last year and I was able to do it online successfully. So I'm able to do it that way. I'll try to do it on that way and make sure that we get the two for one deal.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I can get you the link. He sent that to me today too. He actually contacted me. He's like, I talked to Dave. I was like, I know, I have it on my agenda. And he shot me the link. And so I'll shoot you over the link via Facebook Messenger because that's how he sent it to me. I'll just send it over to you.

COB Dave Pittmann

Yeah. Yeah, you just got to make sure you fill in the right information so you get your two for one. Because the first year I did this, I screwed it up. And you had to go help me and get it fixed. It was just easy today because I went down to IHOP, gave him a check. That's for the lead. Okay, so that's the first thing. Okay, so Bay's Christmas party. Right now we have 75 adults and eight children. And I'm sure some people will show up that didn't RSVP, which is fine. Eight Chalkpots of chili coming. I have the key to the hall. So I'll open up the building at 9 a.m. and I'll send out another blurb saying, hey, thanks for helping and who's doing what. So make sure we got everything. Then I did most of the purchasing already. So Eileen, I sent you an e-mail, a separate one. So if you can take care of that stuff, then we're fine. Because some things I had from previous events, Some I just went out and bought it. Yeah. The only interesting one was getting ground beef. Chef's store doesn't have it. And so, yeah, that's what I said. So not to worry, I will get it. It'll be fine. And let's see. Nothing else on that. Oh, so planning the day. Do we have a plan of the day?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'm making my script so I can just send you that.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, just short. I know the last time people were kind of, it's like the picnic. People are kind of like, hey, when are we going to eat?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I condensed it down. I put it into my AI generator and I was like, make it nice and...

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, so should be great. Everything is, you know, on target. Lots of folks. saying that they'll set up, clean up, be in the kitchen and all that kind of stuff. So should be a good time.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I'm hoping Rusty kicks me out of the kitchen. She should be a good addition in there.

COB Dave Pittmann

Well, I never work with the guys. That'd be interesting. I don't plan on being in the kitchen. You got no people in the kitchen. I'm going to be doing pictures and other stuff.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, awesome. Okay. I was going to say, because if all of us were going to be there, it's going to be too many.

COB Dave Pittmann

No, it's too many people. Too many people. John did say he wanted a table, you know, for stuff. So we'll set one up. If he's there, he's there. If it's not, you know, it is what it is. So that's fine. And nothing else that we have to worry about. So we're doing fine.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I think the only difference of setup that I wanted to ask you, Dave, was if buy the food. against that wall, if we could set up all of our boards behind that and only have the most current one up on the stage with us.

COB Dave Pittmann

Oh.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So as people are serving themselves, they can see the names. Because if they're behind me, no one's looking at those names. They can't even see.

COB Dave Pittmann

Yeah, but part of it, you know, kind of because how many desserts, like last year we set up one table or two tables, we needed more, we needed to put them someplace else. Yeah, we'll, we'll be there early enough that we can massage the place to whatever we need.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, perfect. I just want the names to be, you know, so I like that conversation and stuff, you know?

COB Dave Pittmann

Oh, I agree. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittmann

And no 5050 raffle on this stuff.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No, I don't have that on there.

COB Dave Pittmann

Nice and simple. Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. Just passion of the hat.

COB Dave Pittmann

Right. Oh, yeah. So, oh, so I don't know where we're going to discuss that. So are we doing a Retzel donation?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Aren't we always doing?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

The Say, is there some reason we shouldn't or?

COB Dave Pittmann

I know. Is there a dollar amount? Oh, oh, I guess we'll say that down here at new business someplace. What's your \$1,000? Okay, I'll get to it later.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittmann

I'm done for now.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Thanks. Commander, what have you got?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Oh, nothing really. Just tooling along.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Is he frozen? Oh, it's my internet connection that's messed up. Did you, what'd you say?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I have nothing.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Sorry, I'm like, is Vice Commander Frozen? No, it was me.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right, I already talked about the chamber meeting. Oh, I did already make the reservation for the February brunch. I went ahead and looked at it. They've renovated since the last time I was there, which was probably six years ago. But it's the dining room's nice. Let me see. I think I wrote down how many. I think it was like 150 is max capacity, which is great. There's plenty of space.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, so here's a side note. So Gary Heitman called me today. And he was concerned about occupancy and the size of that. So it sounds to me like you've already scoped it out. Okay. He's not here today, tonight, but he was just kind of concerned about the size of the place and all this other stuff.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So I mean, it's all.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Size of post 239.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, 239. It's a great space.

COB Dave Pittmann

It's huge.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

And they could even, there's, They could even set up like the long tables like we have, but they have all the tables set up because they were going to have a Santa brunch. And there was already, I think, 50 seats, which I would actually condense the one table to four seats versus five. And there would still be a lot of room.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And there's room at the bar. I mean.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We would partition that off during our meeting for those family members who don't want to see the bar.

COB Dave Pittmann

I thought what's the occupancy?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

155.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, there's there's enough room and it's it's set up so nice. Like I said, it's been six years since I was there and it was nice then. It's it's nice set up now. She said she put me down. She says her cook hasn't cooked for more then.

COB Dave Pittmann

Oh, you just froze.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

That's a great, somebody get a screenshot of that.

COB Dave Pittmann

Yeah. That must be that internet inverter.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

It must be, I apologize. I just saw it, I was like, I'm talking to myself again.

COB Dave Pittmann

That's okay.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I wasn't quick enough to get the great.

COB Dave Pittmann

I went to grab my phone, but you unfroze. Oh, so are we doing a buffet thing? Is that the plan then?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So we can do whatever we want. He can cook for us the meal, the menu that he has that I've shared with everybody, which I could share again. He could do that. And she said we could bring whatever else food we want.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

She says the only thing she asks that you don't bring in is soda and alcohol because they serve that at the bar. I said, no problem. She said they'll even provide the coffee.

COB Dave Pittmann

Oh, okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

And she says that they normally charge, I think she said \$125 per members, but she's like, I'll waive that. So I figured we could just donate that.

COB Dave Pittmann

Oh yeah. Okay, so we have plenty of time to figure that out.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We have plenty of time to figure that out, but we have the space. We have, you know, the setup. We don't have to set anything up. They'll have it set up unless we want our own, you know, centerpieces or whatever, which it's February. Um but everything is good. They they provide all of that for us. They have the the plates and everything to eat off of. So, we just want to bring in a potluck type thing besides if anybody wants to order hot food, they can make that there. So, we can If you could figure that out, it'll be easy day. So it's already reserved. She says if anything comes up, let her know. If not, she won't contact me until like a week before. Okay. So good to go there. And I don't know if you saw the Charitable Foundation newsletter that came out today. I am working on a recipe book to fundraise for the Charitable Foundation. I keep getting reeled into things, but If you want to see your favorite recipe or something that you really enjoyed on the boat, let me know and I'll put that in there. I will happily put **** on a shingle there for you. Yeah, there's that. And then I just put, I was trying to make a list of things that I might need, but from the storage, I'll get the easels, the e-boards. I'm gonna bring that, a reminder of myself is to bring a rice cooker. for regular rice I'll make Spanish rice um probably there that morning but I'll have the rice cooker there for those who want that with their chili just yeah it should be easy I'll bring my crock pot and the roaster for anything else that might need to be keeping warm but um if there was anything else that I needed let me know I don't want to forget.

COB Dave Pittmann

It's just you know all whatever serving utensils we have because now we got a tote so I just I just saw I just bring the whole thing and then whatever we use, we use all that stuff. Oh, she's frozen again. Oh, hold on.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, we have a lot from the Olive Garden.

COB Dave Pittmann

There she is again. Hold on.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I'm here. We have a lot of utensils from the Olive Garden stuff. Oh my gosh. Okay, let's let's move on so I can get off. Old business. Do their do. We know that. We'll just keep pushing that. And I already took care of Let me see the February breakfast. Anybody else? Old business? Nothing. Okay. New business. January 13th. Is that still good for everybody? I believe that is the third week. One, two, three. Yes, it is. That's our next keyboard.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well, secretary, 20th, the 20th. Not the 13th.

COB Dave Pittmann

It is the 20th.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I'm looking at January right now.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

It is the 20th, but we got to move it to the 13th because.

Secretary Bob Hickman

We got to move it because it's a weird month. Yeah. And the general meeting is on the 17th.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes.

Secretary Bob Hickman

So it is going to be the 13th.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittmann

Right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, good. We're all on the same page. Okay. And I had on there the Blue Cross Blue Shield donation that is hot and heavy on Cobb's mind.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, so my question is, did we solicit that?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No. So Mick Pawn Rick West called me out of the blue. I haven't talked to him in probably about seven years.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

But that was on a galley phone. And he was taught, he wanted to talk to me about galley operations. He called my personal number. and asked me, hey, is there something I can donate to you guys? What are the things that you guys do? What do you have coming up for Christmas? I said, Rick, all I have is our holiday Christmas party that we have each year. Great. Well, we've done, we, we talk about and honor our members who went on internal patrol and we pass around the hat and we make a donation to the Red Soul and he's like oh that's great he's like that's awesome he's like but do you do anything with you know Toys for Tots or anything I said no we haven't done any of that stuff um that I know of since I've been around he's like okay he's like well let me see what I can do I'll call you right back and so I said okay it was nice talking he's like yeah no worries I'll call you right back and he's like okay I have plenty of money that are in my funds to give to a bunch of organizations. And he's like, and you guys popped into my head. He's like, I apologize for not joining. He's like, I used to be a part of Remington Base. I want to be a part of it more. He's like, but I have this donation I want to give. He's like, I just need an invoice if you could send that over. I'll give you the details in the e-mail from Blue Cross Blue Shield. I was like, okay, sure. And he sent me over an e-mail and I forwarded it to you guys, the conversation. And that was pretty much it. They just wanted to make sure that, you know, we would use it towards our holiday party and anything else that was left over goes to a good cause for our shipmates or members or, you know, giving back. and I said okay I said I could do that I said I will you know that what they wanted was to be recognized that you know that was given from Blue Cross Blue Shield and you know we were thankful for that and they were happy with the invoice that I sent in.

COB Dave Pittmann

Does he work for Blue Cross Blue Shield?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

He works with a bunch of stuff organizations he works for like a realty place as well for veterans he works with a ton of organizations.

COB Dave Pittmann

So is he self-employed?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I don't know.

COB Dave Pittmann

I'm just trying to figure out how it comes across from that specific business.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I don't know. I can't say for a fact, but I'm pretty sure he's absorbed in a lot of different places. He travels all the time for, I think, that realty stuff that he does for the veterans, but he could be associated with that.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay, so let me ask a question, probably Dan. So how much did we give to Retzel last year from the base? Not donations, just from the base. Do you have that eye candy?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Say that one more time because I was glitching.

COB Dave Pittmann

I saw that. No, I realized for Dan.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Actually.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, okay.

Treasurer Dan Inman

I did get it. Yeah, I think we from the base last year, I believe we gave 300. That's typically what we give.

COB Dave Pittmann

Okay. see so I'm looking at this this thousand dollars and we have all this other money so can I just make a motion absolutely I would help when you would thank you I'd like to make a motion that we donate \$500 to retal second any discussion?

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yeah the the one thing about it we need to so that we're above board on this whole thing and everything we need to let rental know that it's from us and that Blue Shield Blue Cross contributed something you know I I don't offer the 500 or the money but but if Rick is if we

send an invoice to Blue Cross blue shield, whatever, and everything, we need to at least acknowledge it or that they help with this thing. Enough. I'm done. And Eileen's locked up.

COB Dave Pittmann

No, I'm not. Well, In a lot of organizations, you get money from lots of different places, and then we just write checks. But we don't, like for the Legion, I don't say, hey, I got money. I mean, I'll say I get an anonymous donation, then I'll write a check to whomever. But I don't like piggyback on who gave us the money. I understand what you're saying, but I'm not sure if that's necessary.

Secretary Bob Hickman

What I'm concerned about, what I'm concerned about is From what Eileen said and everything, Blue Cross Blue Shield wants to give us a thousand bucks that we can use for parties, picnics, whatever, and supporting our people. And they...

COB Dave Pittmann

Well, it says for veterans, right?

Secretary Bob Hickman

And for veterans?

COB Dave Pittmann

I had to call the thing up and look at it here. Where the heck is it?

Secretary Bob Hickman

I don't know. I just think we need to...

Past Commander Dave Bowman

If I could interject here after 30 years of nonprofit management. So we send the Blue Shield Blue Cross people a receipt. I think we've already done that. And we send them a thank you letter saying, here's what your donation helped us do.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Once our Christmas party is over, I will do that.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Okay. I agree with you, David. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Because they wanted to see pictures of the current party after because I they I showed them what it would look like the setup and what we do. So they got those pictures but I told them I will follow up with this year's Christmas party. So that's when I'll send the thank you letter to them.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yep. Okay. All right. Good. Sounds good.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. So anybody else discussion? anybody opposed all right approved so \$500 we will write a check for the red so for donation besides what we collect from the red passing the hat around perfect uh let's see was it uh subball participation did that come from you Waylon?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Chief Top down at SRS asked me about participation in sub vets to the submarine ball. He wants more participation. Again, I guess it's basically two tickets still, whatever it has been.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

At \$150 a ticket. Yeah.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I said, I have no interest in going because it's Seattle.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Exactly. That's what's hard on me. I I'm young and I don't even want to go.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So I don't like traveling. It's at night. It's late. You know, those there's members that do want to come home.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

They don't want to stay there.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So I told him I'd discuss it with you and and then you know I did I threw it at you and asked let's just put it on the eboard agenda um probably don't have to to come up with a decision just yeah we need to put it out back out to members.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah we could put it out to the members and I could reach out to Phil Carlson over in Seattle base okay so we they might have more takers than us being on that side of the water.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Right.

COB Dave Pittmann

You know, if the guys on this side would say, hey, we have a van and we'll drive you over. And then when you're hosed, we'll drive you home. So you're not staying at a hotel and spending 500 bucks. That's a thought. So, I mean, if I was the guy coordinated, I would suggest, hey, here's my 14 passenger van who wants to shout 150 bucks, not 500.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right.

COB Dave Pittmann

Then you'll get me home too. Please get me back to the base and I'll find my way home.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right. That sounds like...

COB Dave Pittmann

So that would be my take on that.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yeah, when they moved in... Ora loves in submarine birthday balls and that kind of stuff. But when they moved it to Seattle...

COB Dave Pittmann

It's hard.

Secretary Bob Hickman

It's hard. It's hard. And now that we've moved over on this side of the canal, it's really hard.

COB Dave Pittmann

So that's some feedback to whoever you're speaking to.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

SRS is already in stand down now. Well, starting Friday, sorry. They'll be in stand down, so I won't see him for... any more Mondays who who was that again senior chief top okay that sounds he knows you yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'll say I think I have him on Facebook okay I digress uh any other new business yes yes.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Based on the last meeting that we had, I would like to propose, and I think we had one in the past, don't know what happened to it, but even if we had one, it's probably outdated. We need a base laptop that's multimedia capable that either the vice commander or the treasurer has at each meeting so that we can actually do that. do the things that we need to do presentation wise. I realize we don't do a lot of presentations, but it would be, it would have been nice. And it would be nice like what happened when Tom's Woffler came and all he had was the thumb drive. And, you know, just happened to use mine that day. So we need a base laptop. They're not expensive. I, to me, Eileen, you could probably get one for under the thousand dollars that you could spend.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Absolutely.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Get a laptop.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We can probably get one at the Navy Exchange for tax free. So I think that's a great idea because that could be even like a good turnover item that has all of our what, you know, base commander or whatever, turnover stuff, anything that's on there. I know the Dropbox is great too, but having it on there already, you know, just building on that. So and then having it readily available for presentations. That's, I agree with that.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah, I mentioned it to Eileen after the meeting, Dave, and she agreed, and I just didn't get back to you to say she agreed.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay. I wanted to make sure we brought it up because it's something that's pretty simple and necessary in the 21st century, which is where we live.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. I'll get with Dan and then get a couple of quotes and then I'll get that taken care of so we can make sure that we have that at every meeting if needed.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And then we'll need to buy office, probably do the subscription-based type office.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Well, as long as I'm a student for the next two years, I can download that free.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

As long as I'm a student, I'm good to go. And then if someone else becomes, you know, commander and is a student.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I guess you'll be going to school for a while to get your PhD.

Secretary Bob Hickman

If we need office.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I was talking to Thelma at some point.

Secretary Bob Hickman

If we need office, my daughter-in-law, our daughter-in-law is, she just got back from Denmark. on a trip for Microsoft, Karowana can take care of us and will.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay. All right. We'll keep that in mind.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Write that down, Secretary.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Hey, this computer here is a Karowana special. I'm telling you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Is that the last of the new business?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So going to the exchange, you're not necessarily going to get quotes. You're just going to compare prices.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, yeah. I'll compare prices and then see what it looks like on Amazon with my Prime. And I can look over at a couple other places. And then I'll go and ***** it up. I'll be talking to Dan before I do any of that, though.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yep.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay. I don't want to drag this out, but let's not go too cheap on this. I mean, let's get something that really works.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I want to make sure the camera comes with me. He is a guru of computers.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

What I'm going to say is you can spend up to \$1,000 without board approval. If the board is here, why don't we just say she can go up to \$1,500 with our approval?

Secretary Bob Hickman

I'll second that.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Any discussion?

COB Dave Pittmann

Yes, go ahead. So you just need to make sure that whatever you're buying has the items on there that's going to actually work for what we need to work for. I mean, all the specs. Right. I have a laptop or I have a laptop and a desktop here. I go through all the specs to make sure that, you know, it's going to work for everything that I do. So we just want to make sure that it's getting there.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah. i9 Prophs and Serve leaves 32 gig. one terabyte.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Between the two Dave's, I'm sure that you guys will figure out. I just don't want to get the stuff we need.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I don't want to get stuck with a \$998 one when we could get a better one that's going to last a little bit longer, you know, for \$1,300 and have to go through this whole thing again. If we just authorize it now, we're good to go.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Can both of Dave's do me a favor and give me the specific specs? what I would need to look for. So I'm looking for something specific and not because I can bring camera with me and make sure that I'm getting something really good. But if I need something that's more of like a writing or media, not gaming type of stuff, let me know. Like you said, one terabyte. I want to remember that stuff. I want to bring that list with me when I go to make sure. So if I need to ask, okay, it's this is listed, but this is not listed, but does it have it for this type of thing?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

That should say I nine not I current.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Then you gotta know what the projector takes as well.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

As soon as I log off, all of that stuff is going to go away.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

You'll need to make sure it has the USB ports. But even that, as long as it has a USB C port in it, you can get a docking station to go with it. So not even all that worried about that, but it's got to have the connections so that we can.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, for our projector.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. Okay. Okay. I can do that.

COB Dave Pittmann

We have to vote still.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes. Okay. All in favor.

COB Dave Pittmann

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Anybody opposed? All right. We are good. That is approved. So I can spend up to \$1,500 on this laptop, but I'm I'll get the quotes together and I'll I'll figure out what I have with good descriptions of what they have and then I will just have a conversation with you guys specifically Dave, Dave and Dan.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Then that'll make it a lot easier. Um you guys can just narrow it down and let me know and I'll go grab that up. Alright. Last thing for good of the order that I had was March 7th, Central Oregon-based float is christening, so save that date. That's Saturday. So we can, I had that offset from our meeting days so, you know, we can get max participation. I can create an update from what All the information I got and send it in an e-mail, Dan, because I know you were asking about an update on that. I don't have everything right now put together. I've been under the weather this weekend, this beginning of the week, so I'm lucky to even be here right now. And the next CAVA meeting in January is that first week. So as soon as we get a little bit closer, I will give that date and time out, but it should be there at the FRA. I believe at 6 p.m. um but looks like it's gonna they're we're gonna have a good turnout um Steve's not here so I'm sure we'll hear a little bit more um probably at the next e-board or at the January meeting I don't think Steve will probably um say anything unless it's super important he needs to put out at the Christmas party so.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Start standing back up you know in January and that's to support the spring CAVA stand out which is April the 25th.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yep yep and yeah anybody else go to the order?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

For retired personnel, your electronic 1099-R is now available. Yep.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yep.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Might pay.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Got it today.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Got it today. Yep. And you probably want to put it out at the meeting as well. There's a lot of other retired folks there too.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Now that my pen doesn't want to work. Okay.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

First tax form of the season.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

This year went by fast.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah, just make 2026 go by fast, please.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. All right. There's nothing else.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Motion to adjourn.

COB Dave Pittmann

I'll second that.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right, we are adjourned. Good night, everyone.