

## **Executive Summary**

### **USSVI Bremerton Base eBoard Meeting**

**February 17, 2026 – 1800 (Zoom)**

The February eBoard meeting focused on membership stability, financial review, upcoming events, and ongoing infrastructure improvements.

#### **Membership**

Membership stands at **250 members**, up three from the previous month. Dues reconciliation is nearly complete, with only one member remaining unresolved. Eleven members are eligible for Holland Club recognition this year. Overall retention remains stronger than typical year-end trends.

#### **Financial Status**

As of January 31, 2026:

- Beginning Balance: \$62,306.21
- Ending Balance: \$52,476.97
- Net January Loss: (\$9,829.24)

The January deficit reflects payment of outstanding 2025 obligations rather than ongoing operational imbalance. The Vice Commander completed the required annual financial review and reported no deficiencies.

#### **Events & Activities**

- **Military Appreciation Day (March 14):** Volunteer coordination underway.
- **Armed Forces Day Parade (May 16):** Float participation confirmed; VIP riders invited.
- **Rainiers Game Outing:** Motion approved for the base to subsidize \$10.50 per ticket; members pay \$5.

#### **Deterrent Park / Brick Program**

Leadership transition is in progress. Two installations remain pending from 2025. AI image enhancement and standardized photography are being explored to improve brick locator accuracy.

## **Communications & Administration**

The Puget Soundings website migration continues, with final adjustments pending. Members were advised to disengage from unauthorized national social media pages to protect USSVI branding.

Past Commander Dave Bowman has agreed to accept nomination as National Historian, pending formal appointment.

## **Summary**

The Base remains financially stable, membership is trending positively, and planning for spring events is well underway. Administrative oversight and digital modernization efforts continue to strengthen organizational effectiveness.

**Next eBoard Meeting:** March 17, 2026.

**USSVI Bremerton Base  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 17, 2026

**Time:** 1800

**Location:** Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

Base Commander Ileene Davis called the meeting to order at 1800.

**2. Roll Call**

Officers and committee members present included:

Base Commander Ileene Davis, Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire, Jr. Vice Commander CJ Smith, Treasurer Dan Inman, Secretary Bob Hickman, COB Dave Pittman, Storekeeper John Gardner, Holland Club Chair Thelma Ruiz, Float Manager Mike Friend, Phil Paugh, Dan McClellan, and Past Commander Dave Bowman.

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Secretary reported no corrections to the prior meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Accept previous minutes as written.

**Second:** Dan Inman

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dan Inman reported the following as of January 31, 2026:

- Beginning Balance: \$62,306.21
- Total Receipts: \$3,077.17
- Total Expenses: \$12,906.41
- Net Change: (\$9,829.24)
- Ending Balance: \$52,476.97

The January deficit reflects payment of outstanding 2025 obligations.

The Vice Commander completed the required annual financial review and reported records to be accurate with no deficiencies.

## **5. Membership Report**

Membership stands at 250 members.

- 7 members owe National dues
- 11 members owe Base dues

Treasurer reported nearly all delinquent members have been contacted, with one remaining unresolved.

Holland Club review identified 11 eligible members for 2026 recognition.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **Storekeeper:**

Reported successful sales and restocking of inventory, including Holland Club patches and covers.

### **Float Manager:**

Parade registration for upcoming events is pending. A battery replacement may be required. Minor repairs to float lettering completed.

### **Holland Club:**

List of eligible members scrubbed, and notification emails sent. Awaiting responses to schedule presentations.

### **Deterrent Park / Brick Program:**

Leadership transition from Phil Paugh to Dan McClellan underway. Two 2025 installations remain pending. AI enhancement tools are being explored to improve brick image clarity and locator accuracy.

### **Historian / Web / Social Media:**

Puget Soundings website migration progressing.

Members advised to disengage from unauthorized USSVI national social media pages. Past Commander Dave Bowman has agreed to accept nomination as National Historian, pending formal appointment.

### **COB Report:**

Coffee with the COB attendance increasing. Alternate venue options under review.

Discussion held regarding acquisition of a Keurig coffee machine for base meetings.

## **7. Old Business**

### **Military Appreciation Day – March 14, 2026:**

Volunteer coordination ongoing.

### **Armed Forces Day Parade – May 16, 2026:**

Float participation confirmed. VIP riders invited. Coordination with USS San Juan leadership ongoing.

### **Stand Down (April 25, 2026):**

Planning continues. Volunteer support and donation discussions are ongoing.

## **8. New Business**

### **Rainiers Game Outing:**

Two available dates: June 26 and August 2.

**Motion:** Base subsidize \$10.50 per ticket; members pay \$5.

**Second:** Bob Hickman

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **Keurig Purchase:**

Motion introduced to purchase a Keurig machine (not to exceed \$200) with assorted pods for base meetings. Discussion ongoing; final purchase parameters to be confirmed.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Next eBoard meeting scheduled for March 17, 2026.

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by the Base Commander.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bob Hickman**

Secretary

USSVI Bremerton Base