

Transcript of USSVI Bremerton Base eBoard Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026 1800 via Zoom

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Welcome. So nice to see you.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And you froze.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

My tile's full over here on the scale's connecting. Am I?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah, you're freezing again.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I told everyone in my house to get off the Wi-Fi.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Somebody's not listening.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I know. One of those kids, one of them whippersnappers. Okay, Bob, you're, I think your audio is good. Maybe. Oh, okay. We can circle back to him. We can go to you, Dan.

Dan McClellan

Okay.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Membership report. We are at the end of last month at 250 members. That's up three from the previous month. Go ahead in the right direction. Financial treasury report. We started the month with 62,300 and \$6, we spent \$3,077. We spent \$12,906 for a money out deficit of \$98.29. I ended the month with \$52,476. Most of that was leftover requirements that we needed to pay from last year that didn't quite get into the 2025 fund. So that's why our deficit was quite so much this month. Corks Challenge, we brought in \$240 for a total of

\$3,950 And unless I hear otherwise, I'm assuming that kind of closes out our course challenge for 2025. The last thing is dues. We have pretty much contacted everyone except for one person at this point. I've only gotten one no. Everyone else has either said they are going to pay again or the one person I have not gotten a hold of. I've talked to national, they like us to actually let everyone go at the end of January, but I told them, you know, I'm still going to get a hold of a few people and they acknowledge that and they're good with that. So they're kind of giving us till the end of February to get a hold of everyone and hopefully collect dues by then. Otherwise, we have to drop. So overall, we're still much better than we usually are. We usually lose about 10 to 12 people to the dues at the end of every year. And that's it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Did you get my message, Dan?

Treasurer Dan Inman

I did get your message and I actually got an e-mail from him already. So he's one I'm counting as a go.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, perfect.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yes, thank you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Of course. All right. We could circle back to you, Bob. Nobody can hear you.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Eileen, can you hear me? Waylon, you hear me?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yep.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I can hear you now. Okay. Hello, everybody. Welcome from Arizona. All right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Are you ready for your report?

Secretary Bob Hickman

Oh, excuse me.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Are you ready to report or you want me to circle back to you?

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well, I've reviewed the last recording and so on and the very few changes were to it. And I have no objections or additions to it. And I would like to make a motion that we accept it as written.

Treasurer Dan Inman

I can second that.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Any discussion? All in favor.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Aye. Aye.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Aye. No one opposed? All right. They're approved. Thank you, Bob.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right, anything else? Let's see. Any chaplains here? No. Storekeeper, TTF Soup Down, what you got?

Storekeeper John Gardner

Well, this was a unusual month. I only did \$40 in cash sales, but Dave managed to do over \$400 in sales. So it was a very, very good month. And that's our report. I've got, I've made two orders. I got some more coins in and I've got some vests in. So as long as I've got a place to put my stuff down Saturday, I'll be in good shape.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Awesome. I wanted to remind you, I wasn't sure if you ordered the Holland Club patch. I think that was the only.

Storekeeper John Gardner

I have Holland Club patches.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Perfect.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Thank you.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Let's see. Next. Float manager. Parades. Michael.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Yes. Can you hear me?

Float Manager Mike Friend

Okay. I don't really have anything yet because none of them have started with their registration yet. The first one would be in May. I think they may start in March or April.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So that sounds about right.

Float Manager Mike Friend

May will be. Squim and Armed Forces Day.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Our first event, though, is the Military Appreciation Day.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Wait, what's that one?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I think that's May 16th.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Oh, no, I'm not bringing the float.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. And what about the the armed forces here?

Float Manager Mike Friend

Armed Forces Day is. And squimmer that month. You want to add a third one.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So our armed forces is...

Storekeeper John Gardner

Is May 16th.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, oh, so the million, okay, military appreciation, that's March 14th. That's the one that the float won't go to. It's the armed forces is May 16th.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Yeah, it's like, I'm not doing three in May.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Sorry, that was my fault.

Float Manager Mike Friend

But that one... Yeah, usually swimming and Armed Forces Day are back-to-back.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, yeah, those are the two. Sorry, that's my fault.

Float Manager Mike Friend

I don't have any, someone might know what Armed Forces Day is, but I don't have any other dates yet. I haven't seen anything. I usually check, you know, they have it where you can

just go online and register, yeah, register and send any insurance stuff. But I haven't seen anything yet. The only thing We may have to get a new battery this year.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Can you get me some quotes?

Float Manager Mike Friend

No, I'll just buy it. It's like 250 bucks or something. I'm not worried about it, but I, I just, I wanted to let you know, I think last year I put it on the charger, but it didn't take a charge. So I don't know how old it is. I think, I think it's, how old is it four years old now? That's pretty good for battery. But I don't really have anything, not unless anybody else had anything to ask me about it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No, just let us let Dan know when you buy it so we can make sure that you get recognized for, you know, donations in kind.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Sure. That's yeah, that's fine.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Thank you.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Angela did make Angela did make some new letters from the one that fell off.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, great.

Float Manager Mike Friend

That was good.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I mean, your makeshift ones were pretty good. Only those of us who were up close and knew that it was tape.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Yeah, I know. I think fell off. And that thing was, that was nailed on. I don't know why I happened. So, anyway, that was all I had.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, thank you.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Let's see. Colin Club. What you got, Thelma?

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

So Gary and I scrubbed the list. I know you have nine people on your list, so I sent them an e-mail. Thanks, Gary, if he's not on here. But yeah, so we came up with a list of 11 people, so I think we're waiting for two more. We did send the e-mail out. Hopefully they get back to us and then We'll get back to John to get all the hats and patches. So just standing by to get word if they're able to come to this month's meeting or some other meeting.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, whatever works whenever they're available. I do get the patches. So the only thing that we get from John are the covers.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Oh, okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yep. I have the patches, the coins, their cards, and their certificates. So we're good to go. Saturday, I'll give you all of that together so you guys can keep track of it in your folder and put them in the cute little sleeves that are there. So you'll be good to go waiting on, you know, standing by for whenever they respond and let you know when they can come. Thank you.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Gary's a taco night at the VFW in Port Orchard, so that's why he's not on here.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Nice.

Treasurer Dan Inman

So, Velma, real quick, the two that you may not have identified, I think are two new members. I sent you an e-mail about them. So as soon as I get a new member that is eligible for the Holland Club this year, I send you a quick e-mail and I want to make sure you're hitting those so you can kind of put them on your list to track. Somewhere in there, they may get sent directly to the members since they started out as a a member at large sometimes. So I just want to make sure 11 is what I came up with as well. But I think the last two you might be missing are new members that just came in.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Okay. And Gary's been helping me because I don't, I don't computer well. And every time I go on there, I keep messing it up. And so I'll pull up like everybody in submits and then I have to learn how to separate it to the Bremerton and then I realized I didn't split everybody by Holland. So I was like, this list seems too big. So he's been helping me out with that. And he scrubbed it with me and we came up with 11 together. So if there's more that you see, just send me the e-mail. This egg anger can always use extra help.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

No, no worries.

Treasurer Dan Inman

11 is what I got as well. All.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Right, thank you.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Thelma Gary said it doesn't come up by months anymore. It just comes up with a year.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Correct. We looked at it and so if they're going to be in the hauling club this year, they just show up on the list.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay. Then Gary suggested doing it at the picnic and I said, no, let's don't do it at the picnics.

Secretary Bob Hickman

We've seen enough that those kinds of things at the picnics to know that it doesn't work well.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Correct. So, okay. Thanks.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Thank you. Just a note on the Holland Club. I only have four hats, so if we need more, I'll have to order them.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Can you do that, John? Can we order, just order 10 more so we have them on hand?

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Because sometimes we get those every once in a while.

Storekeeper John Gardner

They won't be here this Saturday, though.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's fine. We're not, I don't know if we're going to get a response by them, so I think we'll be safe.

Storekeeper John Gardner

I'll hope for next month. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Awesome. Let's see. Phil and Dan, what do you guys got?

Phil Paugh

Hey, so if anybody doesn't know, I'm going to be turning over primary with Dan McClellan, who's online. I'm going to stay on as his backup. So there'll be a pretty smooth transition since I'm not going anywhere. We still have two bricks to install from last year. I have reached out to the two members. One of them requested to wait until their son comes back from TAD. I'm still waiting on a response from the other one. I've emailed a couple of times

and haven't gotten a response. So I'll try to reach back out to them and see when, because they wanted to be present as well when their brick gets installed. So I'll reach back out to them. Um, I'm gonna find a time to sit down with Dan and go over all the, like the spreadsheets and stuff I have that, you know, for the orders and talk to him about the vendor and, and all that stuff. Um, hopefully we can give him access. I never had access to update the, uh, the brick locator. Um, hopefully we can get him access to do that. And I have current pictures of everything since I took the program. But like I said, I haven't been able to update the actual brick locator on our website. I don't know if anybody does have access and I don't know who controls it. Yeah, so.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I don't know. That might be something that was created out of all of our control and has access to it. So it might need to be recreated maybe together.

Phil Paugh

That would be difficult. Some of those bricks and still don't have a plan for redoing some of these bricks. I think, I think most of them are readable, but we just got to have them refurbished or have a painting party, right? You can go down there with a tiny brush and fill them in. So.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Get some kids on EMI.

Phil Paugh

Yeah, there's a whole like TPU of nothing better to do.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I was just there today, I can ask the lieutenant that I'm talking to.

Phil Paugh

Are you getting boots? So that's his current status. Like I said, I'll be turning it over with Dan here soon. Next time I plan on having him there, next time I do any kind of brick install and I'm gonna turn over the bucket of tools that was turned over to me many years ago and got a fresh bag of sand, so.

Dan McClellan

Oh yeah, and I feel pretty capable of taking it over. I, just so you guys are aware, I am fully retiring May 31st.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Congratulations.

Dan McClellan

Good on you. Thank you. That gives me 43 years of federal service. And then I will be able to like, you know, get more involved, go to the soup downs and all the other meet and greets because I won't have the shipyard job to tie me down anymore. And I'm looking forward to it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Congratulations.

Dan McClellan

And and I don't have a problem with my and my I still have pretty good dexterity. I have no problem painting little bricks. I, you know, mostly my back will give up before my hand will probably. But yeah, I'm I'm ready to support whatever's needed.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Sounds good.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Dan, I don't understand then why you're quitting. If you haven't got 48 years and you can just, you're a quitter.

Dan McClellan

43 and that's a quitter. Wow. I'm done.

Phil Paugh

I don't blame him. I'm thinking about quitting myself.

Dan McClellan

All.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right. All right. Me too.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Dave Bowman, are you saying you're quitting too?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Oh, he quit.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You're on mute.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

You're on mute.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Can you allow me to share my screen?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I did that.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Oh, damn it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I pressed it.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

No, that's all right. So with regards to these bricks, I'm not sure who took them, but I received from Dan a whole CD full of pictures of these. As you can see, they are unclear. And as Phil said, as you get closer to them, they're a little bit easier to read. This particular photograph is typical of the of the was it 253 that were taken, something like that. It's a little difficult to work with. It's a little too far out if we can go in. I went out and did a few of them myself. I didn't do a lot. This is what we can get with with an AI enhancement. With the larger photographs, it's a little bit easier. I may be able to cut them up and get it, but as you can see, it's much more legible with that point. I'm assuming it's correct without actually going out and putting my fingers on it and saying, I can't imagine it would just make up Wayne and Mary Sorrell. But as you can see, we can pull that from there. We just got to have a little bit smaller photographs to deal with.

Dan McClellan

Well, good. Then, Dave, I'll get with you and we can share this information And we'll go from there to improve all the bricks.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Okay. All right. It can be done. It's it's it's just it's like anything else. It's time or paying somebody else to do it. So.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Do we have any members that are photography nuts that. Tennis. Besides Dave Bowman. Tennis. Dennis. Oh, yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Dennis is our photographer.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Our birthday boy.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes. I love that video.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I'm just wondering if he has a tripod, he could set up over each brick and snap it.

Dan McClellan

Guys, again, I said.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

He does.

Dan McClellan

Again, I said, I don't mind taking 250 or whatever that many pictures for each brick. I mean, it's just a one picture on a camera and I don't. Like many men, I don't have many photos on my camera phone, probably like 300 total and not many videos. So I've got plenty of room on my phone to take a picture of every brick.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I got 13,700 and some odds. So no, I'm thinking standardization. They're all at the same height. They're all at the same distance, you know, placed at the same place. That way it's standardized pictures. You know, instead of holding the camera down, yeah, it's the tripod.

Dan McClellan

Yeah.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

And for future reference, it would probably be useful if when we installed a brick, we took a picture of it. Thanks.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Bill has been. Bill has been.

Phil Paugh

Yeah, I have pictures of all the bricks I've installed because I've emailed them out to the members who have purchased them. So I do have fresh pictures of all the bricks that were installed.

Dan McClellan

Sounds great.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And Dan, I don't know if Phil told you, I like to go out too whenever you do brick installs. And now, I mean, Dan lives right around the corner from me.

Dan McClellan

Yeah, I can actually walk down and get you.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

Dan McClellan

All right.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Real quick, part of the reason I took a wider shot of pictures was I understand there was a question as to whether or not they were in the correct order. So I think if he took two or

three pictures or two or three books together, he would at least have a good feel whether or not the map was correct overall. So just something to think about.

Dan McClellan

Oh, absolutely. Yeah. We'll take that in mind when we start planning this and then we can, you know, get a CAD drawing of everyone and then put it all together and keep building on it once it's all done.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Dave Bowman, any idea how the brick locator page was built on the website.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I pulled that out of a a thumb drive that Steve gave me when I turned over that he had put on that thumb drive when he took over. And God only knows where it came from.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yeah.

Phil Paugh

So on that brick locator, it just has like one name. Like, I think it's who ordered the brick. It doesn't have the actual brick information. I'm on there as far as so. Yeah, so it's a little different. So it makes it more difficult to restore the bricks if there's some that are, you know, unreadable.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Right.

Phil Paugh

So I don't know if we have like any kind of like if we keep the documentation of the order forms, you know, for so many years, obviously a lot of years that these have been getting installed.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So I don't know, Dan, did you see any of that stuff going through any of the old paperwork?

Treasurer Dan Inman

I've got like 2019 and newer. That's all I've got. Okay.

Phil Paugh

That's when I started. That's perfect timing.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. We're going to move on. Sounds like a great plan in the works. And then we can only move up from there because we realized it is a problem and we'll get it fixed. So thank you, everyone. And we'll get volunteers when we need them to start etching in. Let's see. Mike Talpai, is he here? I don't see him. All right. Charitable ambassador. I'll get with him offline then. All right. Historian web social media.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

All right, let's start with the website itself. You may have noticed, or you may not have, I don't know. Who knows if you're paying attention or not, but the Puget Soundings is now essentially fully operational. Still a few things that I'm working on moving over, applications, that sort of thing, but I finally got the calendar part working right. Everything is there, and as you can see, it's all there with this. Just a reminder, if you want your own page set up so that you can do posts or whatever. If you want to do posts, the training is still available. If that isn't helping you, let me know. I can teach you how to do it. It's not hard. It's it's actually a very simple thing to do. And even even when Dan sends an e-mail, you can turn that e-mail very quickly into a post. It's not hard, not hard to do at all. In fact, it's it's very easy. Where we're running into problems with this, however, is that transferring this permanently from Gertrude Check is... WordPress, which is a great program, a great system for doing this, is very... I don't know what they're doing. I can't, nobody has an answer for why we can't do this. Normally, if I wanted to keep gertrudecheck.org, but I wanted, if you typed in gertrudecheck.org for it to go to the Puget Soundings, it's a simple HTML command. It's one line, easy. WordPress will not allow that. And so I've tried every workaround they have. It looks like we're not going to be able to do that. So what we'll probably end up doing is keeping Gertrudecheck at a very bare bones level, free I'm hoping, except for the \$18 a year to pay for the URL, and basically just putting a big block there that says click here to enter the site, which will then go to the Puget Sounding. It's the only workaround that we can seem to get going because WordPress has their heads firmly implanted in reverse style. So there is that, again the deadline is still in April, April 2nd. As we get closer to that, those numbers will shift as to how much it will cost. But for a three-year plan figure somewhere around between six and \$700. So that's just for planning purposes. Or we could I don't think they sell a one year plan anymore. I think the minimum is two years. So it'll be two or three years. I you might as well just get the three-year and and go on with it. Okay. Any questions on the website? Yes, I do.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I was trying to scan the our business card for the application for membership and it showed that it was like the 404 didn't exist.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yes. The Gertrude check itself. You're probably not going to get those links because I had to change the URL for it within within a couple of days. I'll have it on this side and hopefully get it working up on that. So.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So should I just get a blank sticker and just stick it over that QR code on our business cards?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, that's probably not going to work.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's an easy thing.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I mean, I may be able to put the old URL back in place. Let me see if I can do that. Give me till the end of the week to see if I can put the old URL back and see if it'll fix that. And we should be able to hang on to that even if we drop to the personal bare minimum. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. I just want to ask that I was trying to get on there today. I was like, oh, shoot. Let me ask that today. Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Easy. That's an easy. Let me make a note to fix application. Okay. Hopefully everybody saw the e-mail from the National Commander vis-a-vis social media. If you did not see it, please refer to the e-mail from Mr. Jake or from Commander Jakes. We have some problems with social media. Some of you may or may not be familiar with us. Some of you may not care. I don't know. This is something we've run into with the national social media coordinator, Rick Mitchell. And we've been working diligently on this. There are multiple pages, as the commander said. Most of them, like ours, clearly identify themselves as a base. USSVI Bremerton base, USSVI bonefish base or whatever, and that's fine.

Unfortunately, there are at least three pages that identify themselves as national pages. One of those we've managed to take over and redefine, and there are actually two social

media pages on Facebook now. One is a page, one is a group. The difference is minute, but basically groups are more participatory, pages are more informational. Those two, as the national commander put in his e-mail, are legit. And those are the only two legit pages, nationally speaking, on Facebook. You will run into some others, particularly this one. This one is a thorn in our side because the man who is running this is, if you will pardon my French, batshit crazy. And nobody seems to be able to figure out how he got into this because this page was originally built in New Jersey. By the South New Jersey base, probably 20 years ago, when Facebook was brand new, somehow or another, we suspect he's in New Orleans, somehow or another, he got into it. It was when the other eight Facebook manager page managers died or went away and he has taken over this. And if you've been following along with this page, this page has become offensive. It has become problematic. It's he's actually trying to take over. He's trying to recruit people to do his own website for USSVI. It's a mess and it's a problem. And as I said, the guy's batshit crazy. We need to get people off this page. And as you will see very quickly here, people that follow this page, I mean, we're the first. Oh, my God. There is a lot of Bremerton people on this base. We are going to be asking people to just quietly unfollow the page. You don't have to say anything. You don't have to do anything. Just unfollow it and walk away from it. The more noise we make about this guy, the more attention he gets, which is what he wants. And so we need people to just get off that page. And I'm not sure how we're going to do this. I don't know how we're going to say this at a meeting because we're going to get a lot of the, well, I don't really know how to use Facebook and I don't know what I've liked and so forth and so on. But the less attention this gets, the better everything is. So if you're a fan of that page or following that page, if you would please unlike it, you will notice that myself and Rick Mitchell will stay on there because we need to keep an eye on this guy. And we are trying to backdoor how he got into that. And hopefully there are legal ramifications in place downright where Rick is actually trying to get this guy thrown off of there for a copyright violation. But Facebook is making us go through one hell of a lot of of poops to get to that point. So that's what we needed to say about that. I'm not sure how we're going to get everybody off of that, but we're going to we have to try. So that's what we're doing there. Any questions on any of that?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I just unfollowed.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Good enough. Yay. We're down one then.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Down one.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

It is pretty entertaining to read if you like people that are crazy, but it's.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I was wondering what's going on when he said, I need a web missing beaster.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah. He goes on these rants and then claims that he was hacked and deletes them. And it's pretty crazy stuff. And we got to keep an eye on. We know who the guy is, at least Facebook wise. And so we're slowly limiting his participation in other places. So because he's not and he's not actually a USSBI member. He is a submariner, but he's not a USSBI guy.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Call me pinko.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah. All right. The one of the things we talked about at the COBs Coffee was improving the display for the bonefish float. I have worked up a preliminary script. I think I sent it to everybody that was at the coffee. Yes. I may have sent it to the entire eboard. I don't remember, which basically gives a general kind of idea of what we want to do. There's a couple of thoughts here. And again, this is long range. So just put this in your tickler file. And as we get closer to the parade season, maybe we can do this. I don't know how hard it would be, Mike, to actually install a 12, 18 inch screen on the side of the float. That's one way we could do this. We could build a video presentation about the bonefish, about the history of the submarine itself. And what's what's what's going to power it? Well, that's again, I don't know how hard this would be. I mean, I've got to. I mean, it's not going to run for days, so.

Float Manager Mike Friend

No, but it has to be. Our inverter is not big enough to power a TV.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Right. There are other ways around it. We can we can work on those technical if we do if we go that route. The other route was to actually do it as a living history. The person that I had pegged for doing that a member of was a member of the base I guess now is not going to be

Dan sorry is a professional actor and I'd hoped that I could convince him to to do it as a live action thing but he's got a lot of stuff going on in his life right now so who knows it but but the the preliminary outline is done for that and as we get closer to parade season I'll have more built into that and we can talk about how we make that display and how we could actually present that, particularly at standing displays, things like the veteran's day, anytime the float is stationary would be the appropriate time for those presentations. Okay. Any questions on any of that?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. Can we use like a jackery?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, I have to plug in. Yeah, that's what I'm saying. I've got two right there.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

And if it's a static, you know, type thing, it'll be safe inside, you know, it'll be stable and stuff. So I figured that would be like the perfect kind of a setup. We just got to figure out the setup part.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yep. As Mr. Spock said, Mike, there are always alternatives.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right, I like it.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I have nothing as past commander, by the way.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Oh, wait a minute. Yeah, I do. I'm sorry.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, go ahead.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I think I told everybody. I'm not sure. I did have a conversation with the national commander, I guess, now that I think about it and with the Western commander, Pete Jujos. I have accepted, I don't know how to say this because I've agreed to accept the nomination as the national historian. I've not been appointed the national historian, but I've agreed to accept the nomination as, so. Awesome. That's awesome.

Secretary Bob Hickman

That is awesome.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I thought that Pete Jujos had congratulated you.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

He did, but he got ahead of the game.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Because I have not been appointed yet. I don't think the national board has met.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. I took that as.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I, I, there aren't anybody. There's not an election. There's nobody else. So.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right, right. Well, we're going to give you that credit. Congratulations, babe. That's awesome. All right. Jim is not here. Did I have anything for him? I know that we'll talk in new business. Don't worry about that. Okay, I'll just skip because he's not here. I did have a funds meeting two or three weeks ago, and they were talking about the caps for kids and how hard it is for some bases to get into. the hospitals, they suggested to everyone there. If you're having a hard time, maybe look into clinics if they have, you know, children's areas and if the clinics would allow us. And then if they get word through the hospitals, the bigger hospitals that were visiting clinics with children, we want to present there. That's an idea to start. Or if you want to, they want to start going into see seniors, senior veterans go into the the senior homes. And I know it's a caps for kids program, but to also even just recognize

other other seniors, they just might like to see, you know, younger whippersnappers, you know, say hello. Yeah, you know, maybe we can put our own little twist on it, but that was something that it's very brand new. I'll let you know. But I just wanted to pass on those two things that had come up that could be helpful finding our way into somewhere. with that for kids for us.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

We've talked a little bit about this before. First responders that are responding to a casualty Red Cross kids, maybe we could help in that area as well.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, that's fine. Me working with CERT, that kind of helps out if I'm activated and we have an incident and there's children involved, they usually get, you know, counselors and stuff, but we can, we can definitely do something in that area and be out there for emotional support, too. That sounds like a good idea. Yeah, I like it. Okay, I'll move on to COB.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, I'm going to cover coffee with the COB now instead of later. Okay, so we're, you know, like ten of us or something, the last one trying to find a place that we actually get ten people in there. So scoping things out and we need someplace that opens by nine o'clock because the idea is to have it in the morning. I would love to have it earlier, but most people for some reason can't wake up early like I do. Anyway, we'll probably be meeting at Barnes and Noble Cafe in Silverdale. So it's always the second Wednesday and it'll be at nine o'clock as they open at nine o'clock and I scoped it out. There's a nice large area. And there's a couple other places that we're kind of looking at. Once again, we need to have a, you know, a decent sized place.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Do you care how far away it is?

COB Dave Pittman

No, I don't.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Any of the casinos, either of the two casinos have great places like that and they open quite early.

COB Dave Pittman

Okay. So, so, so deals, if you can send me the information that way, because it was kind of interesting. I went, you know, ChatGPT and Copilot looking for places. And that's actually how I found the Barnes and Noble. I didn't even think about it. And so there's a couple other places that opened earlier that serve breakfast kind of stuff. And I like the casino idea because of how many folks get out there. You know, I picked up Fred last time for me. He lives over in Brownsville, near where I used to teach. And so that's fine. You know, I'm more than happy to pick people up and take them. But we'll kind of see how it goes. I can say the first one was four, and I think we had 10 this last time. It was pretty good. Anyways, that's all I have for that right now.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Complete aside on that. Fred is actually looking much better than I've seen him look in years.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

From the pictures, he looked pretty good. Yeah.

COB Dave Pittman

He's moving really well. It was interesting 'cause I go to pick him up and I, you know, so in fact, Rose says, drive the car, not the truck so he can get in. So he's using it, not a walker anymore, he has the cane. So he gets there and he gets in the car and I thought it would've been easier in the truck. He says his son is a full-size pickup, I have a Tacoma and I thought, well, lessons learned. But yeah, he was doing fine getting in and out. And then they told me, he goes, you know, I haven't fallen since the previous Christmas party. And then we had to talk about how old people are in the base and everything and also got me thinking about some other stuff I had to do. Anyway, that's it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right on. Thank you. All right. Vice Commander.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay. By the bylaws, which I've just recently started rereading again, I'm supposed to provide a report every February, which I didn't do last February. And it kind of says it right there. Audit the base financial records each January and submit a report outlining their accuracy or deficiencies to the eBoard. I have never seen any type of these reports in writing, and Based on my experience with Mr. Pittman there, I don't like the word audit anymore. So I think it's a review the base financial records each January. So that's something I probably will work on here in the near future. But I review financial records

every month. They are every once in a while, blue moon, a missing receipt and Dan is Johnny on the spot and corrects it. So we really have no deficiency. So what I'm doing now is telling you that I have reviewed the base financial records for January and my report verbally is that they are 100% accurate. Perfect.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's how I did it as well with Dan. I did the same thing. I reviewed on a monthly or I caught up if I was a month behind and if I had any questions, he already had everything in hand ready to go. So and I did the same thing in February was did a verbal.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So it didn't say I didn't interpret it any way saying we had to write it down anywhere. That we just know that we're on we're going over it and making sure that we're doing our due diligence with the finances.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah. I think we do need to change the word audit, though. And I think just change it to review the base financial records in the law.

Dan McClellan

Wayne, I'm an auditor by job. And the other term that we use beside auditing is assessment. Just an input.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Okay.

Dan McClellan

All right.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I just know what Mr. Pittman thinks in this case.

Secretary Bob Hickman

But Waylon, the requirement is in the bylaws.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yes, it is.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Then are we going to have to do a change to the bylaws to go from audit to review to assessment?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

If we choose to go down that route.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well, it's just something to, you know, once we once we start talking about making changes to the bylaws, that always gets interesting.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Well, I think Dave Bowman, we had a bylaw proposal going around for a while, but I guess it's dead. You're on mute.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

With everything that's been happening in the last year and a half, I just it's okay. Yeah, it's it's been The hardest part of the bylaws was getting the old bylaws into a workable, usable format because it wasn't. And I think I finally have solved that, but it just hasn't been my priority. Sorry.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Understood.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

But yeah, I'm firmly on board with we need to revise the bylaws entirely.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So Bob, we were working on revising the bylaws, and so this will be just another little niche.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Well, you know, my my experience with being a base commander and so on and so forth at the Olympics is anytime you start messing with the bylaws and then you got to be conscious of the national level interest or Western district level interest is where you got it. You just got to be careful.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Noted.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Noted. Thank you. All right, anything else?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

That's all I had.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right, Junior Vice. Got anything, CJ?

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Okay, there we go. Finally. No, I do not have anything. Do I need to reach out to this Tom gentleman?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh yeah, I meant to e-mail you and Dan back. I reached out to him. after I confused both of you because I was like did I send that I wouldn't look back I thought I sent the e-mail I had gotten Thelma access and Gary access I didn't get CJ access so I sent that out today so I'll probably hear something tomorrow because it was probably the end of the day by the time I sent it three hours in advance so um I apologize for that, CJ.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Oh, don't. I was just looking forward to this qual board that Dave Bowman said. I was getting the chocolate. Did you bring the dark chocolate?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Oh, that was the whole sarin discussion, too.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Yes, the whole sarin with the aid that I missed. Sorry.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I'll sign anything for dark chocolate, man.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, man. Don't say that. Okay, perfect. I'm working on that. If I hear back, I CC'd you, so he should just e-mail you back directly. He might just say reply all, but if anything, hopefully he

just replies to you so you can get in there and he'll give you great instructions how to get into tools.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Perfect.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. If you have any issues, let me know once you get in there or you can just e-mail Tom to fix whatever access, but he should give you the right access for your position.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Okay. Nope. Sounds great.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Thank you.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Tom's a good guy. So we had dinner and lunch with him at one time.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Mm hmm. Oh, are we going to talk about, I guess we'll put it under your business. I can hold.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I will be going to that February 25th Greater Kitsap Chamber meeting. If anybody wants to go with me. If not, I'll snag up Michelle again. She's a great party animal. I like that. But if anybody wants to go, let me know. Thelma, if you're not busy, I know that's where I go and like just update or get anything that I might need from the chamber because obviously we're heavily involved with the the Heroes barbecue and then of course the military appreciation. So but That's the reason why I wanted to go because I wanted to see those committee personnel and face to face. Let's see. I already talked about having those packages for you, Thelma. And I did leave a message cob with Mary over at the VFW. She

didn't call me back today. I was super busy doing a bunch of Kava stuff, but I will reach out to her tomorrow if she doesn't answer, then I'll go by the VFW. So I make contact with her to let her know that we have the 70 headcount. So we are on board. So she gives us and I did in the in the voicemail, ask her what we needed. Oh, that was for Dan payment options. So I asked her if we needed to write a check, cash, if she if they had anything electronic. So I'll ask those questions tomorrow, whether it be over the phone or face to face. Hopefully I'll get it with Mike Talpai. I did make a second training. The first one was memorials for the memorial fund. The second one was scholarships. If he comes Saturday, hopefully he'll give some like a five or 10 minute less training on either of those. If not, I'll talk about scholarships because we'll have a lot of family members and members that normally don't attend. And I want to get that information out since it's not due until May. And that's just one of the great perks of being part of this organization is is the scholarships that can go to either of us or our dependents, children, grandchildren, so. And then new business, we'll talk about the Rainier tickets. I think that's all I had. Does anybody have anything for me? All right, old business. What do you got, COB?

COB Dave Pittman

I'm looking at this list here. Oh, the Kava donation. I'm going to bring this thing up because I don't know how much we were planning on doing this, but this is the same spiel I gave the Legion last night. So I'm looking at all this budget from our last meeting. Oh, I went to the last meeting. I'll put it that way. And on their budget, they have approximately \$32,000 in their account. and they're budgeting \$22,000. Okay, so you can see there's a difference there. And in the 22,000, they're saying \$5,000 for meals. And Eileen has this magic plan of doing a thousand, I'm thinking two. So you subtract three, you're already down to 19, and then there's a donor giving a thousand, now you're down to 18, and the VFW in Port Orchard It's another \$2,000. Now you're down to 17. Well, their budget's now saying they need \$17,000, and they have \$32,000 in the kitty. But I think they're kind of flush with cash. So when we make a decision on what we're going to do besides buying donuts, you're just going to take that into consideration. That's it. I know in the Legion, we're going to give \$1,000. We do \$1,000 every six months, but we're kind of having second thoughts on that. and because you know they write grants and everything else so I just want to bring that up so when we discuss dollar amounts for donations just something to think about and I won't be at the next kaba meeting because I'll be in California but I know a couple you folks go so you you get the same information so that was it and for the folks that don't go to the kaba meeting um it's really pretty good let me just kind of give you some rundown stuff because You know, the Washington Youth Academy is there, helping set up and close the place down so those old guys don't have to do it. The Junior ROTC does the color guard. So there's a lot of other organizations, you know, are involved in that. I mean, there's a whole

list of things. Anyway, so we're involved, like the leads in the VFW. So I think they greatly appreciate that. That's really all I have up for the COBA part.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

What COB's talking about is the stand down meetings in preparation of the actual stand down, which is April the 25th.

COB Dave Pittman

I guess I should have said that first.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

It's all right. I got your back.

COB Dave Pittman

Thanks.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I was doing a lot of running around today for the COB stuff too. I did shoot an e-mail over to the MWR where I rented the grill and I shot an e-mail saying, you know, hey, do you mind, you know, donating the grill for us to use two times a year? You know, they get a lot of business of rentals and stuff. So that's one thing I did. I went by TPU. They're going to donate boots and parka jackets, all the outer gear. I'm going to go back on Friday and they're going to give me whatever they have. They said that they usually give that to the NJRTC. I said they have money. Those kids are good to go. They can get the next set of clothes. I said, can I get this for the homeless veterans and the needy veterans? And they're like, that sounds like a better idea. So they're washing all of this stuff and separating. I told them we didn't need uniforms. We needed the outer gear and boots and tennis shoes and stuff like that. So they're going to separate and do all that. I went by and yeah, I'm going to go by friends and see if they can donate all the buns. So it probably will be about a thousand for the food because I'm putting in a request with Costco too for their donation for any meats and stuff.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And she freezes. And she freezes.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'm doing a lot of work so we can allocate those.

COB Dave Pittman

Don't overextend yourself. There's a lot of, this always gets to be in an organization. There'll be a handful of people that really overextend themselves. So I'm just going to tell you, be careful with what you say you're going to do because there's other people that can do that stuff too. I know you like to do it, but this is how people get, this is how I get burned out doing stuff.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I will take that advice from you. Thank you. Okay. And we already talked about.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Copying on that note. You're you're doing all this stuff. We're going to need vampire the day of the stand down, too. So volunteers to help us flip burgers.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, yes. I did forget to mention. Thank you. You said that I did go by the galley and I asked Master Chief Ted Pero He said he'll ask the CSS if they can help volunteer. They already have food handlers cards. And then TPU, the lieutenant that I spoke to, he's a chief off of Michigan. He just put on lieutenant, but he said he will have plenty of volunteers to help. He will get a quarters together and he will have a gaggle of sailors ready to help. So I said, that's great. If I said, if, if we have more than enough help at the table of serving, I will assign them all to grocery walking around.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

So we have plenty for them to do.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We have a lot. So we are going to we have some good volunteers for that day. All right. I think that was. Oh, yeah. And I did. I got the e-mail that you said that the extra captain was coming and stuff. So, okay.

COB Dave Pittman

He was an interesting character.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, from the e-mail I got.

COB Dave Pittman

Well, it was just a short story. It was just hilarious. We're at stake night and there's four of us sitting together. Guy walks over. Hey, is anybody sitting here? So we're sort of chatting and Rose says, well, let me introduce everybody. So he says, oh, yeah, I bet whatever it is, squadron 19 or group, whatever the thing in group or something. I said, well, what do you do? So he goes, oh, he goes, I'm the Commodore. And it was just kind of interesting how he said it. I thought, oh, so he reminds me of a bunch of ensigns I had that became captains. Anyway, nice guy. So I gave him a business card. I said, if you can make it, great. Otherwise, parades, blah, blah, blah. So trying to get some of those guys involved and get those E9s to get out their ***** to come over and help us too.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That'd be great.

COB Dave Pittman

That's really one of my goals, get those guys who are... Anyway.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

On a minor downer note, state night is canceled until further notice.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Is it because of shutdown?

COB Dave Pittman

There are some issues with manpower.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, okay. Any other old business?

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, you have a thing for volunteers for Military Appreciation Day. On here. Oh, she just said that too.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Nope, I didn't say that, but yes.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'm creating a volunteer list of personnel that we've had in the past from all of our other sign ups. But I will mention that on Saturday that we're looking for our volunteers for the Military Appreciation Day because that's right around the corner. I did invite all of the Western District, the commanders. I sent all the information to Jim. He sent it out to all the commanders if they want to come up and hang out with us at our booth, give out hot dogs with us. There was about Two or three. So there was a secretary and two base commanders that were really intrigued. So hopefully we get some brothers that that will drive up and hang out with us. If not, I invited them to the parade as well. I said, you don't have to bring your float. You know, that's a lot of logistics and planning, but definitely you are all welcome to come up. And so if you guys were not in the e-mail stream that I had, the Greater Kitsap Chamber Parade Planning Committee has invited all the VIPs to ride on our float. So we will be in the front of the parade for the Armed Forces Day. all of the base commanders or whoever the VIPs will be. There'll be like three or four. They'll be riding on our float with our other members that are riding. And I've invited the USS Helena, USS San Juan, and TTF Chief Smess to walk with us. So I've gotten response back from Commander Hoff, which is the USS San Juan CO. He says he's gathering his crew to see who will be willing to walk to escort our float and or if they want to help set up our barbecue while we get there. So there will be more e-mail to come on that. And I'm just standing by because we have a couple of weeks left of responses for that. So I'm very excited for that. And so I'll send out an e-mail later with the float decorations that I wanted to propose or make a motion to buy for that event, having the VIPs. And then of course, it'll be brand new decorations. So that'll be nice for the static display anyway. New business.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Oh, whole business, you got sub val, V-A-L, sub ball. You pass that information to Seattle base. Senior Chief Topper told me at least one person is coming.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I did. Yeah, it'll be his one person. I think he just turned 100 or 101 and his date, his girl.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah. He froze.

Secretary Bob Hickman

He's frozen again.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That information.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

You froze.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I know. I told Phil Carlson in Seattle that each year we get the information, I'll pass it. Sorry, I keep breaking up.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Eileen, I've got my, I got my calendar in front of me. Of course I'm down. When's Military Appreciation Day? What's?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

March 16th.

Secretary Bob Hickman

No.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

No. 14th.

Secretary Bob Hickman

14th.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Sorry.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

It's a Saturday, right?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, it's the Saturday. Sorry. I mean, March and May, the date's wrong. So March 14th at the fairgrounds. I apologize.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Because I'm going to be, we'll be, we'll be back on the fifth and I'm definitely going to participate, you know, the participate in the mad.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay, perfect. I'll, I'll, I'll put you down. Yeah, if you're willing to participate, just shoot me an e-mail. But Saturday, I'll announce it there.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

All right, I'll go ahead and send you an e-mail as well. Just go ahead and put me down for the hot dogs on both of those days.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I already had you down.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, you're already down and everything.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

I'm just making it official so everybody knows. It's all good.

COB Dave Pittman

You're trying to pat yourself on the back.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

No, I'm just trying to make you feel like I volunteer, not voluntold.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

That's the title of the junior vice.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

That's right. Yeah. The DC one. Just put him wherever.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

COB Dave Pittman

It's the big one.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, no. All right.

COB Dave Pittman

Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Okay. Moving on. Yes, I had on there the next E-board is March 17th. Do I have that correct this time? Sometimes I get that wrong. Okay, I do. It's the same because this month is short. It's on the same, same time, same bat channel. The decorations, like I said, I will send out, I forgot to send the, the quote from Amazon that I had in my list. Rainier tickets. Okay. I wanted to talk about us possibly taking part of that. amount which was I have it.

COB Dave Pittman

Here \$15.50 and I'm ready to make a motion and I'm ready to make a motion. So my motion is that the base pays \$10.50 for each ticket. So the member comes up with five bucks.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Second.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Any discussion? All in favor.

COB Dave Pittman

Aye. Aye.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right. Any opposed? All right. It's approved. We are good to go to pay 1050 being that the members will pay \$5 to go to the baseball game.

Storekeeper John Gardner

What are the dates for the game?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

The dates for the games are Friday, June 26th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 2nd. at 1335. So I'll make a flyer for that and I'll get that out and send it over to Dave Pittman, Dave Bowman for our Soundbites newsletters, Puget Soundings, Gertrude Check, all the things, Facebook, all the stuff. So, okay. Perfect. Thank you, COB.

COB Dave Pittman

Yep.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Let's see. And I appreciate you updating the base officers and key personnel sheet.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, I think all the text is correct. Some people didn't get back to me, so I'm just going to assume it's correct. We just need some photos, updated photos, and then we're good to go. I'll put it back in a PDF and I'll shoot it to you.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Perfect. And then you had for coffee with the COB.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, so this is the Keurig. So we had this discussion at the first one because we make the big pot of coffee and it takes an hour and a half to make the coffee. And so someone who's on the screen here says, Hey, you know what? It'd be a great idea having a Keurig. And so we started talking because some people say, Where's the tea? Where's the decaf? So the thought would be, we buy a decent Keurig, not the honking thing. So then you have regular coffee, decaf, tea available. There's even hot chocolate, or you bring your own pod. And so we could have it just sitting there. So, you know, it takes a minute to brew a cup of coffee. We put gallons of pure water there, not the junk water. And then, you know, everybody can have their own coffee and it's less of a waste. I would not leave the machine there. I'd be responsible for it and bring it home and clean it. But then we would have it for meetings. We still have the big pot for big events, you know, if we need it. So that was the discussion we had. So that's not a motion. That's just discussion.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I like the idea. I mean, We could even probably find a Keurig at Goodwill. We just flush it out, you know, test it at home. And if it doesn't work, we lost five bucks, you know, and then we'll get a brand new one.

COB Dave Pittman

Okay, but then CJ has a comment about Keurigs. Go ahead, CJ. Coffee snob.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Whoa, how did I get pulled into this? No, no, no.

COB Dave Pittman

Because you're the one that said something about being a coffee snob.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Oh, well, yeah. Because I have like three coffee pots here. No, I was a Keurig. Yeah. If we do it, that would be fine. You could get one that pumps out coffee pretty fast.

COB Dave Pittman

I mean, you look at the diesel ones, they aren't really that expensive. And it says, you know, pump out one a minute. You know, people come in, I mean, I get there, a lot of us get there hour and a half early, you start making coffee, people come in and complain that there's no coffee. Well, here you go. And then we thought about doing, you know, coffee mess pot, you know, can, hey, throw your bucket or whatever. And so it could be, you know, self-sustaining, you could do it, you don't have to, but people would do that to be self-sustaining.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I think so too.

COB Dave Pittman

Something to think about. We don't need it now. But something like, hey.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Hey, COB, I got a comment about people who complain about not having coffee. My heart pumps peanut butter.

COB Dave Pittman

Okay, hold on. Let me just get that down here. My heart pumped peanut butter. Okay, got it.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Perfect.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

There's a peanut butter recall on the, you know, out there.

COB Dave Pittman

Oh, no. Okay, moving on.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

COB, did you want a motion to do that or do you?

COB Dave Pittman

Well, you can certainly make a motion.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I choose to make a motion that we buy a Keurig as outlined as the COB said, with various quantities of K cups of different types, do a can to make the coffee mess.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

I second that motion.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Any discussion?

COB Dave Pittman

So then the discussion will be who's going to do really the research to buy it because I don't have a carry, so I don't use one. So we'll kind of need some thought process to get it done.

Treasurer Dan Inman

And do we want to set a price limit on it or do we need to research before we do that?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Amazon.com Yeah.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I just, I just know that I'm going to be taking notes on who's drinking decaf.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Well, somebody obviously went to Amazon.com and threw Keurig Elite A style up here.

COB Dave Pittman

That was me.

Treasurer Dan Inman

That was calm.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I mean, yes, that's probably a good example. And I don't know how much that one cost.

COB Dave Pittman

It's like 150 or something.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I was going to say 175 or so. So there's.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Coffee, water, tea and hot chocolate.

COB Dave Pittman

Right. It covers, you know, different, different variety.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

You're looking at anywhere from 119 to 139 that will just do coffee. We don't have to spend 170 because that one just has a single cup or a craft. So, and we don't need to go Gucci because we don't need to be making espresso.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Are you sure, CJ?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I'll have you know that I have espresso cups for mine. It's what's in mine right now.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Yes, I do espresso at home, but yeah, I don't need to go. I'll leave my office.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Nepresso or whatever.

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Oh yeah, I use the, yeah, the Nespresso. Yeah, I do that one. I was an officer, leave me alone.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I thought you were enlisted first.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Are we still discussing or are we?

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

I think we've gone off topic. I'm sorry, Commander.

COB Dave Pittman

Well, we haven't said a dollar amount.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Right, right, right. That's what we're waiting on.

COB Dave Pittman

That's where we are.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I wouldn't go over 200 for it.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I was going to recommend \$200, but that would include the provision of K cups, teas, cocoa, whatever the case may be. Okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

We can set that at 200. All right. So what's the motion again, Dave?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Buy a Keurig.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

And take cups and put a can out.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

And we're setting it at \$200 so we can buy the cups for it. All right. All in favor.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Aye.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Anybody opposed? All right, approved. Now who's going to buy it? I can go on there and do that. So am I ordering decaf?

COB Dave Pittman

Just if you just buy the machine, just buy the machine for now. Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittman

We're not going to use it this Saturday. It'll be another month.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Sounds good.

COB Dave Pittman

Then we can figure it out.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Any other?

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Oscos got a ton of cake ups.

COB Dave Pittman

Correct.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yes, I have some new business.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Maybe this is a suggestion, I don't know, but as a complete aside, Bob, that link in the chat is for you, but don't watch it right now. What if we were to, I know we're trying to do to increase participation in events and, you know, we've talked about having soup downs in the evenings and stuff like that. And while I certainly enjoy a good Zoom meeting, there's

nothing I enjoy more than sitting here on my ***. in my own office where I spend my entire ***** day. I'd like to get out of the house once a while. What if we did e-board meetings at soup downs in the evenings? I mean, you could still do a Zoom because everybody has a phone. If you don't want to go, you could. It's just a thought. All right. Sorry. I just.

COB Dave Pittman

I'll be honest with you. So you guys, I sit here and type my notes and you do.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Do you have a laptop? You can do it there.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's where our food is at.

COB Dave Pittman

Thank you. This way I have the screen here where I can do see everybody and I can type over here and I can check some other folders.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, I know.

COB Dave Pittman

I sit here and I like the Zoom. I mean, I really do like this. I like getting out of the house, so I would certainly love. And that was one of the good of the order things for more evening things or, you know, soup downs or breakfast or something else. Because I, this is a side note too from, go to the order, is it's the same eight or ten people. So you might as well call the Holland Club soup down. There's a very, very few times you see anybody else there. So anyway.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I can go back to my original. little survey that I originally made, just gather places and then have a vote on what was gathered.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Don't do a vote. Don't do a vote. No, just tell people this is what it is. The iron.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

We have the meetings at the same time because I'm actually at school. I'm about to study after we get done.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

So we'll have them there at OC with you, Thelma. The nice thing?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

About my idea here, Thelma, is that, you know, everybody's got a phone or a tablet or a laptop anyway. If you don't want to go to the meal, we could still do a Zoom. But maybe four or five of us would be in the actual room instead of just kind of like the basic.

COB Dave Pittman

It's a hybrid meeting.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

It'd be a hybrid.

COB Dave Pittman

It'd be a hybrid meeting.

Secretary Bob Hickman

I'll go down to the Chemicum Cafe and sit there and have whatever How come we never found us?

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah, we should do a soup down there.

COB Dave Pittman

I like that place.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

Yeah. Anyway. All right, I'll shut up now.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. It's an idea. Okay. We're not shooting any ideas down. We'll discuss it more. Let's see.

Past Commander Dave Bowman

I don't know about that. I feel like my butt's on fire here.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

You're fine.

COB Dave Pittman

My butt's on fire.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Not opposed. I just, I like, I don't like getting out of the house.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'm still trying to tame my little guy over here.

COB Dave Pittman

Well, that's true too for you. You have.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah. He's a little wild still. Where the wild things are?

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah, those evening meetings need to be during the summer. It's late spring to late fall because a lot of people don't like to drive at night.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Those are our Holland Club members.

COB Dave Pittman

It's done in suit downs, not the e-board.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

The e-oh, okay, right.

COB Dave Pittman

That's what he's talking about.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. But yes, we could trickle in those periodic breakfasts would be great too. Yeah, not just lunches, but yeah, the dinners, we can schedule all the dinners during the summer,

which is only about four weeks. I know, I know. It's bright out for at least three months to get those in in the evening. That would be nice.

COB Dave Pittman

There's one of the things, this has to go to the order, but soup downs. You know, it's every other week. So some months have three, some have two. Can we just say like the first and third Friday of the month? Because most of us have multiple meetings. I got something Monday night, I got something Tuesday, like the second Wednesday, the second whatever. So if we can just say every first and third or something like that, then people wouldn't say, Well, when's the next one? When's the next one? It's always, you know, the first and third.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's a good idea. I like that. We'll come up with the...

Storekeeper John Gardner

I can work that up in the next schedule.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittman

Wait, what's the next schedule, though? When are you talking, like, next month?

Storekeeper John Gardner

No, this one goes up till June.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, but we can modify it. When I put out this calendar, I put out whatever happening this month, and I put a downrange. So you can always change it.

Storekeeper John Gardner

I know there's a lot of people that have it on their calendar when the next soup down is.

COB Dave Pittman

Well, I know, but they change. It's eight people. So you change it. I mean, oh my gosh. It's okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

It'll work.

COB Dave Pittman

I mean, there's a lot I don't go to because I don't like the restaurants either. So that's just me. All right.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittman

I'm done on that.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

The next good of the order, we're out of new business now. And then so for chaplain, Dave.

COB Dave Pittman

Yeah, my brother passed away. Yeah, so I'm flying again. This is my fourth flight. Anyway, so I'll be gone the 25th to the 28th of February. That's it. I'll be back. I don't plan on going anywhere until July, hopefully.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

COB Dave Pittman

For a birth of another kid.

Storekeeper John Gardner

I would like to thank everyone that came out to Kay's service.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, that was beautiful. That was so nice. I did not expect to cry that much, but your granddaughters, their stories were so, so beautiful for Kay.

Storekeeper John Gardner

And I do have that with all the pictures on. available if anyone wants to get either the service or any of the pictures. I could e-mail the, I've got the links so I can connect them up. So you can shoot me an e-mail if you're interested and I'll send you the file.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay. Thank you, John. And so we have the Central Oregon based float christening. We have 13 people confirmed. so far that I have sent a response to Central Oregon. So if there's any more people, please let me know. I'll put it out again on Saturday so we get a final headcount. We'll get a final headcount and that's for meal planning. I know that Don Carpenter had three seats open, but I think two our reserved Jim and Waylon, as far as I know. So there's one seat open, but he plans on staying. He has a hotel and stuff like that. So please, you guys get with him because he's planning on staying overnight. That should be really nice having 13 plus of our members there representing. So thank you for those who have who plan on going. the next COPA meeting is the 26th same time 1800 over at the FRA if you're interested in hearing about all of the crazy things that I mean a lot of us from the eboard go are there me Waylon Steve COB we're all in the room um

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

what time did you say it was on the 26th 1800 oh 1800 and where is it?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

At the FRA where we have our base meetings.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Same room we have our meetings in.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yep, yep, right there.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Yeah, I'll try to go to this one.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Okay.

Holland Club Thelma Ruiz

Seeing as you called me out. I'm just kidding, I'm just kidding.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

What? I didn't, I don't know what you're talking about. I did add, go ahead, Will.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Gary usually shows up as well, so.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, yeah, that's right. Gary's there. Sorry, he's usually quiet in the back. We're over here cackling away in the front of the room. So yeah, it'll be a good time getting a lot of stuff in the room. But again, don't spread ourselves thin. We're already really busy. I did put a picture of the planning meetings for the What is that? That's for the military. No, that's for the Armed Forces day planning meetings. They're every Tuesday, every month until May. So if you want to be a part of that, please let me know and I can get you on the distribution list. We just had one today and I missed it. I was out running errands for the Cava. So But they just sent out an updated map, which I can get out to us the closer we get as far as locations and stuff like that. It's okay. Anybody else?

Float Manager Mike Friend

I just had a question. What's what VFW is the meeting at this weekend.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

239.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Which one's that?

Base Commander Ileene Davis

That's Dora right down the road from us right behind the post office.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Just off of National.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Oh, in Burmerton.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yeah.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yes, it's right down the road.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Over by Lake Stars.

Secretary Bob Hickman

No.

Float Manager Mike Friend

No.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I'm trying to go down National away from the fleet reserve.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Oh, okay.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

There's a post office down there and just before the post office story, you'll see Tim's home medical or Tom's home.

Float Manager Mike Friend

Yeah, okay. So it's 239.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Yes.

Float Manager Mike Friend

All right. Got it. Thanks.

Secretary Bob Hickman

Yeah, no problem. For me, depending on your perspective, the good news or the bad news is I am not moving to Arizona.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Yeah, I wonder why. All right, does anybody else have any other good in the order?

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yes, one thing real quick. But when I took this job, I did talk to you about doing some traveling. We're going to be doing some traveling again. Looks like we'll be gone most of April and May at this point, and then probably again, July and August. So I'll look at all the logistics. I don't think there'll be a lot going on for the treasurer. And if there is, CJ said he's really bored, so he'd be happy to hit up anything that I might be missing. I just haven't talked

to him yet and told him that. Otherwise, I can I can run most things obviously from while I'm on the road. Uh the only thing we'll be missing probably is like the May report will be late. Uh and maybe the July or August report will be a little bit late but otherwise, everything will should be fairly smooth and shouldn't be a lot of bumps in the road.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Sounds good. Yeah, I agree. I'll be out of town for the western region and the national as well but I think there's a couple of us that will be there for both of those as well. So. Mom. All right. Mom. COB and past commander. You got it. Okay. Let's get it.

Dan McClellan

Hey, Dan.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I'm just kidding.

Dan McClellan

Dan Inman. Do you have a, you said you had a thumb drive for the bricks? Or was that someone else who actually has a thumb drive for the placement of the bricks?

Treasurer Dan Inman

You know what? I provided a CD to Dave Bowman. of what the pictures that I took, but they do need to be closer up, I think. I just, it stopped raining for 10 minutes. And so I ran out there and took like 266 pictures. But he's right, it do need to be closer. I don't have anything other than that. I can provide you what I have for probably the same thing that Phil can give you, which is the applications that I have from 2019 up to current.

Dan McClellan

Yeah, I just want to make sure if you're gone, you have something that I need for part of my turnover. That's all.

Treasurer Dan Inman

Yeah, I don't think I should have anything that you need specifically.

Dan McClellan

All right, thanks.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah, Jan. I was on the committee that built the tour park back and we commissioned it in 2000. So I'm not sure where all those early records are.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Oh, it's your fault.

Storekeeper John Gardner

Yeah, obviously I understand.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Just kidding, John.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Danny, it was Dave Bowman that said he had got a turnover from the previous commander, Steve Corcoran, you know, who had gotten a thumb drive from another individual. And it's not really very good what Phil was saying. It was the person that ordered the brick. You know, so Joe Smocatelli ordered Brick for George C. Marshall or whatever, so.

Float Manager Mike Friend

I would not open any thumb drive from C. I second that.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I concur.

Dan McClellan

Understand all.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

All right.

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

I think we're just going to have to redo a lot of this by manual labor, so okay.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

It works. Oh yeah, I'll go to the order. I think I may have volunteered myself to make the Patrick Henry reunion cake. So that's just information.

COB Dave Pittman

Just make a cupcake and tell them it's good. Here you go. Oh, you wanted more?

Storekeeper John Gardner

I'll be at the reunion, so it better be good.

Base Commander Ileene Davis

I propose a really beautiful cake, so we'll see. I did tell the planning chairman, I can't think of his name right now, but I was like, disclaimer, I am a cook. I'm not a pastry chef. So. Whatever ChatGP made-up, that's the perfection. And I gave him all the pictures of all the cakes that I've ever made. But anyways, if there's nothing else, can I get a motion to adjourn? Anybody.

COB Dave Pittman

I'll make a motion that we adjourn the e-board meeting.

Dan McClellan

And I second the motion.