

USS VI Bremerton Base

Executive Board Meeting – Executive Summary

Date: March 17, 2026

The Bremerton Base Executive Board met via Zoom on March 17, 2026, under the leadership of Base Commander Ileene Davis. A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded with approval of the previous minutes without amendment.

The Treasurer reported continued stability in both membership and finances. Total membership stands at 252, reflecting modest growth and, more importantly, improved retention efforts that reduced attrition to only two members. Financially, the Base maintains a solid position with an ending balance of \$53,544.42 as of February 28, 2026, despite a net monthly loss driven primarily by charitable contributions and operational expenses. Fundraising activities remain productive, and Storekeeper (TTF) sales continue to perform strongly, aided by expanded payment options.

The Chaplain's report noted that shipmate Don Quinn is currently recovering at Cottesmore Rehabilitation in Gig Harbor and is in good spirits. Members were encouraged to visit or assist as needed, reinforcing the Base's commitment to fellowship and mutual support.

Operationally, preparations for upcoming events are progressing well. Armed Forces Day Parade planning is underway with registration open, and participation is expected to be strong. KAVA event coordination continues, with volunteer assignments to be finalized. Additional community engagement opportunities, including the Heroes BBQ and Tacoma Rainiers outings, were highlighted as key morale and outreach activities.

Significant progress has been made in modernizing the Base's digital presence. The transition to the PugetSoundings.org platform is approximately 90 percent complete. The Board approved a three-year hosting plan to ensure continuity and cost efficiency moving forward. The legacy GertrudeCheck.org site has been renewed temporarily to support the transition.

Several actions were taken during the meeting. The Board approved the purchase of new float decorations and giveaway items for the Armed Forces Day Parade to improve visibility and engagement with the public. In a strong demonstration of inter-base support, the Board also approved a \$734 donation to assist the newly established Appalachian Base in Tennessee, recognizing the importance of fostering growth within the organization.

Looking ahead, the April General Membership meeting is planned for the Undersea Museum, pending confirmation, with contingency arrangements in place. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026.

Throughout the meeting, a consistent theme emerged: steady stewardship paired with forward momentum. Membership retention, financial discipline, modernization of communications, and active community engagement remain the pillars guiding the Bremerton Base as it moves into the spring and summer operational season.

**USSVI BREMERTON BASE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 17 March 2026

Time: 1800

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1800 by Base Commander Ileene Davis. A quorum was present.

Present:

Commander Ileene Davis, Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire, Secretary Bob Hickman, Treasurer Dan Inman, COB Dave Pittman, Past Commander/Historian Dave Bowman, Jr. Vice Commander CJ

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Approve previous minutes as written

- Seconded
- No discussion
- **Approved**

Treasurer / Membership Report

- Membership: **252 total**
- Improved retention, only two members lost due to non-payment
- Financials (as of 28 Feb 2026):
 - Beginning Balance: \$56,099.97
 - Income: \$2,911.52
 - Expenses: \$5,467.07
 - Net Change: (\$2,555.55)
 - Ending Balance: **\$53,544.42**

Report accepted

Chaplain Report

- Don Quinn located at Cottesmore Rehab, Gig Harbor (Room 217)

- Reported in good spirits

Storekeeper / TTF

- Strong sales reported (~\$900+)
- Transition to Al Keyser in progress

Parades / Events

- Armed Forces Day Parade planning ongoing
- Registration open

Holland Club

- 4 of 11 packages delivered
- Follow-ups ongoing

Deterrent Park (Bricks)

- Installation coordination ongoing
- Condition generally acceptable

Historian / Website

- Migration to PugetSoundings.org ~90% complete
- GertrudeCheck.org renewed

Motion: Approve 3-year website hosting (appx \$581.49)

- Seconded
- **Approved**

Old Business

A. AFD Parade Float Decorations

Motion: Approve purchase of decorations and giveaway items

- Seconded
- **Approved**

B. KAVA Planning

- Meeting scheduled 26 March @ 1800

New Business

A. Donation to New Base

Motion: Donate \$734 to Appalachian Base (Tennessee)

- Seconded
- **Approved**

B. April General Meeting

- Undersea Museum requested, pending confirmation
- Backup location: FRA

C. Next eBoard Meeting

- 14 April 2026 @ 1800

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- KAVA Event: 24–25 April
- Heroes BBQ following AFD Parade (16 May)
- Tacoma Rainiers games:
 - 26 June @ 1900
 - 2 August @ 1330
- Interest in varied Soup Downs (breakfast/dinner options)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

- Seconded
- **Meeting adjourned**

Submitted:

Bob Hickman
Secretary, USS VI Bremerton Base