

Executive Summary
USSVI Bremerton Base eBoard Meeting
April 13, 2026

The eBoard conducted routine monthly business with no significant issues affecting the overall health or direction of the Base.

Membership increased to 261, continuing a positive trend. Financially, the Base remains stable, ending March with a balance of \$53,779.77 and a small net gain for the month.

Operations remain active and well-supported. Storekeeper functions, Soup Downs, and TTF activities continue to perform steadily, with good participation. Planning is underway for an orderly transition of storekeeper responsibilities, with emphasis on documenting procedures to ensure continuity.

The Board made a key operational decision to **decline participation in the Bainbridge Island parade** due to logistical and safety concerns. Focus will shift to other events, including Armed Forces Day, Sequim, and potential July and August opportunities.

Preparations for Armed Forces Day and related events are progressing, with coordination underway for float participation, food service, and volunteer support. Additional coordination with other Bases and participating groups is ongoing to ensure adequate manpower and coverage.

Facilities and meeting logistics at the FRA are being reviewed to improve layout and capacity. Minor adjustments are expected to enhance efficiency and member experience.

Communications efforts continue to evolve. Website updates, historical archiving, and broadcast capabilities are being developed, though further refinement is needed to improve usability and engagement.

Several administrative items were addressed, including scheduling coordination, future fundraising opportunities, and leadership transitions in specific program areas. A potential MOD Pizza fundraiser is under review, pending eligibility confirmation.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC. BREMERTON BASE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 1800

Location: Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members present via Zoom:

Base Commander Ileene Davis

Jr Vice Commander CJ Smith

Vice Commander Waylan Shropshire

Storekeeper John Gardner

Secretary Bob Hickman

Float Manager Mike Friend

Treasurer Dan Inman

COB Dave Pittman

Past Commander Dave Bowman

A quorum was present

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the March 17, 2026, Executive Board Meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bob Hickman to approve the minutes as written.

Seconded by Dave Pittman.

Motion carried.

4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer / Membership Report – Dan Inman

- Membership: 261 (increase of 9 from previous month)
- Beginning Balance: \$53,544.42
- Total Income: \$3,922.84
- Total Expenses: \$3,687.49

- Net Gain: \$235.35
- Ending Balance: \$53,779.77

b. Chaplain / Sick Call – Bob Hickman

- Don Quinn returned home on April 4
- Reported to be recovering well

c. Storekeeper / TTF / Soup Down – John Gardner

- TTF sales approximately \$300
- Soup Down attendance reported as strong
- Fujiyama's outing planned for July
- Calendar discrepancies identified; updated schedule to be distributed

d. Storekeeper Transition

- Al Kaiser may assume TTF duties
- Full transition pending
- SOP and turnover documentation required

e. Float Manager – Mike Friend

- Registered for Sequim and Armed Forces Day

Bainbridge Island Parade:

A motion was made by Bob Hickman to abstain from participation.
Seconded.

Motion carried.

- Kingston 4th of July parade identified and approved for participation
- Additional July/August events under review

f. Historian / Webmaster / Social Media – Dave Bowman

- Website updates ongoing
- Calendar display issue identified and corrected
- Additional Soup Down schedule data required
- Base history updates in progress
- Broadcast and transcript capabilities under review
- Social media engagement discussed

g. COB Report – Dave Pittman

- No Holland Club induction scheduled
- Coffee with the COB scheduled at Barnes & Noble
- FRA room layout under review
- Food purchasing considerations discussed
- Volunteer availability discussed
- Website usability concerns noted

h. Commander's Report – Ileene Davis

- Kitsap Chamber meeting scheduled for April 29
- Alzheimer's Association presentation scheduled for June
- Float supplies and materials prepared
- Central Oregon Base participating in Armed Forces Day parade
- Culinary competition seeking additional judge
- Materials sent to Western Region Roundup

i. Vice Commander – Waylan Shropshire

- Coordinating food service for Armed Forces Day

- Additional volunteer support required

j. Junior Vice Commander Report

- FRA facility adjustments discussed
- Removal of furniture under consideration

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Float decorations received and ready for use
- Continued attendance at KAVA planning meetings
- Bylaws revision work to resume
- Life membership payment concept introduced for future consideration
- Rickover letters prepared; presentation deferred until June

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Motorcycle group participation requires separate registration and insurance compliance
- Spaghetti fundraiser chair position vacated
- MOD Pizza fundraiser under review
- Offer of donated grave plot discussed; decision made to decline

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Navy League event scheduled for April 23 at Horse & Cow

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Bob Hickman

Base Secretary