

September 2026 eBoard Meeting Executive Summary

USSVI Bremerton Base | September 15, 2026

The eBoard reviewed a stable membership picture, a manageable but negative year-to-date financial position, preparations for the Kitsap Halloween Bash, and the initial draft of revised Base bylaws. The Board also confirmed the disposition of a designated donation and identified several follow-up items for October.

Financial and Membership Position

Membership ended August at 271, an increase of three members from July. Of the total, 257 members have email addresses on file; 48 owe 2027 National dues and 48 owe 2027 Base dues. The roster includes 200 USSVI life members, 197 Base life members, 147 Holland Club members, and 248 war veterans.

The General Fund closed August at \$57,311.30. August receipts were \$1,649.94 and expenses were \$3,250.57, producing a monthly decrease of \$1,600.63. Year-to-date revenue totals \$27,697.30 against \$32,692.21 in expenses, for a net decrease of \$4,994.91. Fundraising revenue remains well above budget, while fundraising expense is also substantially over budget, reflecting major purchases and event-related activity, including nearly \$2,000 for Halloween Bash pavilions.

Governance and Decisions

The prior meeting minutes were approved as written. The eBoard reviewed the first draft of proposed bylaw revisions, including removal of dues and travel-reimbursement details from the bylaws, addition of the Junior Vice Commander, clarification of eBoard voting authority and quorum requirements, modernization of communications and newsletter language, removal of the inactive Scholarship Committee, and replacement of meeting procedures with references to Base meeting manuals. Board feedback is requested before a final review at the October eBoard meeting and presentation to the membership at the October 17 general meeting.

The Board agreed that the \$150 Doug Terry donation designated for calendars and scholarship support will be directed to the Willie Spoon Scholarship Fund. Members also discussed establishing a general Bremerton Base account through the USSVI Charitable Foundation. Permitted uses appear broad for charitable and mission-related purposes, but would exclude social expenses such as the Christmas party and picnic. No final action was taken on the proposed general account.

Operations and Upcoming Activity

Halloween Bash planning is proceeding, with volunteer registration to be promoted at the September general meeting. Volunteers will be needed for setup, food service, non-food assignments, and float staffing. The Base plans to seek a health permit for on-site cooking and has reduced the hot-dog estimate from 1,000 to 600. A proposed \$1,000 advertising sponsorship remains open for further discussion. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 17, one week before the Bash, and candy collection and bagging are underway.

Additional follow-up includes evaluating worn memorial bricks at Deterrent Park, installing one new brick in November, continuing Eagle Scout recognition coordination, adding Greater Kitsap Chamber meetings to the calendar with clear ticket and advance-registration requirements, and reviewing whether the Base should serve as the local communications contact for a possible 2029 Alaska cruise convention. The next eBoard meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026.