

**Trieste Base - USSVI Meeting**

20 September 2009

Meeting called to order by Kent Weekly at 1518

**Attendees:**

Kent & Lorena Weekly

Howard Hoyt

Todd Miller

Bob Cox

Bill & Jeanette Abrams

Michael Bircumshaw

Dan & Michele Burkett

George Ellis

Tony & Connie Espiritu

Harvey Green

Jim & Jan Hayes

George Kinnison

Robert & Iruko D'Orsi

Del & Sally Queen

Stan & Jane Reinhold

Mike & Shirley Williamson

Dick Zimmer

\*Randy Sanders, American Association for Wartime  
Veterans

\*Guest

Prayer to submariners lost and current

Salute to Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Salute to MIA/KIA & Veterans

USSVI Creed

September Lost Boats

August 2009 minutes approved as written and posted on  
base website.

Treasury Report: \$581.59 as of 9/20/09

Michael Bircumshaw addressed the group on the following:

- 1) Dave Harnish, past USSVI Western Region Director, past Subvets RV club wagonmaster, Perch and Bremerton Base member was killed on his motorcycle September 19th when he was broadsided by a 18 year old girl who ran a red light.
- 2) T. Michael Bircumshaw was awarded the Joe Negri Award at the 2009 USSVI National Convention in San Diego. Michael is also a recipient of the District Commanders Award and the Robert Link Award.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Todd Miller will try to schedule a Trieste Base donation drive at the Lake Elsinore Lowe's or Home Depot.
- 2) Trieste Base Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Temecula Duck Pond on Rancho California Road. 0900 to 1500. Pot luck style.
- 3) 2009 Murrieta Veterans Day Parade will be held on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 1000. Arrive by 0800. Michael Bircumshaw will pull the float with his truck. Howard Hoyt will drive one of his classic Ford Mustangs. Contact Kent Weekly if you are interested in attending.
- 4) All non-life members are reminded to pay their 2010 National and Base dues NLT 12/31/09.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Trieste Base Board of Directors pledged \$370 for the Roncador Plaque project. This project was started by the Bonefish Base. All Western District 6 Bases were requested to donation \$370. Bonefish Base Commander and Trieste Base member Michael William was presented the money at the meeting. A dedication ceremony is being planned.
- 2) Todd Miller has volunteered to be the Base Newsletter Editor. A vote was taken at the meeting to name the newsletter, 'Trieste Dive Log'. We expect to publish 2 issues per year.
- 3) Base T-shirts are being made and will be sold by the Base Storekeeper, Dan Resley.

4) The Base voted not to participate in the Loma Linda New Beginnings Parade.

**Good of the Order:**

- 1) Todd Miller received his 1 year membership pin.
- 2) Trieste Base Library books are available for check out. Check the list our website. Kent Weekly is the librarian.
- 3) Those who have not submitted their 'Now and Then photos' are asked to do so. Please email Bob Cox or Kent Weekly. Multiple photos are fine.
- 4) USSVI 2010 Calendars are arriving soon. The Base ordered 40 for \$150. They will sell for \$10 each. Support the Treasury!
- 5) Kent Weekly has a complete set of all WWII Submarine War Patrols on CD/DVD. Contact Kent if you are interested in obtained any.
- 6) Trieste Base's advert ran in the 2009 USSVI Convention booklet. The base paid \$35.
- 7) Howard Hoyt is the head of the Membership Committee. All members are asked to be active in recruiting and retention.
- 8) Stan Reinhold, Trieste Base member and member of the Bathyscaphe Trieste Alumni Association told us they are meeting in Washington, DC on April 16, 2010.
- 9) George Ellis donated a photograph of Trieste II to the Base.
- 10) Monthly Raffle:
  - \$45 Base Treasury
  - \$45 Cash Winner (George Kinnison)
  - \$90 Total
  - \*George donated \$30 to the Treasury.

**Next Meeting:**

Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Bill & Janie Bingham's house. (Tentative). This will be a Halloween party. Everyone is requested to wear a costume.

Meeting adjourned at 1640 to refreshments and camaraderie.