

Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting April 18, 2009

Attendees:

David Berndt – Commander
Tom Pressley – V. Commander
Ed Poole – Treasurer
Joe Forrest -- Chaplain/Betty
George Bradley – COB
Mike Kotler
Allen Legel – Secretary
Larry Check – Storekeeper
Bill Holmes
Doc joined us post meeting for Lunch

Meeting called to order at the Military Museum of Gwinnett County in Lawrenceville at 10:30 AM by Commander David Berndt.

Pledge and Prayer Waived

Tolling of the bell for Boats lost during the month of March. Still on *ETERNAL PATROL* Waived

David Berndt led a discussion with Ed Poole on the Submarine Memorial Fund and the Memorial itself: \$3,300 in the fund presently. \$1,000 National donation check was received and is part of the above noted funds on hand. Mike noted that we received \$300 from Post VFW 9949 out of Peachtree City, Georgia.

Discussion on the Base use of submarine silhouette(s) directly on the memorial stone led to a vote, with a proper quorum in attendance, which decided against the silhouettes.

Further discussion on timing of the Dedication of the Submarine Memorial resulted in setting the date for October 11, 2009 at 3PM. It was noted that a committee was needed to line up guest speakers, and send out invitations to all for attendance. Group discussed and authorized an initial payment of \$1,300 to be drafted for Tom Pressley to provide to the stone masons to commence work on the Memorial Stone.

Allen Legel reported on a discussion with our present Florida webmaster. The base web site is hosted on his home server and he would not want individuals to have access so we need to acquire a new hosting site. The present website can not be reworked it is old technology, and to be able to manage the content ourselves we need to create a new web site. Allen to get a scope of requirements and quotes for a website we can manage ourselves.

David Berndt discussed the Giveback Alliance certifications for raising funds, and connected with Bob Johnson the President of that company via cell phone and set a meeting time and place for the following week.

New Business: None addressed due to short business meeting this month.

Meeting adjourned by Commander David Berndt at 11:05 AM

Turn To: Clean sweep down fore and aft in Museum spaces for approximately one hour, followed by lunch at a local Pub across the street from the Court House.