

## Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting May 17, 2009

### *Attendees:*

Tom Pressley – V. Commander  
Ed Poole – Treasurer  
Joe Forrest -- Chaplain/Betty  
George Bradley – COB  
Mike Kotler  
Allen Legel  
Larry Check – Storekeeper  
Jim Hoey  
Bill Holmes  
Jim and Teri Harper

**Meeting called to order** at the Brickery Restaurant, Sandy Springs, at 13:30 by Vice Commander Tom Pressley

David/Joe **Pledge and Prayer**

Joe Forrest **Tolling of the bell for Boats lost during the month of May.** Still on *ETERNAL PATROL*  
SS192 Squallus 5/39  
SS 211 Grudgeon 5/44  
SS 371 Lagato 5/45  
SS 415 Stickleback 5/58  
SSN 589 Scorpion 2 5/68

**Minutes** were read by Allen Legel and approved by voice vote.

Letter on new member Keith Peterson, 931 Water Tank Road, Canton, GA 30115-6217. \$40.00 Pd.

**Funds Raising** Discussion on the thegivebackalliance and how the loyalty certifications work. Checks were turned in to Ed Poole for processing. A total of 8 certifications were submitted to be processed. There is a continuing opportunity to contribute to our Submarine Memorial project and receive vendor loyalty certifications for purchasing gas, groceries, golf rounds or vacation trips. Participants contribute \$49.95, cash or check payable to the Grayback Base Submariners Memorial and in turn receive a certification certificate with a website access and pin number where you select the grocer or gas station of your choice who will send us back \$25 a month, in the form of a debit value/gift card, one a month over six months for a total value of \$150. The Grayback Submarine Memorial fund will keep \$17.50 or 35% of the monies received the balance funds the fulfillment and give back credits (\$150 over six months) to the contributor. The individual contributor(s) must purchase \$100 monthly of gas or groceries or golf from the provider who they select, (only one of these selections per \$49.95 contribution), and mail the valid original receipts to the fulfillment company with the certification they received for six consecutive months. See Give Back Alliance Flyers.

**Memorial Plaque Report:** There is to be a meeting next Friday with Dave, Ed and Bryan on the Canton National Cemetery. The meeting is to be in Cartersville, GA.

**Donation of \$300.00 to Grayback Base:** Photo was displayed of the VFW Post 9949 presentation receiving the honorary Submarine Dolphins and Base Hat from Grayback Base.

**New Business:**

Volunteers requested: Military Museum in Lawrenceville, to help inventory artifacts, three volunteers. Curator is to call us when ready.

Request for participants for Dacula Parade on Memorial Day; Three members plan to attend Tom Pressley to organize. Also several members to participate in Marietta Parade.

Regional Meeting in St Augustine FL report from Ed Poole: 50 to 60 WWII Vets attended New SS Tang Memorial, which Ed reports was well done on the river. 200 attended the event. Hurricane Patty's sounds like the place to go as a great time was had by all attending. David picked up a pair of Dolphins for the USO Plaque planned by Grayback base for placement at the Atlanta USO.

**Website** Group discussion led by webmaster Jim Hoey, presently the site is hosted on his personal server. The technology is dated and cannot be upgraded so if change is wanted a new web site would have to be created. Allen Legel reported a cost estimate of approximately \$500 would be required for creation of a new current technology site that would support video and facilitate non technical member updates on an ongoing basis. The issue was tabled while the membership considered the alternatives.

**Newsletter** Anyone want to write one up?

Southern Polytechnic State University Professor Robert Thacker, Dir of Business and Technology Integration, is interested in locating possible nuclear experienced submarine sailors. [rthacker@spsu.edu](mailto:rthacker@spsu.edu)

Meeting adjourned at 14:30 by Vice Commander Tom Pressley