

Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting July 12, 2009

Attendees:

David Berndt - Commander
Tom Pressley – V. Commander
Ed Poole – Treasurer
Joe Forrest -- Chaplain/Betty
George Bradley – COB
Mike Kotler
Allen Legel - Base Secretary
Larry Check – Storekeeper
Bill Holmes
Kent (Spider) Khuen

Meeting called to order at the Brickery Restaurant, Sandy Springs, at 13:30 by Commander David Berndt

Joe Forrest **Pledge and Prayer**

Joe Forrest **Tolling of the bell for Boats lost during the month of July.** Still on *ETERNAL PATROL*
SS 27 Tuna 7/30/1919
SS 216 Grunion 7/30/42
SS 275 Runner 7/1/43
SS 133 S-28 7/4/44
SS 273 Robalo 7/26/44

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

New Business:

Commander David Brandt led discussions on the following:

- Dolphins for the USO, they were delivered to the USO without having been seen by all the officers and crew. Tom and Allen had presented the Dolphins to Mary Lue Austin, Chief Professional Officer, of the Georgia USO at the Hartsfield USO Sunday the 5th of July and did not want to put it off till August 2nd or later as MS Austin travels a lot. (See attached Photo to email);
- The possible rental by Gray Back Base of a Navy Side room for our crew overnight during the October dedication at the Canton Cemetery;
- T Shirts to be ordered by Storekeeper for purchase by crew at \$18.00;
- The “Holland Club” and the qualifications for crew members to join (Fifty years from qualification as a submariner.) Also discussed the formal presentation, including a dinner out, when a base crew member qualified. We will have several candidates over the next year; Base Sect. to check records and call Listene (see Sub Mag)
- The Dacula, Memorial Day Georgia parade and more detailed plans are wanted for next year;
- Due to the closing of the Steak House a change in the North end alternative meeting place to Barnacles at 59552 Jimmy Carter Blvd in Gwinnett County was disused and a motion made and seconded and carried to move to Barnacles for the August meeting which is to be held on the 16th of August. (See attached link to email)
- The September meeting is changed to the 20th of September due to the National Convention in San Diego, CA

- The October meeting date is left open, subject to a final date for the dedication of our Submarine Memorial at the Canton, Georgia National Vets Cemetery. We are awaiting the Vet Administration to approve our design for the Sub Memorial.
- The November Base meeting will be at the Brickery, but the date is changed to Sunday the 22nd of November. Grayback Base will open the floor for Nominations for the election of Officers for next year at this meeting.

Vice Commander Tom Pressley requested volunteers for the Gwinnett County Fair VFW Booth and a sign up sheet was passed around. The fair is from Sept 17th to the 27th. A schedule and calendar is being prepared for email distribution with more details regarding our partnering with the VFW in jointly seeking vets at the Fair. Please volunteer if you are available at any of those above days particularly the week end days. See Tom for more detail at the meeting or look for the email from Tom.

Old Business:

Mike Kotler announced his reception in June from the Georgia Department of Labor of the **“Vet’s Service Officer of the Year Award”**. All our congratulations go out to him for his hard work and diligent efforts.

The National Infantry Museum in Columbus Georgia officially opened in June and the featured speaker was Gen. Colin Powell.

Website As the meeting closed it was suggested we wait until the memorial is finished. Some thought the site would be useful in presenting our Submarine Vets Memorial to our public and the other USSVI bases around the country. The officers discussed the next steps regarding a new web site. Allen Legel reported a cost estimate of approximately \$500 would be required for the creation of a new current technology site that would support video and facilitate non technical member updates on an ongoing basis. Ed Poole and David Brandt wanted to understand what would be included in the scope and the final cost which Allen is to get outlined and shared ASAP with the officers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 14:25 by Commander David Brandt.