

Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting August 16, 2009

Attendees:

David Berndt - Commander
Tom Pressley – V. Commander
Ed Poole – Treasurer
Joe Forrest -- Chaplain/Betty
Allen Legel - Base Secretary
Larry Check – Storekeeper
Ron Gemmell and Barb
Keith Peterson and Fern
Robert Gibbi
Kent (Spider) Khuen

Meeting called to order at Barnacles Restaurant, Norcross, GA, at 13:30 by Commander David Berndt

Joe Forrest **Pledge and Prayer**

Joe Forrest **Tolling of the bell for Boats or Men lost during the month of August.** Still on *ETERNAL PATROL*

SS 257	Harder	8/24/44
SS 332	Bullhead	8/6/45
SS 250	Flier	8/13/44
SS 345	Cochino	8/26/49
SS 426	Tusk	8/26/49

New Business:

Commander David Berndt led discussions on the following:

- Read the Creed in memory of shipmates - posted online at www.graybackbase.org.
- Message from National regarding dues read by David, individual(s) base dues due by end of year.
- Base by-laws a work in progress.
- District Commander Jerry Scout lost his phone with all our phone numbers.
- The Dolphins Plaque presented to the USO had the Grayback Base name separated into two names Gray and Back. This is to be corrected by Vice Commander Tom Pressley as soon as possible.
- Power Point needs to be created for use in schools

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

Old Business:

- 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 to send a letter informing Jim Hoey regarding Grayback Base's new website.
- General discussion and explanation of status of the new website was had. Decorum broke down on costs and turned into a hassle wherein. Ed Poole, Treasure stated that he and Commander David Brandt each

contributed \$100 each and paid that sum to Tom Pressley, which he claimed was all that was due and nothing else was to be paid by the Base funds. Tom was left “holding the bag” having already, in error, paid the developer in full, when he was only supposed to pay the initial deposit of \$200 via his credit card and be reimbursed that \$200 from the Treasury. The business deal was as follows: The developer expected to receive at a minimum \$400 to create and develop the site, \$200 initially and on completion either an additional \$200 at minimum or \$300 if we were pleased with the work making the cost of the web site itself \$400 or \$500 if we were pleased with the product. He submitted an invoice (attached) pricing the website production at \$1200, with his company donating \$700 or \$800 back to the Grayback base receiving as credit to use with his taxes. Two separate line items 1) www.ussvigraybackbase.org , our URL cost \$15.00 for one year, and \$9.99 a month for hosting the website, or a one time discounted payment of \$100, for one year if we preferred. These last two line items are regular reasonable operating costs for anybody’s website. They expected to be paid over a several months period for the development and monthly for the hosting, unless we wanted the discounted one time annual payment. Issues were not addressed and the situation will require an officers meeting and subsequent report to the base.

- Commander David Brandt requested Mike Kolter and Tom Pressley form a committee and create presentation pamphlets handouts for the memorial. Brochures and prospective attendee’s numbers are needed, and the Sea Cadets arranged to offer honors.
- Monument itself can go into place as soon as it is ready, and the dedication set for April 2010 allowing time to arrange speakers and the formal dedication framework. Brian Moore is the director of the National Cemetery at Canton GA.
- Tom Pressley passed around the schedule for coverage of the Gwinnett County Fair, where we have agreed to work in the VFW Booth. Bring a folding chair as there are no extra chairs there.

Ed Poole announced that the USS Georgia was just deployed on its first mission Master Chief Rick Rose (Blue Crew).

Larry Check noticed all hands that he ordered (10) ten 2010 Submarine calendars, and sent a digital copy of the Sub T-Shirts to Legel which is to be put online.

David reminded all that annual dues were coming soon.

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

Birthday cake was presented for all to participate in. The Grayback Base, Commander David Brandt and Allen Legel are celebrating birthdays.

Meeting adjourned at 14:30 by Commander David Berndt.