

Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting October 10, 2010

Held at The Brickery Bar & Grill Sandy Springs, GA.

Attendees:

David Berndt – Commander
Tom Pressley – Vice Commander and Rita
George Bradley - Treasurer
Allen Legel - Base Secretary
Ed Poole – COB
Larry Check - Store keep
Jim Harper
Joe Forrest and Betty
Fred Martin
Mike Kotler
Dan Bosanko 706.867.1563 whelchelvalley507@windstream.net and Venetta
Keith Peterson and Fern
Ron Gemmell and Barb
John Portgee
Kent Spider Khuen

12:55 Began Meet and Greet

13:30 Commander David Berndt opened the meeting.

Joe Forrest led in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Berndt read the Creed including all three sections.

Ed Poole and Joe Forrest Tolloed the Lost Boats:

USS S-44 (SS-155)	10/7/43
USS Wahoo (SS-238)	10/11/43
USS Dorado (SS-248)	10/12/44
USS Seawolf (SS-127)	10/3/44
USS Escolar (SS-294)	10/17/44
USS Darter (SS-227)	10/24/44
USS Shark II (SS-314)	10/24/44
USS Tang (SS-306)	10/25/44
USS O-5 (SS-66)	10/29/23

Commander David Berndt thanked the volunteers who last month worked the Gwinette County Fair. The volunteers sold patches, hats etc to benefit the Grayback base treasury. All went off well. Next year we will set the prices instead of guessing. The Del Mar Meeting Lunch was a good turn out. Mentioned there were six of us at the Cincinnati National USSVI Convention. Mentioned the John Krouss funeral at Kings Bay. His ashes are to go to the sea.

A Motion was made to provide a \$100 contribution to a Krouss Memorial. Everyone was to sign a letter that goes to St Mary's with the check. Approved

13:45 Reading of the Minutes of August 15th Base meeting: By Allen Legel base Secretary. Several corrections and approved.

Commander David Berndt addressed some items from the Cincinnati Convention: Caps for Kids Program was discussed the caps cost \$4.84 in various sizes. National is pushing this program -- If we get involved in this we need a chair person to lead -- David asked for any takers? David has the material and can provide it digitally. Ed Poole does not go along with the program, saying you must have approved people who can go into hospitals and interact with children at the hospitals. We have to purchase the hats before hand. -- The children like to see the Sub Vets in their gear, come to the hospital and visit. Allen was brought to task by Commander Brandt to get the web site updated and with the current photos.

The Vet's Parade in Atlanta on November 13th, David expects to bring his truck and we have six members Larry Check, Mike Kotler, Allen Legel, George Bradley, Fred Martin, Tom Pressley and David Brandt, and a motorcycle rider escort Keith Philbrook. David has a text on the John Krouss Memorial from National.

Pump Room: Passed around the table for all to review.

Navy Week: Rick Rose the COB from the USS Georgia and a number of his crew will be guests of the Atlanta Metro Navy League. Ed Poole & wife, Mike Kotler and Allen Legel will be in attendance.

Free Vet's Meals on Vets Day: Golden Corral & Appleby's will provide free meals on Vet's day 11/11.

SE Regional USSVI Meeting: in Ocala, FL April 2011 Holliday Inn Express

Sub Vet's Hats: David and Ed ran into a Holland Club Hat cost \$10 -\$12 [Sub Vests.com](http://SubVests.com).

Motion made on Base paying for hats, Larry to check out costs. Holland Club members will have to pay regular dues, as of next year. If you are a life member you pay \$100 and you don't have to pay any further to Natl or the local base. Discussion on twill or wool gold or white in color. Motion carried.

Larry Check is processing form for the Atlanta Parade, we are to bring klaxon and bell and sub base banners.

Ga Canton Nat'l Vets Cemetery: Ed Poole and David Brandt have attended the Board Meeting and introduced a program \$15 a wreath buy two and they give a third free. Program about getting these wreaths to the cemetery, Wreaths Across America is the name of the plan. Motion made the Base would buy two wreaths by Joe Forrest and carried.

Spaghetti Dinner Scholarship Fund October 23rd: Rancho Allegro Farm Dakula, GA.

Mike Kotler: Job Fair November 16th Tuesday American Legion, Duluth on 120 Hwy 10 AM till 2PM

Presentation of photos from dedication ceremony from guys in Peachtree Corners VFW. David was given photo.

Mike told the story of his trip to San Diego for Pomadon Reunion **MUST ask Mike to reiterate as I could not keep up with him**

Treasurers Report George Bradley: Balance of \$1,210.17 plus \$40 added today. Copy provided

Oyster Bar: Slipped last time we were there Need to set up November meeting to be here at Brickery.

Officers Meeting in December Tim and place to be set in November

Commander Brandt has been selling Ceremonial photos to base members for \$5 and provided one to Jim Harper free as Plank Founder and first Commander of Grayback Base.

Election of Officers: Opened Nominations Commander, Tom Pressley, Vice Commander, Allen Legel, Treasurer, George Bradley, Secretary, Dan Bosanko Nominations still open to others

Good of the Order:

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

Commander Berndt closed the meeting at 1515.