

**Grayback Base Scuttlebutt – Meeting September 12, 2010**  
**Held at DEL MAR GARDENS Lawrenceville, GA.**

***Attendees:***

David Berndt – Commander  
Tom Pressley – Vice Commander  
George Bradley - Treasurer  
Allen Legel - Base Secretary  
Ed Poole – COB  
Larry Check - Store keep  
Fred Martin  
Mike Kotler  
Robert Gibbs  
John Baldwin 678.557.5311 [jtbaldwin@aslans-how.net](mailto:jtbaldwin@aslans-how.net)  
Dan Bosanko 706.867.1563 [whelchelvalley507@windstream.net](mailto:whelchelvalley507@windstream.net)

**Noon** A Great lunch was served and a general Meet & Greet held in the cafeteria approximately one hour.

**13:30** Commander David Berndt opened the meeting in a conference room on an upper deck as assigned for our use by Del Mar Gardens.

Larry Check led in the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

David Berndt read the Creed including some additional

Ed Poole Tolloed the Lost Boats

S-5 (SS-110) 9/1/20

S-51 (SS-162) 9/25/25

USS Grayling (SS-209) 9/9/43

USS Cisco (SS290) 9/28/43

Two new members introduced themselves to the meeting : Dan Bosanko, Enlisted 65 to 71, 2 years in Schools, ET1SS, Served on USS Stonewall Jackson SS634, and USS Barb SS596, [whelchelvalley507@windstream.net](mailto:whelchelvalley507@windstream.net) 706.867.1563; and John Baldwin, Enlisted 7/81 to 7/87, EM2SS, Served on USS Philadelphia. 678.557.5311 [jtbaldwin@aslans-how.net](mailto:jtbaldwin@aslans-how.net).

Commander David Berndt relayed personal circumstances and stories about the recent USSVI Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Discussed the Convention, announced the results of the Election and more.

**Treasurers Report:** Starting balance of \$1,272.58 less expenses of \$100 Fair booth fee, Pins \$62.36 Present balance \$1,110.17 Copy Attached. We NEED to Find a Revenue Source.

**Old Business:** Mike Kotler to become a life member \$100; Vice Commander Tom Presley explained our involvement with the VFW 5255 at the Gwinnett County Fair 16<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>; we expect to sell pins patches hats and calendars.

**Reading of the Minutes of USSVI Convention and August 15<sup>th</sup> Base meeting:** USSVI Convention Meeting minutes were read by Base Secretary Allen Legel, and the minutes of the August base meeting were also. The Navy Ball will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> tickets are available for \$50 a person which include full dinner. Flyer attached USSVI Minutes attached.

**New Business:** Master Chief John Krouss passed away while at the Convention, a well known friend of many boat sailors, his last duty station was Director of the Submarine Museum at St Mary's, GA. \$1,700 was raised at the convention for a scholarship fund the Family designated. There is also a museum fund being raised and a gathering of boat sailors in St Mary's to celebrate John's life. Attendees are asked to wear Hawaiian shirts.

**Motion was made to contribute \$100 to the St Mary's fund; Motion seconded and carried.**  
A letter with our letterhead and a \$100 check in John's name.

Doc Gibbs Invited those who could attend to come to a World War II Round Table (100 attendees) half vets Noon Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at the Toco Hills Petite Barge.

Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Megan Baldwin, John Baldwin's daughter, Spaghetti Dinner **Memorial Scholastic Fund**, at Rancho Alegre, 2225 Givens Road Dacula, GA. 30019, \$10 a plate, 5 PM till 8 PM, informal dress.

### **Veterans Parades**

November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade Atlanta

NAVY BALL October 23, 2010

### **Mile Kotler**

Announced three job fairs: Fri Sept 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress Center, 10AM to 4PM; Alpharetta at the American Legion, Tuesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 4PM; Duluth American Legion, Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 2PM;

### **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](mailto:www.rthacker@spsu.edu)

**Commander Berndt closed the meeting at 1455.**

Store Keep Larry Check opened for business.