

MINUTES FROM REUNION BUSINESS MEETING

3/15/2025 IN KINGS BAY, GA,

Present for the meeting were Commander Ricky Hockensmith, V. Commander Aubrey Ducker, Treasurer Eric Cooper, Secretary, Bill Badalucca, Webmaster, Paul Hoffman, Membership Committee chairman, Ted Corbeill, Reunion Committee member, John Gardner as well as around 135 attendees (Crewmembers and guests) sitting in on the business meeting.

Before the meeting actually began, Hocky, Aubrey and Eric had a discussion about the dues structure and how that came to be when the Association restarted back in 2024. This was for the benefit of the attendees. They spoke about how the officers were put in place as interim officers until the elections at this business meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1300.

This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our shipmates that are on Eternal Patrol.

The next order of business was the Treasurers report by Eric Cooper where he showed slides with figures for what was spent getting ready for this event. He reported we started with around \$13,000 and what was spent and the registration money that was collected we will have around \$7,000 left over after the reunion. The treasurer's report was accepted as given by Treasurer Eric Cooper.

Next up was Committee reports: Ted Corbeill headed up the MEMBERSHIP committee and he spoke about that committee's goals and efforts to find as many crew members as possible.

Hocky spoke next to bring everyone up to date about what we went through to get the Association up and running with a new website, our recovered treasury, a new Webmaster and a B.O.D. installed, Interim, to get us to this meeting.

When Hocky was done he introduced Keith Post, the Director of the Submarine Museum in St Marys who talked to all of us about the history of the Museum and the future plans to relocate the museum to a larger building.

Next up was Ted Corbeill's report about the Special Project Committee and the work he has done to get a Crew Memorial established at the site of the Sail. His plan includes paver blocks for every crew member ever attached to the Bancroft with all their info (name, crew, years aboard, rate/rank) engraved in each paver. These pavers will be set into cement to form a walkway from the parking lot to the Sail. This presentation was to get people interested in the stone pavers idea. Nothing is written in stone yet and more details will be available at a later date.

A motion was made and seconded to go forward with plans to raise the money needed to implement this memorial idea. This motion was voted on and approved by unanimous vote.

So approved! More discussion went on about fundraising and donors and groups that may want to contribute. All of this will be brought up at the next BOD meeting.

Next, Hocky brought up the election of officers for the BOD and explained how this will be done by the ballot sheets being passed out. The candidates on these sheets will be counted and the person with the highest counts will win that position. When all was said and done, the outcome of the elections went as follows: Commander, Craig Cravey, Vice Commander, Ricky Hockensmith, Secretary, Eric Shaw, and Treasurer, Eric Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after the election results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Badalucca, Secretary