

USS GEORGE BANCROFT SSBN 643 – ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
27 MARCH 2026
1600 ET

Roll Call

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- Time: 1600
- Present:
 - Craig Cravey – Commander
 - Ricky Hockensmith – Vice Commander
 - Eric Shaw – Secretary
 - Steve Eggers – Reunion Committee
 - Ted Corbeill – Membership Committee
 - Paul Hoffmann – Webmaster
 - Aubrey Ducker – Pro Bono Counsel
- Quorum: Yes

Welcome

Cravey

Crew memorial Fundraising

Cravey

- **Update from Keith Post and Retired VADM Konetzni:**
 - Admiral informs that Navy approval for project will happen; however, he gave no timeline.
 - Keith Post is still on “Team Bancroft.”
- **Fundraising updates:**
 - Discussion regarding decoupling reunion and Crew Memorial Project – the reunion doesn’t depend on completion of the memorial project.
 - Agreed to begin fundraising for the Crew Memorial Project – Hockey suggested a formal start date of 31 MAR 2026.
 - Craig is working on making a shorter All-Hands announcement for fundraising.
- **Motion to approve Crew Memorial Fundraiser Flyer as presented.**
 - Motion by: Craig Cravey
 - Second by: Ricky Hockensmith
 - Discussion: None
 - Amendment: None
 - Vote: Unanimous Aye
- **Motion to approve Crew Memorial Fundraiser Webpage as presented.**
 - Motion by: Craig Cravey
 - Second by: Ricky Hockensmith
 - Discussion: None
 - Amendment: None

- Vote: Unanimous Aye
- **Motion to approve Ted Corbeil to procure and install signs for Bancroft Sail site and St Marys Submarine Museum as previously discussed – approximately \$300.**
 - Motion by: Craig Cravey
 - Second by: Ricky Hockensmith
 - Discussion: None
 - Amendment: None
 - Vote: Unanimous Aye

Standing Committee Report – Reunion Committee

Eggers

- Reunion Committee recommends that the 2027 Reunion be held at the Sheraton Jacksonville – Deerwood Park.
 - Venue would be an all-inclusive location for all reunion events.
 - Chairman Eggers also provided an estimate of the costs involved in the reunion.
 - Current estimated registration and hotel costs for participants of the reunion should be the same or close to the 2025 reunion.
 - Eric Cooper will obtain a Bancroft Association Tax Exempt certificate specifically for Florida – tax savings will help us manage reunion costs.
 - The grant from Visit Jacksonville will help us manage reunion costs.
 - Free event insurance against cancellation due to weather events will be provided by Visit Florida.
 - Hotel contract is being reviewed by Craig and Aubrey. Contract with hotel needs to be executed by 10 APRIL 2026.
- **Motion to Finalize and Execute contract with Sheraton Jacksonville on or before 10 APRIL 2026.**
 - Motion by: Craig Cravey
 - Second by: Ricky Hockensmith
 - Discussion: None
 - Amendment: None
 - Vote: Unanimous Aye

Adjourn

Cravey

- **Motion to adjourn.**
 - Motion by: Craig Cravey
 - Second by: Ricky Hockensmith
 - Discussion: None
 - Amendment: None
 - Vote: Unanimous Aye
- Meeting adjourned at: 1656