

USS GEORGE BANCROFT SSBN643 – “ASSOCIATION”

UPDATED “ALL HANDS”

May 17, 2024 → June 9, 2024

A letter from: Rick Hockensmith, “*Commander*”- “Bancroft Association”

We are three weeks past our “Association” picnic held at the “Bancroft Sail” memorial on the King’s Bay Submarine Base, St. Mary’s, Georgia.

This was my first picnic with crewmates and their families. It was more than fun. I was very encouraged by the significant turnout of crew members who served on the boat from its launch in March of 1965 and commissioning in 1966 until its decommissioning in September of 1993.

An impressive number of “Weaponer’s” attended the picnic. A couple of “Nukes” and a hodgepodge of “A-Gangers”, “NavEts”, “Sonar Men” as well as “Corpsmen”. This motley crew would make for a “Marvel”-ous movie!

My thanks to all the people who made this event a memorable point in time; especially to John Gardner who chaired the “Special Event-Picnic” standing committee. “Willie Jewell’s” chow and the tremendous assistance from Keith Post, “Executive Director” of the “St. Mary’s Submarine Museum” were key factors to this successful mission.

Our important “**Reunion & Bi-Annual Meeting**” is scheduled for the period of March 13-16, 2025, in St. Mary’s, Georgia. The “Board of Directors” bi-monthly *virtual* meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th starting promptly at 1900 hours. The Agenda is as follows”

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UPDATA AGENDA - “Board of Directors” Meeting – Rescheduled for June 9, 2024 at 7PM EST

The meeting will open promptly at 1900 hours. This *virtual* (Zoom) meeting will be recorded by the “Web Manager” (Dan Oldham) for the purpose of transcribing the minutes. We have approximately one hour to conduct the Association’s business as follows:

- **Call to Order**; Quorum of “BOD met” *Commander*
- 1. Roll Call – “MIGS”, “At-Large”
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of shipmates on eternal patrol - “Eternal Patrol” - Moment of Silence
- 3. Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
Minutes - March 17, 2024 meeting
- 4. Reports of officers - Commander, Vice Commander
Treasurer’s Report Treasurer
- 5. Reports of committees - **“Standing Committee(s)”**
 - **“Membership”** *Ted Corbeill*
 - **“Special Event” (Picnic)** *John Gardner*
- 6. Old and unfinished business
 - “Secretary, BOD” – Fill “vacancy”
 - “Bylaws: January 1, 2024” – “BOD” vote to adopt
- 7. New business
 - “Reunion/Bi-Annual Meeting” – “Special Event” *Chairperson*
 - “Ship’s Historian”- Candidates for this position
 - “Web Manager” – Candidates for position
 - “Eternal Patrol” – Display on Association website
 - “Plank Owners” – Display on Association website
- 8. Good and welfare of the organization

- Restore and restock Ship's Store in preparation for 2025 Reunion Event, Hats, Shirts, Coffee Mugs - Store Keeper (Tim)

9. Adjournments

Next Board Meeting is July 21, 2024 07:00 PM EST via Zoom