

USS GEORGE BANCROFT SSBN643 – “ASSOCIATION”

“ALL HANDS”

May 17, 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 it’s 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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AGENDA - “Board of Directors” Meeting – May 19, 2024

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*
- **Roll Call** – “MIGS”, “At-Large”
- **“Eternal Patrol”** - Moment of Silence
- **Minutes** - March 17, 2024 meeting

- **Treasurer’s Report** *Treasurer*

- **“Standing Committee(s)”**
 - **“Membership”** *Ted Corbeill*
 - **“Special Event” (Picnic)** *John Gardner*

New Business

- “Secretary, BOD” – Fill “vacancy”
- “Bylaws: January 1, 2024” – “BOD” vote to adopt
- “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