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Message from the President of CCCA

GMGMC USNRET Jim Gray

Home page is up and running. Thanks to Ron Cantwell.

Links to where we started 50 years ago and to Present Day SWCC

www.warboats.org

www.ptfnasty.com

By-Laws are posted on the home page. There are 29 Pages to the by-laws.

Membership 2013

Plank Owners:	82
Full Members:	13
Associate Members:	4

Membership 2014 Before 50th After 50th

Plank Owner:	154	173
Full Members:	28	33
Associate	4	10
New Members	PO 19	Full 5 Assoc 6

Membership to Date 216 Renewals 30

Plank Owners and Full Members have full voting rights

50th Years Anniversary Events that took place.

1 Oct

We started checking in to Hotel, Some had came a few days ahead of Event As I walked into the Lobby, was met by Jim Gray. This was the first time we were face to face since talking on the Phone many years ago.

Got bearings to Quarter Deck and steered a course to it ASAP. Found others already there, Ship Store was up and running with Joe Z in charge. Boats was handing membership and signing in. The tables outside had guys gathering and meeting each other, checking faces, name tags. The PRB started flowing and snacks being eaten. The stories was being told and history exchanging between all of us. Some faces from the past I knew, names on some name tags I knew from Face Book connections of our group.

As the afternoon and evening went on more showed up and some went out to eat. Others went to their rooms to unpack and rest for a while as they had traveled from East Coast and elsewhere. Some returned to the QD. At 2300 QD closed.

2 Oct

Many was up early, having breakfast, heading for the QD. Coffee was on and goodies on hand. They fell in to help where needed. Towards 1200 they went to get ready for traveling to NAB where the 50th Anniversary of Maritime Mobility Ceremony would be held by SBT 12. We was made Welcome and seated. LCDR Leon Mansi was there. He was one of the first to be Da Nang , VN with MST 1 , Feb 1964 , later becoming CO of BSU 1 1968 , LT Sam Braly also was there , He took Project Zulu with the first boats modified at BSU 1 and completed in transit to the Delta as MST 2 DET Alpha 1967. He also gave a talk about what they started and lessons learning what need to do and earn the trust of the SEALs that we also was Warriors to Cover their backs and part of their Teams. CDR Robert P Robbins gave a talk on how far this 50 Years has come and a Big Welcome from Naval Special Warfare to all of oldest, 9533 and SWCC's . Afterwards there was Cake Cutting Ceremony by LCDR and the Newest SWCC. Then food and beer was flowing to all. We met and talked to many of the SWCC's who was there. What we learn and they learn from the Ceremony was that we are all Brothers.

Returned to the QD, shopping at the Ship Store, drinking beer, wine for the Ladies and telling Sea Stories. The QD closed at 2300

3 Oct

The Day started off with Breakfast with friends. Headed to QD for coffee and goodies. We felled in to help as needed and signed for telling our stories to the Archivist for the NSW to have as to the start of DBG's as well as 9533's and retired SWCC's. Around 1100 started getting ready for boarding of bus's to go to the SWCC School House at NAB. AT the SWCC School House we were greeted by CWO 5 Gary Luna, OINC .There was two groups given the full tour of the School House. After the tour group pictures were taken holding Our Banner. Returning to the QD, once again we was shopping, having a few beers and wine for the ladies. Also asking where some of the missing guys from the past may be at, wanting them to know they haven't been forgotten as time passing us by. 1800 gathering by the pool, checking items on display for the Silent Auction and enjoying the food and drinks while waiting for PCF 816 to moor at the pier (Thanks to Mike Sigsworth setting this up)The fun continued late into the evening.

4 Oct

Once again the day started with Breakfast. 0800 Board meeting started. 1000 the general member meeting started, reports was given as to Funds, Goals and comments and questions asked by the members of The CCCA. Jim Gray talked; Dave Wylie also talked about things that will come as we grow. Jim Gray un be known to me called me up to give a talk so I winged it off the top of my old head. Asked Dan Withers to please stand as many years ago we started with ptfnasty.com and grew into warboats.org . Dan never was a Boat Guy in Body but in heart one of us as he is the reason that we are here today as CCCA. Thank You Dan. At 1500 some of us had practice for our parts for the Ball. At 1800 outside of the Ball Room was a gathering, meeting with all that was there 9(For DBG's we cleaned up nice) Some may had notice a young 1st LT Marine there, He is my nephew, Class of USNA 2012 as my guest, Collin is the first of three brothers to go to USNA, the next is waiting to learn in NOV that he is a SEAL trainee and youngest of the three is in his first year at USNA. At 1900 Ball Room opened and we were seated. Dave Wylie opened as MC. I and one of the Newest SWCC had

the Honor of lighting the Candles at the POW/MIS and missing Table with Dave Wylie telling of the Rituals and place settings on the Table of Honor. ADMR Brian Losey spoke to all us. The Ball continued until 2400. My Old Body turned me into a Pumpkin around 2230.

5 Oct

Up at 0315 to get my Nephew off for a flight to MD. A wedding for his cousin and leave prior to a deployment. While having my morning cigar was able to wish Tom Richards a safe trip. After breakfast with John Woody, loaded my car getting ready for the Picnic and check out. The Picnic kicked off with Great food and beer from one of our sponsors, was able to help Boats to vet one of the old timers who joined the CCCA. Found him on the Missing list of BSU 1. The grounds were being cleaned to Perfection as I was leaving.

In closing I want to thank all of the Board Members and others who supported this Great Event that we was Honored to gather for. Ms. Mary you done an Outstanding Job , Both in settling this and bringing Sam Braly and Leon Mansi there . On Time On Target and Never Quit

V/R Jim Thomas, BSU1/CRS1, PO CCCA