

## CCCA Meeting Minutes April 2015

April 19, 2015

Attending: Joe Zemlin, Jim Gray, Jim Larcome, Steve Lareza, Mike Sigsworth, Tom Folkesson, Mark Jansen, Carolyn Smith and Phil Garn

Vice President Joe Zemlin led us in the pledge of allegiance. Mike Sigsworth brought the flag to BNS Brewery in Santee, California.

The March 2015 minutes were accepted.

### Treasurers Report (Tom Folkesson)

We have 23 Premium memberships, 14 renewals and 4 new full memberships.

Donations to date were from Jim Thomas and from an anonymous donor for two memberships and two ball caps. The board approved adding two coins to these memberships.

**501C3 (Non Profit)** Tom met with Attorney Jonathan Grissom who has quoted a fee for a retainer and estimated the entire process will cost \$. Tom has our bylaws and articles of incorporation ready to go. Carolyn Smith suggested we check out Military One Source – a Veterans oriented legal source- who may be able to do the 501C3 at a reduced rate. Tom is going to check this option out; however he has approval from the board to precede post haste. Tom again explained the difference between a sponsorship from a company or individual, which can be written off as an advertising expense versus a donation, which is much easier for all involved. This is our 2015 priority!

Mike Rossi and James Truehart provided DVD's from Vietnam and SBU-22 to Tom. Mike Sigsworth is going to look into putting these on a single DVD for ship's store. Mike is also going to look at some other DVD's from Jim Gray.

### 2015 August CCCA Event (Steve Lareza, Chief Information Officer)

The dates are set for the 2015 event in San Diego-August 14 and 15, 2015. We will have a reception/dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the San Diego area and a picnic at Gator Beach. Steve will be checking out venues such as BNS, J Street Marina Galley, Jacks, BNS, etc. Joe Z will draft a letter for potential locations and Steve will personalize for each venue. **IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A VENUE, SEND IT IN NOW!** Steve has authority from board to make contact and will cc officers on results. Tom Folkesson will get Steve the program from the 50<sup>th</sup> as a go by. Pat Battles has Gator Beach for action.

We will get info out to regional chapters for their own get togethers. Steve has been authorized to communicate to our regional chapters and will cc Board. Steve is fleshing out regional chapter information and wants this done and reviewed by the end of the week. Jerry Hosendorff will be heading the West Pacific (Hawaii and points West) Chapter and Paul Yeats will be doing North East. Jim Thomas has the Virginia chapter going. There are others revving up as well.

Steve also working with Ron on website and possible analytic programs with Dave Wylie (see last month).

Next meeting at Dave Wylie's office we will have tutorials for Dropbox, Linked In and possibly twitter.

#### Ship's Store (Joe Zemlin)

Joe Zemlin is doing some testing of the website and once ready, Tom will authorize and put in the Paypal.

Mark Jansen showed us a shot glass made from a 30mm A-10 shell fired in Afghanistan. We will get one made up with CCCA logo on side and possibly CCCA, BSU, SBU, MST, SBT on the bottom to test the waters. We may have more customizing options.

Mike Sigsworth is working on the portable display for merchandise. Product placement will be crucial. We will be able to use this at events.

Mark Jansen also has a source for a CCCA ring. Joe Z will work with Mark. The idea being you can see a mock up or model on our website, then have yours further customized or not, so we are not sitting on inventory.

Mike had the first 500 business cards made up and handed them out at the meeting. We have more available.

#### New Business

Jim Thomas went to Master Chief Phil Powell's retirement on the East Coast. The glasses and coins were very well received and CCCA was well represented. We are up and running on both coasts and ready to spread out.

Pat Battles and Dave Wylie who were both unable to attend are to approach CWO Gary Luna at the School House to be our active duty liaison. We have to get more engaged with the young brothers as well as know what the new rules and restrictions are. The young brothers want to carry on the tradition, and the older brothers want to help them out.

Jim Gray got videos from Group 4 from the 50<sup>th</sup>. We need to write a letter to Group 4 to release videos to us so we can promulgate, or find out what the restrictions are. Copies were also given to SBT's-20, 22, 12 and the School House.

We are looking at ways to support Jim Larcome who has been going through a rough patch. Members have made donations and we are considering a link to give. Steve L. and Joe Z will take over Jim's responsibilities for now. Step up and help out the brotherhood!

We need to investigate copyrights for CCCA for sure and possibly the Rat. Is he Ronnie or Ralph?

To date we have 232 members. It is up to our membership to recruit their shipmates and to get involved.

Next month's meeting will be on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 1300 tentatively at Dave Wylie's office 3033 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary CCCA