

USS SAVAGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2016

A. Opening

Dan Dykstra, president, called the regular meeting of the USS Savage Association to order at 2:25 p.m. on September 25, 2016 in Scottsdale, AZ.

B. Attendees

Twenty-nine association members attended the meeting. Forty-three shipmates, spouses, friends and family members registered for and participated in the Savannah reunion. Three other guests (the Burkharths' daughter and two friends of Elaine Pizzola) attended some functions.

C. Opening

Chaplain Dan Dykstra led the pledge of allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

D. Recognition

President Dykstra thanked Mel Kowal and Tony Morris for their efforts in hosting this reunion, and Ed Stone for his assistance and direction. The group applauded those recognized.

E. Approval of Minutes

Secretary Ed Stone read the title of the previously distributed minutes of the 2015 Savannah reunion annual meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

F. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Hendricks gave a summary of Association finances as of September 17, 2016, which showed a current bank balance of \$6,009.08 in the treasury, including \$1,960 in pre-paid reunion registration fees received and \$4,049.08 in the association account. Proceeds from the 2015 reunion charity auction were insufficient to cover the expected total cost of \$1,800 for the WWII USS Savage plaque at the Mt. Soledad monument in San Diego. Therefore a portion of the 2016 reunion charity auction proceeds will be allocated to complete the Mt. Soledad USS Savage plaque project.

The Association's annual contributions to the USS Stewart (museum ship) foundation and to our web master Diane Day were not discussed at the meeting. These two expenses were subsequently authorized by email discussion and vote of the Association officers following the Scottsdale reunion.

G. Secretary's Report

Secretary Ed Stone reported on his continuing email, mail and telephone contacts with the 200 shipmates and 40 associates on our roster. This communication process was started a few years ago, in an effort to determine and respond to member preferences for reunion locations. Member contact feedback resulted in the decision to rotate annual reunion sites among East Coast, West Coast, and middle-American locations.

H. Historian's Report

None.

I. President's Report

A few years ago we acquired a detailed Ship's Reunion Guide from the USS Ingersoll Vets. It has been modified and used for the past few reunions. Jim Murphy has made a draft and submitted it for review and approval by the USS Savage Reunion Association officers.

J. Old Business

Mt Soledad Plaque –

The WWII memorial USS Savage plaque design has been made by the Farley family and approved by the officers. The funds for producing and installing the plaque will be available from charity auction proceeds. Dan Farley, Jr. and Elaine Pizzola were given an approval to have this work done.

Orientation Booklets –

Historian Ray Ewing has a few of the USS Savage orientation booklets that were put together by Ray and Delilah Crumley several years ago. Those who want copies were asked to notify Dan Dykstra or Ed Stone.

K. New Business

2017 Reunion –

Nominations were opened for the hosts and sites for the 2017 reunion, for which the preferred location would be the East coast.

Linda Geiermann proposed that the next reunion be held in Pensacola Beach, FL, and volunteered to host the reunion, along with her husband Dick, and Ed and Ginny Stone. The reunion would be held in November in order to obtain the most favorable hotel prices (\$99 to \$109 per night, excluding breakfast). Although not yet firm, the preferred hotel would be the Holiday Inn Resort on Pensacola Beach, and the tentative dates would be Sunday to Thursday, November 12-16. The committee is trying to arrange dates to include a Blue Angels show, and the dates of such shows in 2017 are not yet known.

No other nominations were received, and the group voted to accept the volunteering hosts and their proposed location and timing. Reunion details will be firmed up early next year.

Election of Officers –

Paul Doster announced his resignation as Vice President. The president thanked Paul for his years of service to the Reunion Association.

Three nominees were proposed for the office of Vice President: Ernie Velez, Dick Geiermann, and Mike Burkhart. Ernie Velez was elected on the first ballot. All other existing officers were re-nominated and re-elected.

The new USS Savage Reunion Association officers are:

President: Dan Dykstra

Vice President: Ernie Velez

Secretary: Ed Stone

Treasurer: Tom Hendricks

Historian: Ray Ewing

Chaplain: Dan Dykstra

L. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next annual meeting will be held in Pensacola Beach, during the 2017 reunion.

Minutes submitted by:

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Edward P. Stone
Secretary

2016 Scottsdale Reunion Attendees

Joe (Tiny) Allen

Frank & Maria Mestas

Mike & Kim Burkhart

Tony & Sandy Morris

Dave, Janet, Tyler, & Emma Boucher

T.J. & Judy Moss

Jim Callahan

Jim & Gail Murphy

Bruce & Sally DeWald

Elaine Pizzola

Paul Doster

Arturo & Nancy Portillo

Dan & Fran Dykstra

Ed & Pat Rego

Dan Farley, Jr.

Ed & Ginny Stone

Dick & Linda Geiermann

Jerry & Claudia Vanderburg

Tom & Judy Hendricks

Ernie, Mary, & John Velez

Mel & Eileen Kowal

Mack & Gloria Wilson

Ron Krieger