

**USS Halibut SSGN/SSG 587**  
**Veteran's Association Business Meeting**  
**September 3, 2010**

1. The meeting was opened, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, at 13:00 in the USS Halibut's Hospitality room: Drawbridge Hotel, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.
2. The meeting was presided over by Paul Benton the Association's COB, with Forty Seven (47) shipmates present and voting.
3. Order of Business:
  - a. Treasurers Report:

Tim Bartholomew presented a preliminary report, which was accepted by all present. His final report was received, in good order, by myself and our new COB by e-mail on 09/09/2010: The bottom line is, that reunion 2010 was a financial success. All Reunion 2010 expenditures were paid and a tidy sum was added to our Treasury- principally to be used to support USS Halibut Reunion 2012. **NOTE: I have not published \$ amounts here, because this business meeting report will be published on our Web Page, and it is not necessary that this information be disseminated to the general public. Should any USS Halibut shipmates require additional information, you may e-mail me with your queries. Rest assured that our finances are in good hands.**
  - b. Old Business:
    - i. **Artifacts Recovery:** Reports By Dick Kanning and Paul Benton were accepted, with reservations (which are presented herein, under "New Business") by all present. (Note the Artifacts Recovery Web Page for details of this project- which were presented at this meeting.
    - ii. **Submarine Hall of Fame:** Reports by Dick Kanning and Paul Benton-which were accepted by all present. Having been **subjectively** eliminated in 2009 and 2010- once again this year we will seek induction into the Submarine Hall of Fame (HOF). This is not an entirely objective process; however, this year we will again seek induction by our shipmates in the USSVI Hampton Roads Base.
    - iii. **Summary of the 2008 Business Meeting:** Presented by Dave Aldrich our former COB, was accepted by all present.
  - c. New Business:
    - i. **Election of Officers 2011 to 2012 (terms to commence at the closing of this reunion).**
      1. COB:
        - a. Tom Rabb. Unanimous vote
      2. ACOB:
        - a. Roy Armstrong. Unanimous vote

3. Treasurer:
    - a. Tin Bartholomew. Unanimous vote.
  4. Monuments and Memorials (Volunteers)
    - a. Paul Benton
    - b. Dick Kanning
    - c. John Long
  5. Reunion 2012 Committee: (Volunteers)
    - a. Tom Rabb
    - b. Roy Armstrong
    - c. Dave Aldrich
    - d. John Long
    - e. John Gibson
    - f. Dick Kanning
    - g. Paul Benton
- ii. **Future Reunions:**
1. Comments were taken from the floor. A motion to continue USS Halibut Veteran's Association reunions every two years, was unanimously approved.
- iii. **Reunion 2012:**
1. Venue:
    - a. To Be Determined
  2. Committee:
    - a. Chairmen: Tom Rabb COB/Roy Armstrong ACOB
    - b. Front Man: TBD
    - c. Members: See "New Business" Para. i.5.
    - d. Webmaster and Graphics: Paul Benton (also to continue as the Association's webmaster.)
- d. The Floor was opened for members comments/motions regarding all Association business not previously addressed, which included:
- i. **Disposition of the original USS Halibut's Bell.**
    1. The bell- along with other selected items- was placed through our Artifacts Recovery and Preservation Project, on display at the Puget Sound Navy Museum. Some shipmates proposed, that this bell should be removed from the PSNM exhibit to be used (as in 2006 and 2008)- at all future USS Halibut reunions- to be rung in remembrance of each USS Halibut shipmate, who has previously died.
    2. There was a motion to leave the bell as is for the duration of the PSNM exhibit. There was no second for this motion; therefore it was not brought to the floor for a vote.
    3. Other shipmates proposed that the bell should be kept on display in the current exhibit. It would be removed from PSNM custody, packed and shipped, to our designated

- a. Dick Kanning not only has cognizance over the bell, but also other USS Halibut artifacts in his possession. Dick stated, that under his signed agreement with the PSNM, he had the option of having subject bell removed from the exhibit, by taking physical possession of subject bell.  
[Editor's note: However, he did not state, that the PSNM was obligated to re-accept our bell for display.]
  4. Therefore, a motion was made (and second) to the effect (as in Para 3 above), that the bell should be removed from the PSNM exhibit for each future reunion- to be returned to the PSNM- at the conclusion of that reunion. All packaging and shipping is to be accomplished at the USS Halibut Veteran's Association expense. This motion would have passed unanimously- save for one dissenting vote.
- ii. **Disposition of USS Halibut's collected Artifacts.**
  1. There was some discussion regarding the disposition of artifacts in Dick Kanning's possession and/or custody, should he become deceased. Dick stated, that he has left written instructions for his survivors, as to whom they should contact in the event of his death.
    - a. Dick was asked by the membership (without making a formal motion) to provide a copy of his final instructions for disposition of artifacts to certain association members.
    - b. Dick agreed to this (a. above); therefore there was no need to bring it to the floor for a vote.
    - c. Document Copies to: Tom Rabb COB, Roy Armstrong ACOB, Cliff Greep, John McMugh, Paul King.
- iii. **Publication of the Association's Code of Conduct.**
  1. A request was made to have the USS Halibut Veteran's Association "Code of Conduct" published for all hands information.
    - a. Yours truly, shall scan subject document and publish them with this report.
4. With no further business pending at this time: This proceeding was declared closed at about 14:30.

Respectfully Submitted 09/21/10:  
Paul D Benton COB 2008 - 2010  
USS Halibut Veteran's Association,

September 21, 2010  
Addendum:

I want to express my gratitude and thanks to ACOB Dick Kanning, Treasurer Tim Bartholomew, and all our Reunion 2010 volunteers for their invaluable assistance in the preparation and execution of this reunion. I especially want to thank the ladies in attendance, who were instrumental in making Halibut Reunion 2010 a success. Without their exuberance and assistance our reunion would not have been as exciting as it was. We appreciate your participation and excellent work, both on site and behind the scenes. Both Shipmates and Ladies, have made USS Halibut's 50th Anniversary celebration an event to remember. BZ<sup>x10</sup>

It has been my high honor and distinct pleasure, to once again have called our Association's Business meeting to order, and to have played a small role as an instrument of our 2010 reunion. I am grateful to my USS Halibut shipmates who attended- most with their lovely ladies- who made Halibut Reunion 2010 a success. I am especially grateful to have once again met those good shipmates of mine, with whom I shared many adventures in USS Halibut- parted with upon her deck many years ago- and had not seen since. It was wonderful to be with y'all again. This reunion of 2010, USS Halibut's Golden Anniversary, has loosed my brains cob webs, which sometimes cloud memories. I sit here pecking with two fingers and a squinted eye- with a great smile on my face- recalling my time in USS Halibut and our past reunions: Atlantic City 2000- San Diego 2002- Saratoga 2004- Vallejo 2006- New London/Groton 2008- and Cincinnati 2010. It has been a most worthwhile endeavor to have served USS Halibut's legacy and to be associated with such wonderful shipmates as yourselves.

We now settle in for a year-or so- with hope of doing it all over again in 2012. However, there is still work to be done on behalf of preserving her legacy, and the memory of those who sailed in her, who are no longer with us. So- the COB willing- I'll be getting back to y'all soon, looking for help with some ideas.

Godspeed and Buona Fortuna to you and your loved ones.

Paul  
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