

Minutes of Meeting at MCB 1,9,10 reunion in Gulfport, MS October 14 – 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Longbine, President, at 9:02 a.m. followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Since there was no reunion last year due to Covid, there was no old business.

New Business: Next year's reunion will be in the Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/ Sevierville area of Tennessee. Bill Arnett attended an All Seabee Reunion and said the facilities are good. The reunion is trying to expand. Bruce and Sally will attend the next one there in a couple of weeks to check out the possibility of our joining with them. The closest airport to the Valley is Knoxville. There are train rides and other attractions in the area.

There was a motion made to move the reunion to mid-week, instead of weekend to cut costs. Peter Dowd made the motion and Dave Prouet seconded it. Tentative dates are Oct.23 – 26, 2022.

The 2023 reunion plans were tabled until next reunion to see how 2022 goes.

The man who has been doing the website asked if someone else would take over. Peter Dowd has volunteered if he can get someone to help him set it up. But he stated that if he does take over, a committee should be formed to oversee what will go on the site. Whatever is sent to him will be reviewed by Bruce and Sally, Vicki Becker and Peter before it is put out to the membership. This is to authenticate that the information sent out is correct and not bogus.

Peter moved to keep the same officers for the coming year. Ron Wright seconded the motion. It was passed with no discussion.

Ron Norton thanked the leadership for their perseverance and work in keeping the reunion going.

It was noted that the memorial service on Saturday morning was a beautiful tribute to those who has passed in the past 2 years. Paul Johnson stated that the wreath placed at the memorial was sent by Dave and Sharon Kurre who were not able to attend this year. Chuck Lombardi, who also was not able to be there, was instrumental in getting the speaker for the banquet.

Sally thanked all who donated prized for the auction and parade of prizes, especially Charles Fleming of MCB 9 for his donation of \$200 which paid for the metal flag for the auction.

The Johnsons were thanked for all the planning they did for the 2020-21 reunion.

Total paid attendance for this reunion by battalions is: MCB 1 –29, MCB 9—7, MCB 10—16, MCB15—6.

Peter Dowd made a motion to adjourn at 9:55.