

STERETT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING
19 May 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1606 hours by the Association President John King

1. President's Report

- Expect 180 attendees at dinner tonight including the crew of DDG 104
- We have a record attendance at this years reunion
- The idea to hold the reunion at Bath, Maine for the Christening of DDG 104 was Mac McGuire's idea and he should be commended
- Twenty members of DDG 104 are already members of the Sterett Association
- At the present time the commissioning of Sterett DDG 104 is undecided, but Baltimore is the leading candidate location.. The commissioning will be hosted by the CO of the Sterett and he encourages the Association to participate to the fullest.

2. Treasurer's Report

- At the present time we have 211 active members
- Pay Pal makes life easier for the Treasurer and for members to pay their dues
- Over the last year dues were broken down as follows:

Dues paid by mail	\$2,785.00
Dues paid by Pay Pal	\$4,430.00
Total Dues Paid	\$7,215.00

- There is a balance of \$22,591.00 in the Sterett Association account
 - We still have to pay for bus service and additional expenses associated with the reunion.
 - So far a total of \$11,520.00 have been spent on the reunion
- The Association needs the names of the DD 407 sailors so we can pay for their rooms as agreed.
- The Association had to pay for Reunion Pins and engraving
- Denis Lacrosse was successful in getting the Sterett Association tax exempt status and should be commended.

3. New Business

- Mike Garrity is doing a great job of maintaining the Sterett Association Web Site and should be commended.
- Wayne McBrian was a great organizer of all reunion logistics and should be commended.

4. By Law Changes

- Add to Article III
 - 2a. Exempt Member – Any member in good standing that is exempt from paying dues. This must be approved by association membership vote.
- Motion to approve changes to the by-laws. All Approved
- Motion to exempt all members of DD 407 on the last 407 reunion list from paying dues. All Approved
- Note: At the present time there is only one member emeritus (Elden Miller)

5. 2009 Reunion Site

- Four sites were discussed:
 - Mississippi – To give business to help with recovery effort
 - San Diego – New Sterett home port (could include DDG 104 families)
 - Las Vegas
 - Reno

San Diego was the favorite by a large margin

- Reunion Committee:
 - Capt Reichert
 - Mike Butterfield
 - Wayne Wright
 - Mike Cornforth
 - Peter Bulkley

6. Election of Officers

- President – Wayne McBrian – only one self-nominated. Approved
 - Vice President – Mike Cornforth – only one self-nominated Approved
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Dennis Dean – only one self-nominated Approved
 - Members-At-Large:
 - Steve Hayes only one self-nominated. Approved
 - Evan Mickel only one self-nominated. Approved
 - Storekeeper – Mike Butterfield only one self-nominated. Approved
- It was suggested that the Storekeeper should investigate using Pay Pal for purchases made from the ship's store.

7. Additional Business

- Should have a membership drive to create sufficient funds to help the ship with the commissioning expenses.
- Mentioned that we should step up and help with the commissioning of DDG 104
- Motion to commend John King for a job well done. Approved
- There was discussion on where to keep Sterett memorabilia
 - The new Sterett DDG 104
 - Navy Memorial in Washington, DC
- Much of the DD 407 memorabilia is being kept by Jim Botkin
- The job should be taken over by a custodian of memorabilia.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 1715