

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1 DECEMBER 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Troy Snead, Doug Williams, John Allen, Fred Metz and Jim Dobberteen. Absent board members included Maury Unger and Rob Wedertz. Also present were Chris Vatisdis, Ken Werhan and Rick Rudell.
2. Secretary's Report: The November Board Minutes had been sent out via e-mail. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA Web Site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 30 November, 2010. He also noted that he had not received any input concerning the preliminary worksheet for the proposed 2011 budget and commented that if no comments are received prior to the January meeting, the proposed budget will become official.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a current membership report. As of December 2010 the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 245 Life Members, 323 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organization Membership and 4 Corporate Members for a total of 623 active members. His report also included a list of new members who have joined the squadron since 1 July 2010.
5. Plans and Programs:
 - a. Kent presented a summary for the November Flight Suit Social...53 people attended and there were 4 non-paid no-shows.
 - b. The December Christmas Party to be held 10 December at the NAS Oceana "O" Club will be the last event of the year. Music will be by the Michael Durig Combo. Kent will provide the names of the band members to security for gate access.
 - c. We will be looking into the possibility of piggy backing on some Military Aviation Museum events in 2011, such as the Valentines Hangar Dance.

6. December Luncheon. There will not be a luncheon in December. The next luncheon will be held Wednesday 19 January at the Dam Neck Shifting Sands Fireside Room. Kent is to schedule the dates with the Shifting Sands Club.
7. Bingo Report: There has been a slow upward trend in bingo attendance but HRANA is not receiving any income. Attendance will continue to be monitored to determine how long the squadron continues to manage the bingo game.
8. PAO Report: Troy Snead reported that he had provided articles to Wings of Gold for the VFA-106 Patching Ceremony, Flight Suit Social and the Lt. Michael Stock George H.W. Bush Award presentation. Mike Maus, the AIRLANT PAO will provide input concerning the Ely replica event. Troy will also get Christmas Party coverage in the Jet Observer.
9. Monument Report: Fred Metz reported that there are some lighting problems being worked at this time and that a contractor is coming in to inspect the paving bricks for some possible rework.

10. Old Business:

- a. Centennial of Naval Aviation: The next centennial event will be in conjunction with the Battle of Midway event in late May or early June. Details are not available at this time. There will be a meeting Thursday 9 December with the people concerned with preparing the program that will be presented at the monument during the summer beginning the second week in June and running six nights a week. The program will feature local area Naval Aviation events and be about 30 minutes long. Local squadrons will be featured and we also hope to get stories and ideas from HRANA members.
- b. Election of Officers: The list of candidates was sent out for membership comment and approval. Very few inputs were received from squadron members and none of the comments objected to any candidates. Since non-responses were treated as pro votes, the published list was approved. New officers will be installed at the Christmas Party.

Captain John Allen, USN (Ret.) has assumed the duties as Executive Officer. Others who volunteered to fill vacant slots are Jim Whitus as Legal Officer; Lee Pontes for any committee position; Kenny Golden any position where needed; Frank Roberts, Centennial of Naval Aviation; Rick Rudell, Air Show Chalet, Centennial of Naval Aviation and Flame of Hope; Chris Vavidis, Chairman Flame of Hope; Bruce Doyle, F-14 Brick Sales and Ken Werhan, Naval Aviation Monument and Air Show Chalet. New committee members need to attend the January luncheon and meet immediately afterwards to begin planning their efforts.

11. New Business:

- a. USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Homecoming...HRANA will facilitate and coordinate but will not incur any financial responsibilities. The Air Wing arrives 19 December and the ship 20 December. HRANA will handle the enlisted homecomings.
- b. Naval Aviation Centennial newsletter on the HRANA web site...The current newsletter is from the fall of 2009. Kent is to contact Mike Maus at AIRLANT to determine if there are later versions or if the newsletter is still being published. If no later issues are available the newsletter will be removed from the web site.
- c. Centennial of Naval Aviation marquee at the monument...There was once a proposal to have a banner announcing the centennial strung between the two pylons at the entrance to the plaza. That plan would not pass muster with the city. Fred will confer with Jerry Cox to determine if a sign can be added above the newest wall. This should not cause a problem with city codes.

12. C.O./X.O. Comments: None

13. Hot Wash Up: Doug Williams asked if there had been any action taken with regard to financial support for the warbird flyover on 12 December at the Veteran's Cemetery in Suffolk. The squadron does not plan to provide financial support but a couple of individual members commented that they had made contributions.

14. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday January 5th, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1910.