

MINUTES
FEBRUARY HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 February 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 1805 by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Fred Metz, Judy Ready, Doug Williams, Maury Unger, Carroll Bains, Jim Dobberteen and Brian Abbott. Board members Troy Snead and Matt Pothier were absent. .
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the January board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of January 31, 2013. Squadron financial reports are available for review upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of January 2013. The squadron currently lists 45 Charter Members, 231 Life Members, 316 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 2 Organizational Memberships and 8 Corporate Members for a total of 607 active members. One new member joined the squadron during January 2013. Kent pointed out that the membership application currently shown on our web site is outdated. There is a new application available on the headquarters web site and lifetime memberships are once again available.

5. Plans and Programs:

Tentative events for 2013 include:

February: Military Aviation Museum 1940s Valentine's Hangar Dance – 9 February
This is not a HRANA event but members are invited to attend –
Reservations should be made directly with the museum. A flyer has been
Sent out to members.

June – Battle of Midway Celebration – HRANA will participate in a local command
function or plan their own celebration if no local commands have an event.

August – Pig Picking

September: Air Show Chalet if there is an air show. There is a strong possibility
that Blue Angel performances during this time period will be cancelled.

Late October or early November – Flight Suit Social – Most likely to be held at LSO
school.

December – Christmas Party – Tentative date Friday 13 December at the Princess Anne Country Club

6. February Luncheon Wednesday February 20th, 1130 at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands Club. Speaker is RADM. Townsend G. “Tim” Alexander, USN, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.
7. PAO Report: Troy was absent but reported via email that he is working with the VFA-106 and VAW-120 PAOs to get coverage of their patching ceremonies for Wings Of Gold magazine. He also reported that pictures from the January luncheon have been sent to Wings Of Gold, the Jet Observer and to Maury for the web site.
8. Monument Report: Fred reported that Jerry Cox is looking into the lighting problem to see if it is covered under warranty. The individual service flags have been removed until May.
- 9 Old Business:
 - a. ANA Symposium: Cancelled – Uncertainty as to how many squadrons and ships will be available and what affect sequestration could have on travel plans and other Navy support.
 - b. Web Site Upgrade: More information is required before any funds are committed to upgrading the site or supporting software.
 - c. VFA-34 Blue Blasters Reunion: Kent is working with Lt. Bauman from the squadron on this and is passing along all contact information received from previous squadron members. A recent email from Lt. Bauman citing current progress will be forwarded to HRANA members.
10. New Business:

Senior Enlisted Membership on the ANA Board of Directors: Headquarters has decided to nominate an active or retired senior enlisted member to serve as a Board of Directors member. Two other squadrons have submitted nominations. HRANA has decided to nominate Kent. This would be a great way to make our views known directly to the board.
11. C.O./X.O. Comments: None.
12. Hot Wash Up. Fred led a discussion concerning the importance of educating the public about the role of Naval Aviation and the importance of Naval Aviation in the defense of our nation. This role is even more critical now, during this time of severe budget cuts and weakening of our armed forces. He feels strongly that we are not doing as good a job as we could and that the squadron needs dedicated

representatives who are willing to go out and speak to other groups and organizations. As part of this, Maury is to compose a letter to the Virginian- Pilot Editor from HRANA.

13. Next Meeting...Wednesday March 6, 2013, 1800 at the NASO Officer's Club.

14.The meeting adjourned at 1920