

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2 May 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 1803 by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Kent Von Fecht, Fred Metz, Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Maury Unger, Doug Williams, Troy Snead and John Allen. Board members Carroll Bains, Rob Wedertz and Brian Abbott were absent.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the April board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented the squadron Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2012. He also reported that the 2011 tax information has been turned over to the CPA and the return is on schedule. Squadron financial reports are available to members for viewing upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams provided a Membership Summary as of April 2012. The squadron currently lists 46 Charter Members, 233 Life Members, 301 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 8 Corporate Members for a total of 592 active members. Two new members joined the squadron during April 2012. The report also contained a new section listing those members whose memberships have expired from October 1st 2011 thru March 31st 2012. Board members who recognize any of the names on this list should contact them in an attempt to get them to renew their memberships.
5. Plans and Programs:
 - a. Squadron social events for 2012 are as follows.
 - (1) June – Midway Celebration – HRANA will participate in the AIRLANT June 4th wreath-laying ceremony at the Naval Aviation Monument which will take place at 1000. RADM. Ted Branch, USN. CNAL and CAPT. Robert Geis, USN, CO NAS Oceana will be the speakers. Two HRANA members have been requested to assist in the wreath laying. Lurch will get the two wreath layers. Fred mentioned that AIRLANT should coordinate this event with the city. Kent will put a flyer out inviting squadron members to the wreath laying. Squadron members are also invited to attend the AIRLANT cocktail party onboard USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH beginning at 1930 on Monday June 4th. There will be a \$10 or \$15 charge for attending that event. More details will be forthcoming.

- (2) August – Pig Picking – Judy has tentatively reserved the Shifting Sands Fireside Room for Friday 24 August. The meeting room at VFW Post 392 is also being considered. Lurch will contact Post 392 for details.
 - (3) November – Flight Suit Social – Date and venue to be determined.
 - (4) December – Christmas Party – Tentative dates are 7 or 14 December. Judy Ready is checking with several different venues.
6. May Luncheon: Wednesday May 16th, 1130 at the Dam Neck Annex Shifting Sands Club, Fireside Room. Speaker will be CAPT. Robert “Goose” Geis, C.O. NAS Oceana who will give an Oceana update and discuss other recent events.
 - . VADM. Walter Massenburg, USN (Ret.), ANA President will be the speaker in June.
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 7. PAO Report: Troy discussed the upcoming Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Annual Pig Pickin’ and announced that he has tickets available. He will also find out the cost of renting the Military Aviation Museum and Malbon’s catering.
 8. Monument Report: Fred reported that there is still a problem in the Memorandum of Understanding with the city concerning use of the monument site. Although we are not completely happy with the MOU, it is unlikely that we will get any further concessions from the city. The backdrop for summer presentations will contain no pipes and must be moveable. The new camera has been ordered and the vendor is near the end of their 30-day period for installation. There are two plaques missing which are on order. Service flags will go up 1 June. The U.S. flag is already up.
 9. Old Business:
 - a. Golf Tournament – Lurch said participation in the golf tournament was very good and he will have a full report for the next meeting.
 - b. HRANA Letter to Headquarters: The letter has been sent to the ANA Chairman and President, all directors, ADM. Holloway, Dutch Rauch, Mike Field and Zip Rausa. Copies were also sent to ADM. Abbott and VADM. Less. Kent emailed the letter to HRANA members and to the other ANA squadrons. So far eight squadron members have replied with favorable comments and pledging support.
 - c. Little Creek Officer’s Club Availability – Kent will meet with club manager Amy Hummel and Little Creek Assistant MWR Director Rick Cabral to discuss the feasibility of holding some future events at the facility.
 - d. 2012 Air Show Chalet Support Letters – Kent voiced concern for the number of supporters for this year and particularly in the outyears.

One supporter's request for a W-9 form is a matter of contention. The W-9 does not seem to be the proper form and our Tax ID number is on the invoice. Lurch will check with the company to seek a resolution.

- e. STEM Opportunity: HRANA has been made aware of an opportunity to assist an organization called STARBASE Victory with the STEM program. Lurch will contact TBall Hayden to see what type of assistance they are seeking. What is expected of HRANA is uncertain and there are some doubts that we can provide any assistance.
- f. NJROTC Awards: Rick Rudell investigated this program and provided a paper detailing the requirements of this program. He also volunteered to chair the committee to handle this project. He was not present at the meeting and it is uncertain what the status of this project is.

10. New Business:

- a. STRATUM Web Analysis – Maury requested that we have STRATUM perform a web analysis to determine how many hits are being made on the site and what pages. It has been about 4 years since the last analysis and will cost about \$500. He also requested that the calendar function be removed since it is never used. The request for STRATUM was approved.
- b. WOASF Golf Tournament – May 15, 2012, NAS Oceana – Flyer has been sent out to members.
- c. Local media lack of Naval Aviation knowledge and terminology. Several comments were received from members voicing concern over the media accounts of the recent F/A-18D crash and their improper phraseology and other errors in reporting. Although it was agreed that there were many errors, it was also agreed that HRANA could do very little about it.
- d. Disposition of large Naval Aviator wings held by Jerry Cox. It is believed that the wings were loaned to HRANA as a pattern during the construction of the monument but no one can remember whom they belong to. If the owner can't be identified we will have to determine a disposition for them. One suggestion was to offer them to the Military Aviation Museum to be displayed in the Navy hangar.
- d. Salisbury, Maryland Fire Department Energy-saving Bulb Dangers – The fire department sited some very specific dangers from these devices, particularly if broken or improperly disposed of. They also presented some very graphic views of injuries from a broken bulb. The board agreed that this information should be forwarded to HRANA members. Kent will put out an email.

- e. Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Symposium – 9 thru 11 May – All ANA squadrons have been invited to attend a breakfast hosted by the Pensacola squadron.
- f. 2012 AFCEA/Naval Institute Joint Warfighting Conference – 15 – 17 May at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.
- g. Memorial Day Wreath Laying – 28 May, 2012 at the Veteran’s Memorial across from the Convention Center. Judy has been allotted \$125 to purchase the wreath. Troy will notify the city that we are participating.
- h. Squadron Homecomings- VFA-81 and VAW-125 will be returning 23 May and probably VFA-34 in July. Fred is working with the squadron wives to arrange HRANA participation.
- i. Carrier Construction Slowdown – Fred is concerned about the plan to change from the current new carrier every four years to one every 6 years and has addressed this on his blog. This issue needs big ANA support. There was a discussion concerning future distribution of his concerns.

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

12. Hot Wash Up... None

13. Next Meeting...Wednesday June 6, 2012, 1800 at the NASO Officer’s Club.

14. The meeting adjourned at 1946