

MINUTES
ANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6 MAY 2009

1. C.O. Jim Joyner called the meeting to order at 1805 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Leilani Pierce, Jim Dobberteen, Carroll Bains, Kent Von Fecht, Pete Koch, Judy Ready, Maury Unger, Dennis Free and Otto Stutz. Others present were Fred Metz and Regional Wing Commander Chris Vatisdis.
2. Secretary's Report: April Board Minutes had been sent out via email. Motion was made and seconded that they be approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen presented a Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2009. The 2008 Tax Return has been completed and was reviewed after the meeting by the treasurer and C.O.
4. Membership Report: Pete Koch presented the latest membership report based on the April 16th report from Headquarters. The roster shows 566 members, of which 37 have expired membership dues and 11 deceased members are still listed, leaving 518 members. Six new members have signed up since the last report. Chick Eldridge has passed away since the last meeting. Kent will add the new members to the squadron email list and add those who do not have military ID cards and base decals to the monthly base access list. New members will also receive Midway Flyers, be advised of the monthly luncheons and the web site. Headquarters cannot remove deceased members from the roster until notified by the family of the member's death. Chris Vatisdis will talk to Zip Rausa at Headquarters about creating a form letter to be sent to the family asking about continued membership of the family member or deletion from the roster.
5. Plans and Programs: June 5th. The Battle of Midway Celebration will be held at the Virginia Beach Airport. The flyer went out by email and is on the web site. It has also been sent to various active duty commands. Kevin Miller will be the guest speaker. There will be music and a catered buffet. Attire will be casual (Pacific/Hawaiian shirts). The Silver Tappers, a WWII period tap dance group of which Judy Ready is a member will also perform. Kent has sent invitations to three local Midway veterans, Capt. Albert Earnest, Capt. Dexter Rumsey and Lcdr. Otis Kite. Fred Metz suggested inviting Congressman Nye and maybe other other officials. Sharon Joyner will be in charge of table decorations. On Saturday June 6th at 1100, Mr. Robert Mrazek will be on hand at the Military Aviation Museum signing his book, *A Dawn Like Thunder*, the story of Torpedo Squadron Eight. Kent will contact Gerry Yagen to see if Mr. Mrazek should be extended an invitation to sign books at the Friday night event also. Anyone wishing to display Battle of Midway memorabilia should contact Kent. Kent will also forward the recent CNO Naval History and Heritage Commemoration message to the email list. Judy Ready was told to lock in dates for the remaining 2009 events, which

include the Pig Picking in August, Flight Suit Social in November and Christmas Party in December.

6. May Luncheon: The May luncheon will be held Wednesday 20 May. 1130 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Speaker is to be named, but we hope to get the CVW-8 Commander who recently returned from deployment to speak about the current scaled back flying and other cost-saving measures. Fred stressed that it is important for HRANA to know the current statistics and provide them to our members. The luncheon will be a good opportunity to bring your checks and sign up for the Midway event. If Kent is not present, Jim Dobberteen or Jim Joyner will accept the checks.
7. Bingo Report: Dennis reported that attendance is down some due to the state of the economy but bingo is still doing well. The decision was made to continue bingo until August 2010. Dennis will submit the license application, which must be in by May 15th. The project to justify continuation of bingo will be two Wings Over America scholarships. Jim Dobberteen will prepare new procedures for distribution of all charitable contributions as well as a budget for overhead and contributions for the new year beginning 1 September 2009. We need some new blood to work bingo as the current workers have been at it for several years.
8. PAO Report: Leilani has pictures and is preparing Wings of Gold articles on the recent CVN 77 visit by ANA members, the Stravitz Gallery party and the Hans Meyer and Hal Bernsen luncheons. Pictures from the Stravitz Gallery party are currently available on the web site.
9. Monument Report: Facings on the new walls will not be contracted for until the money is available to pay for them. We need a Letter of Agreement for the September turnover of the monument to the City. The City is planting flowers and installing a sprinkler system for the landscaping. "Thank You" letters are being prepared for Mike Maiden the artist and for the Sussex Company. The Navy, Marine and Coast Guard flags are now up at the monument. The possibility of a wreath laying at the World War Two statue in honor of the Battle of Midway was discussed.
10. Old Business:

Oceana Bus Tours: Kent briefed on the status of the tours. Tours will commence on June 22nd and run thru September 4th. There will be a practice run for the Carey bus drivers on June 1st. Tour guides may make the practice run if desired. There will be a tour guide briefing at the 'O' Club in early June. Kent is preparing information for the web site and will procure parking passes for the tour guides. The issue of bus parking at the Kiosk is still open. We can use some additional tour guides. You probably will have no more than six days with two tours on each day for the whole summer. It is fun, interesting and training will be provided. The same people who do all of the other HRANA duties now serve as

tour guides and it is time for some new people to step up to the plate. Contact Kent or Lurch if you are interested. Kent will contact Sali Gear about some advertising by the City.

Naval Institute Joint Warfighting Conference: This will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center 12-14 May. Booth 416 has been assigned to HRANA.

The ANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament will be held Friday July 24, 2009 at Honey Bee Golf Course. Check the HRANA web site at www.hrana.org for Details as well as signup and hole sponsorship applications.

11. New Business:

Social event payment/refund rules: At the next meeting Kent will present the proposed rules for social event payment and cutoff dates for refunds. We still have some problems with no shows that have not paid, but HRANA is still on the hook with the caterer.

Legal representative: Al Fancher has retired and will no longer be the squadron legal advisor. Current plans are to retain Midgett and Preti, providing the fees remain the same as when Al Fancher was the representative.

Air Wing Fly-Ins: Fly-Ins will be discussed at the June meeting. Navy League has budgeted to support the fly-ins. HRANA must decide what their future roll will be.

Military Aviation Museum Volunteers: The Military Aviation Museum is looking for volunteers in many capacities. An email has been sent out to members and Kent will forward the application form to members. This is a good opportunity for those with free time to be involved in historical aviation and to continue the HRANA relationship with the museum.

12. CO/XO comments: None

13. Hot Wash Up:

Crime Solvers Third Annual Pig Pickin': This event will be held at the Virginia Beach Airport on Saturday, May 30, 2009. The flyer has been sent out via email.

14 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3 June 2009, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 2010.