

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2 JUNE 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, Maury Unger, Troy Snead, Carroll Bains, Kent Von Fecht, Otto Stutz, Rob Wedertz and Doug Williams. Fred Metz was also present. Board member Jim Dobberteen was not present.
2. Secretary's Report: The May Board Minutes had been sent out via email. 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 was not present but had provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 31 May prior to the meeting.
4. Membership Report: Doug presented the membership report as of June 2010. The squadron currently shows 50 Charter Members, 245 Life Members, 292 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organization Membership and 4 Corporate Members for a total of 595 active members. Three new or reinstated members were listed.
5. Plans and Programs: Proposed events for 2010 are as follows:
 - a. June...Midway Celebration...4 June at the Military Aviation Museum
1940s music will be provided by the Michael Dureg Quartet. Catering will be by Bubba's Deli and BBQ. The speaker will be LCDR George Walsh who flew dive-bombers during World War II. Reservations are coming in and the count has been provided to the caterer.
 - b. August...Pig Picking...28 August at the NAS Oceana "O" Club. A group called the Jolly Coachmen (Kingston Trio type music) is being considered as entertainment. Due to a conflict with the Strike Fighter Ball, this event may be rescheduled or held in conjunction with Strike Fighter activities. Kent said the flyer needs to be out by mid July.
 - c. September...NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet...18-19 September
 - d. November...Flight Suit Social...6 November at the LSO School.
 - e. December...Christmas Party... 10 December at the NAS Oceana "O" Club.
6. June Luncheon... Wednesday June 16th. Speaker to be determined.
7. Bingo Report: Fred reported that attendance is way down and bingo is in danger of going away. \$1,000 has been contributed to the Intruder Association Scholarship Fund.

8. PAO Report: Troy will prepare articles and pictures of the Memorial Day wreath laying at the Monument and of the Midway Celebration for publication in the Wings of Gold.
9. Monument Report: Fred reported that the individual service flags are difficult to find and the current ones do not stand the environment very well. Due to weather conditions, the service flags will not be flown from 1 November thru 30 April. The pavers are getting dark and may be cleaned and resanded. White Electric has been contacted to repair some faulty lighting. \$3,500 must be paid to Cox Communications for continued camera service and \$2,800 is allotted for the new "You Are Here" signs that will be placed at each end of the monument plaza.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation ...Fred reported that AIRLANT now has a centennial committee which will co-ordinate the active duty assigned projects and activities. HRANA will participate in writing the scripts for the "Story of Naval Aviation" presentations, which will be given at the monument beginning in 2011. The city will provide the actors.
 - b. Squadron By-Laws: By-Laws will be placed on the web site and be subject to approval by squadron membership. Members will also be asked to provide comments. A notice will also be sent out via email.
 - c. USNI Joint Warfighting 2010. 11-13 May, Virginia Beach Convention Center. Thanks to Carroll Bains, Pete Koch, Kent Von Fecht, Jim Joyner, Judy Ready, Doug Williams and Charles Walker for their time in manning the booth. The booth is free but all furnishings must be paid for. The bill was \$456.75. Due to the expense involved and the failure to actually sign up new members the board is strongly considering not having a booth in future years.
 - d. 2010 NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours...Bus tours will commence on 14 June and run thru 3 September. The Military Aviation Museum will provide the bus service using their red double-decker bus. There will be a practice run on Tuesday June 8th. The exact route to be followed on the base is yet to be approved by the Oceana Commanding Officer. There will be one tour a day leaving from the 24th Street Kiosk at 1030 and will include a stop for lunch at the Officer's Club. Kent will be the program co-coordinator.
 - e. Battle of Midway Commemoration – Fleet Forces Command is planning a Ceremony on board U.S.S. GEORGE H.W. BUSH on Friday June 4th at 1000. The ceremony will include a Missing-Man flyover by VFA-15 and a flyover by war birds from the Military Aviation Museum. There will be a speaker. HRANA members are invited to attend.
11. New Business:
 - a. HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament will be held Friday July 16th, 2010 at the NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course. Flyers are on the web site and have been sent out via email. HRANA has the lead this year. Points of contact are Jim Joyner and Buzz Needham.

- b. Flame of Hope – The proposed design for a new sign at The Flame of Hope was previewed by the board. Fred is seeking the best source and material for the sign. NAS Oceana Commanding Officer's approval is required.
- c. Squadron Homecomings –The next homecoming is July 27th for CVW-7. HRANA provides manpower only as donors provide all refreshments. MWR sets up the tables and chairs. Each homecoming will require 5 people, 1 to co-ordinate with each squadron. Fred will hold a meeting next week with the Strike Fighter Wing and NAS Oceana Command Master Chiefs.
- d. Kent mentioned the poor condition of some of the fixtures at the Historical Air Park and said it was not only an embarrassment during bus tours but could create a possible liability for the base. Rob Wedertz suggested that there is free labor available from the Marines awaiting school and that he would contact them.

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

13. Hot Wash Up:

- a. Doug Williams mentioned that The Navy Museum is seeking speakers about Naval Aviation at the upcoming teachers convention.
- b. The Wings Over America scholarships will be awarded at the Fort Story Chapel on Sunday June 6th.

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday 7 July, 2010 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 2005.