MINUTES ANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 4 JUNE 2008

- C.O. Jim Joyner called the meeting to order at 1810 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Kent Von Fecht, Jim Dobberteen, Pete Koch, Carroll Bains and Otto Stutz. Also present were Regional Wing Commander Chris Vatidis, Past HRANA C.O. J.B. Dadson, Maury Unger, Carlton Lavinder, Fred Metz and F-14 Association Reunion Committee Members Bobbi Lefavor and Dave Parsons. Absent board members included Sali Gear and Dennis Free.
- 2. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May meeting had been sent out for review prior to the meeting. Motion was made and seconded that minutes be approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided the Treasurer's Report. Financial information is available to members upon request. Jim also reported that there is now a new version of the Federal Income Tax Form that must be used for 2008. He said it is very detailed and will require some thought in the area of squadron achievements.
- 4. Membership Report: Pete Koch presented the membership report. Headquarters shows HRANA as having 576 members but that figure includes 24 expired or non-active memberships and 7 deceased members. The actual active membership is 545. Membership changes between June 2007 and June 2008 include 90 farewells and non-renewals and 53 new or transferring members. There have been changes to the headquarters database and the roster no longer contains fields for rank or a number of other critical fields.
- 5. Plans and Programs: Sali Gear is working on the arrangements for the remaining social events for 2008 but was not present to report her progress. The Pig Picking is currently scheduled for either Friday August 22nd or Saturday August 23rd. The Christmas party is booked for Friday December 5th. No firm date has been set for the Flight Suit social, which will probably be in October. We will try to have six events in 2009.
- 6. June Luncheon: Wednesday June 11th with RADM William E. "Shortney" Gortney, USN as the invited speaker. RADM Gortney has been nominated for appointment to the grade of Vice Admiral and assignment as Commander, U.S. Forces Central Command and Commander, Fifth Fleet in Bahrain. If Shortney receives marching orders prior to the luncheon the backup will be Dennis Free, Chief Deputy for the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department.
- 7. Bingo Report: No bingo report. Bingo will continue until August 2009.

- 8. PAO Report: No report
- 9. Monument Report: Fred Metz reported on the status of the monument and future additions to the site. Plans are in place for a new panel on the south side of the monument featuring Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation shots, with emphasis on the people. There may be two more panels after that. Hard points will also be installed to allow for a new contribution wall when needed. He also discussed the need for a new fund raising campaign.
- 10. Old Business: AFCEA/USNI Joint Warfrighting Symposium June 17th thru 19th at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Lurch has submitted the contract and we will have booth 1331. Anyone wishing to volunteer to man the booth for a couple of hours should contact Kent or Lurch and register on-line as an exhibiter. Fred will provide a monument display for the booth.

NAS Oceana Air Show: Bobbi Lefavor and Dave Parsons were on hand to discuss the air show and participation in the chalet by the F-14 Association Reunion members. Discussions were held concerning the need to limit the number of wristbands issued to industry and also the need to charge for admission to the chalet. There will also be a moderate charge for beverages.

ANA/TAILHOOK/ABMA Golf Tournament: The tournament will be held Friday July 18th, 2008 at Honey Bee Golf Course. Check the HRANA web site for further details and registration forms.

11. New Business: Air Wing Homecoming Fly-Ins. Fred discussed the recent fly-ins and the lack of interest shown by the returning squadrons. The fly-ins are not actually an HRANA function and further discussions will be held concerning squadron efforts in this area.

Headquarters Bullhorns: Due to the length of Bullhorn documents and the fact that they are available thru other means, the Bullhorns will no longer be published on the HRANA web site. A link will be provided that when clicked on will take the viewer directly to the Bullhorn on the headquarters site.

The squadron now has a new laptop and projector that will be used at monthly luncheons, evening events, recruiting pitches and other HRANA activities.

HRT Summer Bus Tours: Carlton Lavinder was on hand to report that the tours begin Monday 16 June and will end Friday 29 August. New Tour Guide booklets are ready and have been mailed to the tour guides. Tour guides this year include Carlton who is in charge, Carroll Bains, Ted Been, Milt Beach, Paul Hollandsworth, Louie Colbus, George Matt, Ken Stafford, Kent Von Fecht, Jim Joyner and supernumerary Art Page.

12. CO/XO comments:

13. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

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- 14 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2 July, 2008, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.
- 15. The meeting adjourned at 1950.