

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7 JULY 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1804 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Maury Unger, Troy Snead, Carroll Bains, Kent Von Fecht, Rob Wedertz, Jim Dobberteen and Doug Williams. Fred Metz, Chris Vatisdis, Bruce Doyle, Dave Parsons and Bobbi Lefavor were also present. Board member Otto Stutz was not present.
2. Secretary's Report: The June 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 provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 30 June.
4. Membership Report: Doug presented the membership report as of June 2010. The squadron currently shows 50 Charter Members, 245 Life Members, 291 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organization Membership and 4 Corporate Members for a total of 594 active members. Four new or reinstated members were listed. Doug also presented a list of members dropped from ANA Headquarters rolls from 1 January 2010 through 31 May 2010.

Rob Wedertz informed the board of a program called "LINKEDIN", which is like FACE BOOK but for business entities. He suggested that this could be a useful tool for connecting with other people who might be interested in HRANA but are not aware that it exists or of the HRANA web site.

5. Plans and Programs: Proposed events for 2010 are as follows:
 - a. August...Pig Picking...28 August at the NAS Oceana "O" Club. Music will be by guitarist Tim Hopkins. Kent emphasized that the flyer needs to be out by mid July.
 - b. September...NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet...18-19 September
 - c. November...Flight Suit Social...6 November at the LSO School.
 - d. December...Christmas Party... 10 December at the NAS Oceana "O" Club.

Kent presented a summary for the June Midway event. 211 attended, with 94 from HRANA, 45 Active Duty, 19 from the Naval Order of the United States, 44 civilians responding to the Virginian-Pilot and Beacon articles and 11 comps for band members, the speaker and his family and workers who helped with setup and break down.

6. July Luncheon... There will not be a luncheon in July. The next luncheon will be Wednesday 18 August.
7. Bingo Report: Fred reported that for now bingo will continue until August 2011 but HRANA has the option to pull out on 30-day notice.
8. PAO Report: Troy will prepare articles for the Virginian-Pilot and Beacon citing the upcoming Golf Tournament.
9. Monument Report: Fred reported that the "YOU ARE HERE" signs are now up at each end of the Monument Plaza. A contractor is coming to give an estimate for cleaning and resanding the pavers. White Electric has been contacted to repair some faulty lighting. There are four lights which continue to go out and water intrusion is suspected. There was a problem on the 4th of July with people climbing on the statues. This may result in the need for a private security guard next year.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation ...Fred reported that there will be three major events in conjunction with the Centennial. On the West Coast there will be a documentary produced about Eugene Ely. A Midway Night celebration will be held in Washington D.C. and there will be an event at NAS Oceana in conjunction with the Air Show. It was noted that Hampton Roads is not being recognized for the important role played throughout the history of Naval Aviation.
 - b. Squadron By-Laws: By-Laws have been sent out via email to HRANA members for review and comment. Comments are due back by 31 August. The comments will be discussed and reviewed by the board at the September board meeting. Finally, at the September luncheon, all members present will be asked to vote and approve the By-Laws.
 - c. 2010 NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours...Kent gave a report on the first three weeks of the bus tours. Ridership is good but there is a lot of disappointment among the tourists about not being able to observe flight operations. Sound system problems are being worked by the Military Aviation Museum who owns the bus.
 - d. HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament. Friday July 16th, 2010 at the NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course. Hole sponsors are still needed.
 - e. Flame of Hope...Fred reported that the base has given permission to install the new sign. The cost is \$4,200 and will be a bingo project. Initially the money will be paid from the squadron treasury and be repaid as bingo funds come in. This is being done in order to have the new sign in place for the annual POW/MIA Ceremony held at the park every September.
 - f. Squadron Homecomings...CVW-7 will be returning to Oceana on 27 July. HRANA has the lead on the Welcome Home Ceremony. Fred Metz is the overall coordinator and individuals have been assigned for each squadron. Kent is preparing letters inviting industry individuals who provide support

for the homecomings. Six squadrons are returning, including four from Oceana and two from Chambers Field. HRANA will contribute \$200 to the Homecoming fund.

11. New Business:

- a. Airshow Chalet...Bobbi Lefavor will be the Air Show coordinator again this year. The Air Show will take place Saturday and Sunday 18-19 September. Any groups wishing to visit the chalet must coordinate with Bobbi. The Tomcat Association has expressed a desire to visit the chalet. Most of their members are also ANA and/or Tailhook members so this should not be a problem. The Tomcat Association will make a contribution to help with the expense of running the chalet. Dave Parsons represented the Tomcat Association at the meeting and will work with Bobbi on details.
- b. Tomcat Bricks...Bruce Doyle presented an opportunity for HRANA to handle the sale of bricks at the Tomcat site in the Historical Air Park. Bricks are provided for a minimum donation of \$100 HRANA will sell the bricks and Bruce will handle the logistics of getting the bricks engraved and installed. Proceeds over and above the cost will go to HRANA.
- c. E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Delivery Ceremony...HRANA has been invited to attend this event scheduled for 0800 Thursday 29 July 2010. Kent has provided a list of those desiring to attend to VAW-120.
- d. VFA-106 Patching Ceremony...Squadron members are invited to attend this event at the "O" Club where the graduating Hornet and Super Hornet crews from VFA-106 receive their squadron assignments. HRANA will provide a keg of beer and also use this as a recruiting opportunity.

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

13. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 1800, Wednesday 4 August 2010 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 2020.