

MINUTES
HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

31 AUGUST 2011
SEPTEMBER MEETING

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 John Allen, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Fred Metz, Maury Unger, Judy Ready, Troy Snead, Jim Dobberteen, Doug Williams and Brian Abbott. Board member Rob Wedertz was absent.
2. Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded that the August board minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Since the meeting was being held a week early, Jim Dobberteen did not have a financial report. He did report that HRANA's share from the golf tournament was \$2,129.00. Many thanks to Lee Pontes for his excellent management of that event. Squadron financial reports are available to members for viewing upon request.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams presented the membership report current as of August 2011. As of August 2011, the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 230 Life Members, 307 Regular Annual Members, 2 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 589 active members. His report also included the name of two new members who joined during August. All deceased members have been removed from the roster.
5. Plans and Programs: Judy discussed the remaining 2011 events.
 - a. August Pig Picking – Kent reported that there were 45 paid attendees and 3 non-paid no-shows. There was also a problem with the Dam Neck gate not receiving the access list or not being able to find it and 4 people were refused admittance to the base. Their money was refunded.
 - b. September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet – 23 thru 25 September. Kent reported that some supporters have stated that they will not be supporting the chalet this year due to the extreme demands for support of the Naval Aviation Centennial. Since that lack of support will severely impact the amount of carryover for the 2012 chalet, Kent made a motion that all donations and tips received at the chalet be applied to carryover for 2012. The motion was seconded and approved. All proceeds from squadron merchandise and monument merchandise will be applied to those accounts. People attending squadron reunions will be admitted to the chalet under normal attendance rules. The Tomcat Association is an active supporter of the chalet and

members will be admitted by showing either a HRANA or Tomcat membership card.

- c. November – Flight Suit Social – The offer from the Military Aviation Museum turned out to be higher than hoped for and the decision was made not to hold the function there. Kent will notify them. The other alternatives are the LSO School and the NATTU hangar. Lurch will talk to the Oceana XO about the hangar.
 - d. December – Christmas Party – The Christmas party will be held at The Renaissance Room, 324 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach on Friday 16 December. Flyer will be out early in November. Music will be provided by the Beachnuts and the event is being moved to a room with a dance floor. Cost will be \$55 per person.
6. September Luncheon: Wednesday September 14th at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Speaker will be Captain Jeffrey Trent, USN, CVW-1, who will provide a briefing on CVW-1's recent deployment.
7. PAO Report: Troy is forwarding articles on the August luncheon and the latest VFA-106 Patching Ceremony to Wings of Gold.
8. Bingo Report: Charity Committee chairman Ron Stoops has scheduled a meeting of the committee and will report their recommendations for distribution of the final \$3,000 at the next board meeting. Dennis Free will write the checks to the charities approved by the board.
9. Monument Report: The monument fared well during Hurricane Irene with the only damage being one dislodged plaque. Fred is working with the city on the Memorandum of Agreement for turning the monument over to the city. There are some concerns about restricting the use of the monument area to military events. It was also brought up that we need a sponsor for the agreement such as the Mayor or a pro HRANA council member. Al Fancher will be consulted for assistance in wording the MOU.
10. Old Business:
- a. Centennial of Naval Aviation – Performances of the “Naval Air Power Legacy” program ended early due to Hurricane Irene. Fred had suggested that the presentation be shown at the Centennial Banquet to be held at the Convention Center but was told the program is already full. A plaque for Derek Leonidoff acknowledging his efforts in putting the presentation together was shown to the board and will be presented to him some time in the near future. DVDs of the presentation will be available for use at future events and each board member will receive a copy.

The Centennial Of Naval Aviation Gala Ball – Saturday 24 September. This is a Navy League event but HRANA will have reserved tables. Lurch is coordinating HRANA attendance.

- b. VA-85 Reunion – 22 thru 24 September, 2011 – Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Bob Moore at 806-787-1445 or email rmooore0418@hotmail.com. Additional information is also available on www.NavyVets.com. Those attending the reunion will be allowed to visit the HRANA Air Show Chalet under the standard chalet rules.
 - c. VA-36 Reunion – The Roadrunners will be holding their reunion during the same time period and are interested in visiting the chalet on Friday. The same chalet rules apply.
 - d. NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Kent reported that at the request of the Military Aviation Museum the tours will be extended thru 14 September. An end-of-season debrief will be scheduled in the near future. Kent will update the Tour Guide Reference book prior to next season.
 - e. Liability Insurance – A decision on liability insurance is still pending.
 - f. Support Requests – Jim Dobberteen updated the board on the responses to squadron support requests. So far about 10.8% of the 398 members who were notified via email have responded. This leaves a little over 200 members who must be contacted by snail mail. Kent and Doug have worked up the list and Kent is doing the letter. He will work with Rocket Printing on getting the letters out.
- 11. New Business: None
 - 12. C.O./X.O. Comments: None
 - 13. Hot Wash Up... Nothing
 - 14. Next Meeting...Wednesday October 5, 2011, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club
 - 15. The meeting adjourned at 1915