

## **HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 11 March 2021**

1. A ZOOM meeting was held on 11 March. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1730. The following board members were on-line for the meeting: Fred Metz, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Charles Walker, and Rick Rudell. John Allen, Chris Swanson, and Troy Snead did not participate.
2. Secretary's Report – Rick Rudell – The January minutes were sent out in January and all comments or changes were noted. The minutes have been posted on the web site and are considered approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – Jim Dobberteen distributed a Statement of Financial Position as of February 28, 2021 before the meeting. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded. The squadron tax status form for 2020 is scheduled for completion and submission.
4. Membership Report – Doug Williams provided a current report which shows 365 members. One new member joined since our last meeting. The expired membership list now has 12 names on it. Board members are requested to check the list and communicate with any delinquent members whom they know. Doug will continue to prepare welcome-aboard letters for new members and forward them to Rick for signature.
5. Plans and Programs – Judy Ready – Social events are cancelled for 2021 until further notice. The clubs are still closed with no schedule for reopening.
6. PAO Report – Troy Snead – The WOG article/pictures highlighting the career and contributions of AVMC Kent Von Fecht was submitted to Dave Kennedy at ANA for inclusion in the Spring 2021 issue of WOG. The next Wings of Gold deadline is 15 June. Consider articles for the Summer 2021 issue.
7. Monument Report – Fred Metz reported that he has meet with Buddy Gilbert who provides city of Virginia Beach landscaping services at the park. Fred is also working with Jim Smith, the laser expert consultant, to evaluate repairs for the storyboard plaques. Carroll is working with John Wills to discuss repair or replacement of the monument directory boards. The new camera continues to provide great video. Productions by Learning Curve Entertainment (i.e. Derek Leonidoff) are currently on hold for the summer.
8. Luncheons – All luncheons are on hold pending availability of the club and restrictions on gatherings. The Oceana O'Club however has reopened for happy hour Wednesday – Friday @ 1530. The BOD is considering having happy hour meetings instead of luncheons on a regular scheduled basis.

## 9. Old Business

- BOD Openings - No new members were identified. We are still trying to share the Admin Officer duties since Kent's retirement.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – no activity but will add the PDL initiative to the list.

## 10. New Business

- Now that the “donor wall” article is published, we should discuss a program to encourage squadron members to donate to this last chance opportunity.
- May BOD meeting will be in person. This will facilitate the discussion for the need to develop a comprehensive Squadron Pass Down Log (PDL). It is also an opportunity to invite squadron members to join us for happy hour. In addition, members interested in filling BOD openings can now join the board in person to observe the process.
- Fred has created a group email list of ~213 members that can be readily useable and accessible. The program is called “Mail Chimp”. He also distributed a test message with bulletized information regarding HRANA activities. We think this has significant potential for being a new communication tool to be distributed to squadron members on a monthly or as needed basis.
- Jim Joyner's Interment at the Naval Academy Columbarium will be May 11 @1300. With participation limited to 50 guests, RSVPs must be received by April 25.
- F-14 Tomcat Tribute dedication ceremony has been rescheduled to September 2021. It may be during the air show weekend.
- The next Intruder Reunion is now scheduled for April 2022 in Norfolk, Virginia. HRANA should consider special participation.
- Consideration is being given to “jazzing” up the web page.
- Judy Ready will be leaving HRANA this summer when she relocates to Northern Virginia.

## 11. Additional Items for May BOD Meeting

- The Flame of Hope pilot light has gone out somewhat frequently. We need to discuss the role of HRANA regarding the park. Rick will discuss with CO NAS Oceana before our meeting, but will not commit to anything.
- We will discuss possible participation regarding NROTC and NJROTC Units in the “local” area.

12. CO comments –There is much enthusiasm for breaking the lockdown mold. Let's keep moving in that direction.

13. Next Meeting – May 12, 2021 @1600 at the NAS Oceana O'Club

14. Adjourned -1845