

## **HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### **26 May 2021**

An in-person BOD meeting was held on 26 May at the NAS Oceana O'Club. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: Fred Metz, John Allen, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, and Rick Rudell. Judy Ready, Jim Dobberteen, Charles Walker, and Chris Swanson were absent.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The March minutes were approved and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed a Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2021 before the meeting. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded. The squadron 2020 tax status form was submitted. A letter of appreciation was sent to CPA Kim Painter for filing the IRS documentation and providing other support to HRANA.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams provided a current report which shows 364 members. No new members joined since our last meeting. The expired membership list now has 14 names on it. Board members are requested to check the list and communicate with any delinquent members whom they know.
4. **Plans and Programs** – Rick Rudell – Social events are cancelled for 2021 until further notice.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell –The next Wings of Gold deadline is 15 June. Consider and recommend articles for the Summer 2021 issue.
6. **Monument Report** – Fred Metz distributed a “monuments contacts” list to use as a consolidated reference list for contacts HRANA works with for NAM related projects. Efforts continue to repair/replace the storyboard plaques and directory boards. However, the emphasis going forward is to transfer upkeep and maintenance of the NAM and its displays to the city of Virginia Beach. The new camera continues to provide great video.
7. **Luncheons** – The Shifting Sands Club at Dam Neck is closed to all but private events for the remainder of 2021. 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 regularly scheduled basis on designated Wednesdays. The plan is to have a presentation starting around 2:00 pm, followed by a retreat to happy hour related activities.

## **8. Old Business**

- BOD Openings – Troy Snead resigned from the board due to health reasons in March. There are now 4 open positions on the board: Admin, Operations, PAO, and Website Administration. Please contact a board member if you are interested in one of these positions.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – a committee will soon be working on the proposed changes, along with the PDL initiative.
- Work continues on making “MailChimp” the primary squadron group email tool, with a current list of 215 members. Fred will send out the initial email in June. This has a significant upside for improving communications within the squadron.
- Flame of Hope – The flame has been extinguished for the past 4 months, apparently as the result of a gas leak. We will continue to follow this issue as an advocate for a continuous flame.
- Jim Joyner’s Interment Ceremony at the Naval Academy took place on May 11. The event was very well done and despite the covid restrictions, the turnout was excellent. Frog and Patti Allen attended in person.
- F-14 Tomcat Tribute/Monument - the formal dedication ceremony will be on Thursday, September 16.

## **9. New Business**

- The Battle of Midway celebration at the NAM and the Memorial Day Ceremony with wreath laying event at 19<sup>th</sup> street were not held this year.
- The NAS Oceana Airshow is on schedule for September 18 & 19. HRANA plans on having the Chalet open and operating normally. The airshow meetings are already being conducted on a regular basis. The Blue Angels are scheduled to perform.
- The Intruder Reunion is scheduled for May 2022 in Norfolk. Plan ahead.
- The summer program “Aviator and Afterburners” will be performed on certain nights at the NAM from July 2 through August 22.

## **10. Additional Items for July BOD Meeting**

- We will discuss possible participation regarding NROTC and NJROTC Units in the “local” area.

11. **CO comments** – Am glad the airshow is on the horizon. We need to make the hybrid presentation/happy hour happen before then to get some momentum going.

12. **Next Meeting – July 14, 2021 @1600 at the NAS Oceana O’Club**

13. **Adjourned -1730**