

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10 November 2021

The BOD meeting was held on 10 November at the NAS Oceana O'Club. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: John Allen, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Jim Dobberteen, Judy Ready, Tom Jillson, Charles Walker, and Rick Rudell. Fred Metz was absent.

We started off the meeting with a meet and greet with the new LSO School OINC and new board member CDR Tom "Winkle" Jillson. Winkle is a highly experienced F/A-18E pilot and former mini-boss on USS Vinson. He is the active-duty representative on the board.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The September minutes were approved and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed the Statement of Financial Position as of October 31, 2021, before the meeting. The P&W chalet donation was placed in the proper account. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams discussed an excel spread sheet of the 351 HRANA members. Board members were again asked to review the list in detail and note the names of those who are no longer members, including the deceased. Send Doug the names for deletion from the roster.
4. **Plans and Programs** – Judy Ready – The BOD decided to have a Flight Suit Social and Christmas Launch event at the LSO School on December 3 @1630.. It will also be an opportunity to say goodbye to CDR Swanny Swanson (new XO of VAW-120) and welcome CDR Tom Jillson (F/A-18E and Vinson Mini-Boss) as OINC of the LSO School. An email announcing the social was distributed to membership by our email provider mailchimp on November 10.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell – The Wings of Gold deadline for the Fall/Winter combined issue was 15 November. Rick submitted an article for this issue highlighting the squadron's participation in the POW/MIA National Recognition Day at the Flame of Hope Memorial Park on September 17. An additional article about the F-14 Tribute Dedication on September 16 was submitted by Mike Maus, CNAL PAO.
6. **Monument Report** – Carroll Bains - Jim Smith will soon determine board whitener requirements, e.g. the Intruder board, at the NAM. The flags have been removed for the winter. Two new Diamond-level plaques were installed on November 17. The last Donor Wall still has plenty of room for more plaques.

7. **Luncheons** – New covid restrictions are curtailing efforts to initiate a new hybrid program for having a presentation followed by happy hour at the Oceana O’Club. The BOD will continue to pursue this possibility.

8. **Old Business**

- BOD Openings – There are 4 open positions on the board: CO, Admin, 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.
- “MailChimp” is now the primary squadron group email tool, with a current list of 288+ members. Fred sent out the initial “HRANA News/Updates” email on July 8 to those on the group list. The email is **from “HRANA Board”**. This email is now distributed periodically to inform members of current and upcoming events, such as the Flight Suit Social.
- Flame of Hope – The flame has been extinguished for the past 4 months as the result of a gas leak. The Virginia Beach Jaycees are leading the effort to upgrade the memorial park and to restore the flame to operating condition in cooperation with the Virginia Natural Gas Company. For more information and to see how you can help the VB Jaycees restoration efforts, visit **VBFlameofHope.com**.

9. **New Business**

- Flight Suit Social and Christmas Launch Event. See item 4 above.
- The board had initial discussions regarding potential activities with local NROTC and NJROTC Units.
- Discussions regarding airwing homecomings (i.e., fly-ins) and VFA-106 patching ceremonies were tabled until the next board meeting.

10. **CO Comments** – Everyone needs to pitch in to make sure we have a good turnout at the December 3 social event. Bring neighbors and phone a friend.

11. **Next Meeting – January 12, 2022 @1600, at the NAS Oceana O’Club**

12. **Adjourned** - 1730