

HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 9 March 2022

The BOD meeting was held 9 March on zoom in order to get better participation. CO Rick Rudell called the meeting to order at 1600. The following board members were present: Fred Metz, Carroll Bains, Doug Williams, Charles Walker, Jim Dobberteen, Tom Jillson, and Rick Rudell. John Allen was absent.

1. **Secretary's Report** – Rick Rudell – The January minutes were approved (quite late) and posted on the web site.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Dobberteen distributed the Statement of Financial Position as of February 28, 2022, before the meeting. The 2021 donation check from Learning Curve Entertainment (Derek Leonidoff's Company who performs the Aviation programs at the NAM Park during the summer) was lost in the mail. Derek is reissuing the check. The General and Monument Funds continue to be adequately funded.
3. **Membership Report** – Doug Williams discussed an excel spread sheet of the 350 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** – Rick Rudell – The BOD agreed to pursue a BBQ social at NAS Oceana O'Club on or about Friday, June 17. We need to investigate catering services and music. In addition, the NAS Oceana air show is officially scheduled for September 16-18, with the Blue Angels being the main performers. We will dust off the Chalet plan from the 2021 show that was cancelled in June.
5. **PAO Report** – Rick Rudell – The deadline for the Spring issue is March 15. Rick submitted an article for the Wings of Gold Fall/Winter combined issue highlighting the squadron's participation in the POW/MIA National Recognition Day at the Flame of Hope Memorial Park on September 17. This article will be used for the Spring issue due to space constraints in the combined issue. Rick will also submit an article for the Spring issue about the Navy League's Aircraft Carrier Centennial Commemoration event to be held on March 20.
6. **Monument Report** – Carroll Bains - Jim Smith will determine board whitener requirements, e.g. the Intruder board, at the NAM in the spring. Another diamond level plaque was completed for installation in March. The last Donor Wall still has plenty of room for more plaques. HRANA has approved a request from WAVY TV-10 to periodically use the WEBCAM output for local weather reports. WAVY has agreed to credit the source of the video on their productions. Virginia Beach has taken over the landscaping at the NAM Park. We need to start planning for the future of the park with the responsibility for park

maintenance being established. We will arrange a meeting with Dennis Free and also identify a sponsor from City Council.

7. **Luncheons** – The BOD will develop plans to initiate a new hybrid program for having a presentation followed by happy hour at the Oceana O’Club. The target date is Wednesday, May18. We need to identify a starting time, speaker, and food sources. We agreed that someone who could speak about the “Air Wing of the Future” (AWOTF) would be ideal. The first of its kind, CVW-2 aboard Vinson, recently completed its first deployment.

8. Old Business

- BOD Openings – There are 6 open positions on the board: CO, Admin, Operations, Supply, PAO, and Website Administration. Please contact a board member and/or attend a BOD meeting if you are interested in one of these positions.
- Proposed Organizational Changes – a committee will 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, 2021 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 and our upcoming hybrid meetings at Oceana.
- Flame of Hope – The flame has been extinguished for the past 6 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.

9. New Business

- Bob Foster was approved as BOD Operations Officer, replacing Judy Ready who resigned from the board prior to her move to Northern Virginia. Congratulations, and thank you, Bob!
- The board had initial discussions regarding potential activities with local NROTC and NJROTC Units. Rick will contact the PNSs (Professors of Naval Science) for the Carolina Consortium and ODU/Hampton NROTC units to assess interest.
- Discussions regarding airwing homecomings (i.e., fly-ins) and VFA-106 patching ceremonies were tabled until the next board meeting.
- The Intruder Reunion will be held on April 20-24 April in Norfolk, VA. Visit the website intruderassociation.org for more details.
- The 2022 NAS Oceana air show is officially scheduled for Sept 16-18, headlined by the Blue Angels. Interim air show coordinator is LCDR Audry Bennett. We will dust off our 2021 Chalet plans that were cancelled and get to work on new ones.
- CNAL has “reserved” the NAM Park for June 2-7 for a large scale Battle of Midway celebration. Mike Maus thinks Monday, June 6 is the likely date.

10. **CO Comments** –.We finally have some momentum to return to normal. Let's make it happen.

11. **Next Meeting – May 11, 2022 @1600, at the NAS Oceana O'Club**

12. **Adjourned** - 1700