



# Navy Nuclear Weapons Association

Annual Business Meeting  
Minutes

Date: 28 SEP 18



## Opening of Meeting:

The Navy Nuclear Weapons Association annual business meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel in St. Louis, MO on 28 SEP 18. The meeting was called to order at 1000 with 52 association members and guests in attendance. The following board members were present:

<b>President:</b>	Tom Salisbury	<b>Webmaster:</b>	Ray Margeson
<b>Vice President:</b>	Robert Fischer	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Ed Deitzler
<b>Secretary:</b>	John Gray	<b>Historian:</b>	Julien Lindstrom
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Don Schultz	<b>Director:</b>	Bethany Gray
<b>MAA:</b>	Ron Moran	<b>Director:</b>	John Hawkins
<b>Director/Storekeeper:</b>	Dwight Chipperfield	<b>Director:</b>	Kris Hobbs

The President called on the Chaplain to give the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain then conducted the Two-Bell ceremony to recognize and honor the memory of the following association members who have passed since the last reunion:

GMTC Wayne K. Armstrong	CDR Hal Halenza
NW2 John A. Ballard	GMTCS Jack Haney
GMT2 Carl Borcharding	CAPT Donald L. LaVelle
GMTC William R. Bradford	CDR Charles Murdock
GMT1 Helena Brickman	GMT2 Richard Pentico
GMTCS John F. Dillon	CWO3 Robert J. Radwan
WTCS Robert J. Dunn	GMTCS William N. Pierce
GMT2 Donald Fegley	CWO4 Thomas F. Rupert
NW2 Jim Fish	GMT1 Richard Samsel
GMTC August (Ray) Fontenot	GMTCS Eugene B. Slay Jr.

CWO4 John A. Gaffey  
CDR Donald E. Gerould  
CWO4 William A. Grizzard  
NW2 Calvin Swank

GMTCS James A. Warren  
GMTC Raymond L. Weaver  
CDR Donald J. Wernimont  
GMT3 Mark Zickefoose

The President welcomed everyone and called for all new association members and first time reunion attendees to stand and introduce themselves.

The President called for the Secretary and Treasurer's reports:

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary read the minutes of the 2017 Annual Business Meeting. There being no additions or corrections it was moved, seconded, and passed that they be accepted. There was no other correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer passed out copies of the NNWA 2018 Financial Report to the members. It was reported that there were no outstanding bills related to this reunion. It was noted that an annual audit was conducted of the Treasurer's records by two board members and the results provided to the President. Closing balance of the audit period:

\$24,525.79

It was moved, seconded, and passed that all outstanding bills be paid.

**Presidents Report:**

Gave his report on the current status of the organization, specifically:

1. Gave a report on the on the status of the Historian's inventory, specifically that prior to this year's reunion he, Jay, and Guy had sorted through the inventory and designated where the items would go. Many items were scheduled for shipment to the USS Hornet museum in San Francisco, all cruise books would be sent to John Hawkins for donation to either the National Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola or the Southwest Florida Military Museum. A few items were returned to the original donor if they had requested it to be returned to them. A minimal set of items were retained. Guy has been designated to ship the items to the USS Hornet point of contact or John Hawkins for distribution.
2. Reported that members written histories were scanned into pdfs by Guy and organized by Bethany Gray. She has loaded them on a computer that has been available in the Hospitality Room at this and for future reunions.

3. Reported the association Microsoft Access database has been populated with information from cruise books and member profiles and is also loaded on the association computer.
4. That some members are flying to the USS Hornet in the future to help set up the museum SASS spaces.

5. Membership status:

Members in good standing:	447
Associate Members	9
Heritage Members	5
Honorary Members	0
Life Members:	53
NAAV Reciprocal Member:	1
Past Members:	329

He noted that the association gained 35 new members in 2018.

6. Announced that John Hawkins and Richard Gurule have done an outstanding job recruiting new members for the association. They were given a well-deserved ovation.
7. Announced that we would be using the Military Reunion Planners for the 2019 reunion in Jacksonville, FL and that the association would provide support. He stated that Robert and Fran Fischer would be the reunion organizers and hosts.
8. Thanked the current board members for their service and support during this past year.

The president then asked for reports from the other board members.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

Announced that he and his wife Fran would be hosting next year’s reunion, and that it would be held from 7 – 12 OCT at the Doubletree on the Riverfront with the help of the Military Reunion Planners.

**Webmasters Report:**

Reported that he sends out a monthly report to all members with an email address. He reviews member dues every month and emails reminders per the schedule in the SOP. He announced that he plans on changing the website passwords in the next year.

Reported that his member numbers indicate that we had 32 new members, 3 reinstated, and 22 lost/failed to renew members for the last term; and that there are 632 people listed on the association website Memorial page.

Lastly, he needs an assistant webmaster if anyone is interested.

**Historians Report:** No report.

**Chaplains Report:** No report.

**Storekeepers Report:**

During the period of 17 SEP 17 to 27 SEP 18 Chip reported sales of \$1691.00.

**Service Officers Report:**

Provided an overview of his duties, how to contact him, and how he can help with veteran's benefits. He gave an overview of various veteran's initiatives. He regularly has items of interest posted on the NNWA website.

**MAAs Report:**

Provided details on how the reunion's dinner-dance, raffles, door prizes, and gift exchange would work.

**Directors Report:**

Bethany Gray presented Tom with a limited edition keychain coin from the SWFPAC Missile Assembly Building (MAB) where she works as a token of the Board of Directors appreciation for his service as president. She also presented John and Maggie Hawkins with a gift for organizing and hosting the reunion.

**Unfinished Business:**

The President reported on the condition of the current Gray Dragon, John Cummings. John is 93 years old and currently lives in a care facility in Chula Vista, CA and is fairly active.

The President thanked the members of the board and all the other association members and their wives and family for all their hard work in setting up and organizing this reunion. They were given a round of applause by the membership.

The president announced the location of the Dinner/Dance and that the bar would open at 1800 with dinner at 1900.

There was no other unfinished business.

**New Business:**

1. Board of Director (BoD) Nominations: The president announced that Ron Moran was in charge of nominations and elections and turned the gavel over to him. Ron explained that after he was chosen as elections chairman he had contacted the board members with expiring terms to determine if they desired to continue their service. The results were as follows:

Office	Incumbent	Willing to Continue on Board
President	Tom Salisbury	N
Secretary	John Gray	Y
Chaplain	Ed Deitzler	Y
MAA	Ron Moran	N
Storekeeper	Dwight Chipperfield	Y
Director	John Hawkins	Y
Director	Richard Gurule	N

Ron explained that he had contacted various members in good standing to determine their interest in serving on the BOD. None expressed an interest in serving.

Ron opened the floor for additional nominations, and Bethany Gray nominated Denice Young. It was moved, seconded and passed the nominations be closed.

2. BOD Elections:

Ron opened the floor for elections. He entertained a motion from the floor that the Secretary cast a single vote for those individuals nominated which would represent the unanimous consent the voting membership present. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Ron explained how the BoD decided on who would fill the positions at the Post-Election BoD Meeting.

The Secretary called for congratulations for the newly elected board members and they received a round of applause. It was then moved, seconded, and passed that the elections be closed. Ron returned the gavel to the president.

3. Future Reunions:

The president announced that in 2019 the 34<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Eastern US  
Location: Jacksonville, FL  
Dates: 7 – 12 OCT 19  
Host: Robert and Fran Fischer and the Military Reunion Planners

The president announced that in 2020 the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Western US  
Location: Colorado Springs, CO  
Dates: TBD  
Host: Dwight Chipperfield and the Military Reunion Planners

4. The president requested input from members about how the Board and/or the association could do things better.

There was no other new business.

**Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, at 1108 it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Annual Business Meeting be closed. It was announced that at 1145 the new BOD would convene for elections of officers and conducting of business.

At 1109 the Chaplain led the association in a closing praying and the meeting was closed.

Liberty Call! The bar was opened!

Submitted by:

12/20/2018

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