



# Navy Nuclear Weapons Association

Annual Business Meeting  
Minutes

Date: 11 OCT 19



## Opening of Meeting:

The Navy Nuclear Weapons Association annual business meeting was held at the Double Tree Hilton Riverside Hotel in Jacksonville, FL on 11 OCT 19. The meeting was called to order at 1000 with 53 association members and guests in attendance. The following board members were present:

<b>President:</b>	Robert Fischer	<b>Webmaster:</b>	Ray Margeson
<b>Vice President:</b>	Bethany Gray	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Ed Deitzler
<b>Secretary:</b>	John Gray	<b>Historian:</b>	Julien Lindstrom
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Don Schultz	<b>Director:</b>	John Hawkins
<b>MAA:</b>	Kris Hobbs	<b>Director:</b>	vacant
<b>Director/Storekeeper:</b>	Dwight Chipperfield	<b>Service Officer:</b>	Denice Young

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:

GMTCS Gary F. Bender	GMC John F. Herbert Jr.
CWO4 Richard Coleman	LT. Eldon E. Irby
GMTC Willard R. Clark	LCDR John W. McMullen
GMTC Joseph F. Cobb Jr.	GMTCM Bryne Parker
WT1 John L. Davis	GMTSN Randy L. Perkins
GMTCM Wesley Dixon Jr.	GMTC William A. Price
GMTC Robert J. Gallagher	GMTCS Ronald D. Rose
WT1 Timothy L. George	LT. William E. Gronroos

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 2018 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 2019 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:

\$26,158.98

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 Regular membership that was extended to the MPON.
2. Gave status on the updated SOP/PDL and the recommended bylaws change.
3. Status of the Historians items and where they were donated to.
4. He had Tom Salisbury provide an update on the items donated to the USS Hornet to help set up the museum SASS spaces.
5. Membership status:

Members in good standing:	465
Associate Members	9
Heritage Members	5
Honorary Members	0
Life Members:	53
NAAV Reciprocal Member:	1
Past Members:	483

He noted that the association gained 22 new members and 16 reinstated in 2019. Also that 21 members were removed from the roles because of nonpayment of dues.

6. Announced that we were looking into some form of electronic payment such as PayPal for membership dues and Ships Store items.
7. Thanked his wife Fran and Soccoro for preparing the lumpia feast during the reunion.
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:**

Gave a brief overview of the proposed bylaws change and that we would be voting on it under new business.

**Webmasters Report:**

Reported that the website had received 243,594 hits since its inception. The memorial pages lists 646 individuals, and that he sends a monthly report to all members with an email address summarizing the website changes.

He announced that he plans on changing the website passwords in November.

Lastly, he is working with a potential assistant webmaster.

**Historians Report:** No report.

**Chaplains Report:** Reported that he sends cards to the family of program members who have passed away, and that he sends a card and letter of condolences to the family of association members who have passed on to the Staff of the Supreme Commander.

**Storekeepers Report:**

During the period of 28 SEP 18 to 10 OCT 19 he reported sales of \$1208.50.

**Service Officers Report:** No report.

**MAAs Report:**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

The President reported on the condition of the current Gray Dragon, John Cummings. John is 94 years old and currently lives in a care facility in Chula Vista, CA. The Chaplain sent John a birthday card and had talked to him recently, finding out that John has stopped working but is well and that he passed on his regards to the association.

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 Don Schultz was in charge of nominations and elections and turned the gavel over to him. Don 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
Vice President	Bethany Gray	Y
Treasurer	Don Schultz	Y
Historian	Julien Lindstrom	Y
Webmaster	Ray Margeson	Y
Director	vacant	

Don explained that he had contacted various members in good standing to determine their interest in serving on the BOD. Charlie Behymer expressed an interest in serving and was nominated.

Don opened the floor for additional nominations and there were none. It was moved, seconded and passed the nominations be closed.

2. BOD Elections:

Don 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.

Don 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. Don returned the gavel to the president.

### 3. Future Reunions:

The president asked for volunteers to host future reunions. Jim Harris volunteered to host one in the Norfolk, Virginia (Tidewater) area. It was agreed that it was high time the association returned to the area as the last time we were there was in 1990. The board and the Military Reunion Planners (MRP) will work with Jim to make the reunion a success.

The president is working with MRP to determine a location for the 2021 reunion, with potential sites being Oklahoma City, New Orleans, or Kansas City. If it is Oklahoma City then Denice Young has volunteered to host.

Potential sites discussed for the 2023 reunion location include Tri-Cities, WA and Portland OR.

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:	27 SEP – 2 OCT 19
Host:	Dwight and Shelly Chipperfield and the)

The president announced that in 2021 the 36<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region:	Central US
Location:	TBD
Dates:	TBD
Host:	The BOD and MRP

The president announced that in 2022 the 37<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Eastern US  
Location: Tidewater, VA  
Dates: TBD  
Host: Jim Harris, the BOD, and MRP

4. The Vice-President Discussed the proposed bylaws change, specifically that:

Currently Article IV, Section 2A reads: “A. Have had duties requiring knowledge of the inspection, loading, operational use, support, assembly, or disassembly of nuclear weapons, or”

It was proposed that the words “knowledge of” be removed. This would change Article IV, Section 2A to read “Have had duties requiring the inspection, loading, operational use, support, assembly, or disassembly of nuclear weapons, or”.

After a spirited discussion by the membership, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the change.

There was no other new business.

**Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, at 1118 it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Annual Business Meeting be closed. It was announced that at 1130 the new BOD would convene for elections of officers and conducting of business.

At 1120 the Chaplain led the association in a closing prayer and the meeting was closed.

Liberty Call! The bar was opened!

Submitted by:

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