



Navy Nuclear Weapons Association

Annual Business Meeting
Minutes

Date: 2 OCT 20



Opening of Meeting:

The Navy Nuclear Weapons Association annual business meeting was held at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, CO on 2 OCT 20. The meeting was called to order at 1000 with 25 association members and guests in attendance. The following board members were present:

President:	Robert Fischer	Webmaster:	Ray Margeson
Vice President:	Bethany Gray	Chaplain:	Ed Deitzler
Secretary:	John Gray	Historian:	Julien Lindstrom
Treasurer:	Don Schultz	Director:	-
MAA:	Kris Hobbs	Director:	-
Director/Storekeeper:	Dwight Chipperfield	Service Officer:	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:

WTCS Billy Bob Beasley	SK3 David N. Bregenger
LI3 Thomas J. Bumbelow	WTCM Joseph T. Campbell Jr.
WTC Cash E. Chambliss	WTCM Charles B. Cushman
LCDR Raymond R. Gillip	Pat M. Higgins
CWO4 John Keawe	GMT2 Edward J. Krenk III
GMTCS James T. Jacobs	GMTC Carl D. Jones
NCC William D. King	MGYSGT Gerald M. Linn
CWO4 Edward J. MacDonald	LCDR Dale L. Miller
MGYST Charles K. Newton	WTC James R. Sedlecky
GMTCM Joseph S. Shely	LT Larry J. Sneide
GMTCS William G. Taylor	GMTCS David L. Wilson

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 2019 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 2020 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:

\$26,933.57

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 status on the updated SOP/PDL and the recommended bylaws change.
2. Membership status:

Members in good standing:	399
Associate Members	8
Heritage Members	5
Honorary Members	0
Life Members:	63
NAAV Reciprocal Members:	2
Past Members:	500

He noted that the association gained 26 new members and 9 reinstated in 2020.

3. Announced that we were changing passwords on the member's area of the website.
4. Gave an update on the remaining memorabilia items.
5. Gave an update on the 2021 Oklahoma City reunion.
6. 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:

Informed the membership that the association website had received 255,811 visits since coming online, that there were 668 personnel listed on the memorial page, and that many cruise book photos would be added.

He explained the certificate issue the website was having and that it should be fixed, and that he would be sending Survey Monkey surveys to poll the membership on future reunion locations.

Historians Report:

Announced that he had updated the Gray Dragons seniority list, duty station, and rate/rank information; and that there were only 10 members who did not have nuclear weapons program entry dates assigned to their membership profile.

Chaplains Report:

Reported that the Gray Dragon will be 95 years old this year and has some memory problems and other minor medical issues, but is otherwise in good health. Ed will be sending him a birthday card that many reunion attendees have signed. Ed also sends cards to the family of members who have passed away, and that over the past year he has called many members to check on them.

Storekeepers Report:

During the period of 11 OCT 19 to 2 OCT 20 he reported sales of \$1673.00.

Service Officers Report:

Discussed exposure to ionizing radiation during military service recognition by the VA. She has information on the subject for members to look over if desired. She discussed the current legislation on burn pits. She noted that having documentation of exposure is key when discussing this or any issue with the VA. She provided information on the Honoring Vets in Need Act and the Burial Act.

MAAs Report:

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

Unfinished Business:

The President thanked Dwight and Shelley Chipperfield and 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 Bethany Gray was the Nominations and Elections Chairman (NEC) and turned the gavel over to her. Bethany explained that after she was chosen as NEC she 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	Robert Fischer	N
Secretary	John Gray	Y
Service Officer/Director	Denice Young	N
Chaplin	Ed Deitzler	Y
Director	John Hawkins	Y

Bethany explained that she had contacted various members in good standing to determine their interest in serving on the BOD. Guy Clemons expressed an interest in serving and was nominated.

Bethany opened the floor for additional nominations and Ron Moran nominated Ty George. Mr. George indicated that he would serve if elected. It was moved, seconded and passed the nominations be closed.

2. BOD Elections:

The NEC opened the floor for elections. She 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.

Bethany 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. The NEC returned the gavel to the president.

3. Future Reunions:

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

Region: Central US
Location: Oklahoma City
Dates: TBD
Host: Denice Young and the BOD

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

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

The president announced that in 2023 the 38th reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Western US
Dates: TBD
Host: TBD

4. The Vice-President discussed the proposed bylaws change, specifically that currently Article IV, Section 2 reads:

“ELEGIBILITY - The REGULAR MEMBERSHIP in the Corporation shall be limited to: present or former Navy and Marine Corps personnel, Navy Civil Service personnel or Support Contractor personnel who:

- A. Have had duties requiring the inspection, loading, operational use, support, assembly, or disassembly of nuclear weapons, or*
- B. Who were attached to a Naval or Marine Corps command and whose primary responsibility with Nuclear Weapons includes any of the following:*
 - 1. Depot, Intermediate or Local Level Maintenance, Repair or Storage of Nuclear Weapons, or*
 - 2. Nuclear Safety, Nuclear Security or Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) management.*
- C. Excepted from eligibility are duties solely involving guard force or reaction force activities.”*

It was proposed that Article IV, Section 2 be changed to read:

“ELIGIBILITY - The REGULAR MEMBERSHIP in the Corporation shall be limited to: present or former Navy and Marine Corps personnel, Navy Civil Service personnel or Navy Contractor Support personnel who:

- A. Were attached to a Naval or Marine Corps command and whose primary responsibility with Nuclear Weapons included or includes any of the following:*
 - 1. Depot, Intermediate or Organizational Level Maintenance of Nuclear Weapons, or*
 - 2. Nuclear Weapons Safety, Nuclear Weapons Security, Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) management, Nuclear Weapons Supply, Nuclear Weapons Administrative Support, or Nuclear Weapons Technical Inspections.*
- B. Exempted from eligibility are duties solely involving accident/incident response, aircraft loading teams, aircraft pilots, guard force or reaction force activities, ordnance handling teams, submarine crew members, and transshipment teams.”*

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

5. Tom Salisbury proposed that the BOD consider donating up to \$1,000 to a charitable organization that helps military veterans - such as The Navy Relief Society. The BoD will consider this.
6. Jim Little requested that we poll the membership on who may be experiencing cancers in order to strengthen any VA claims. The BoD will consider this.
7. James Hammond informed the attendees about the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum in Ashland, Nebraska. It focuses on aircraft and nuclear missiles of the United States Air Force during the Cold War.

There was no other new business.

Close of Meeting:

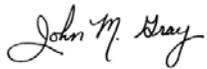
There being no further business, at 1111 it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Annual Business Meeting be closed. It was announced that at 1130 the new BOD would convene for elections of officers and conducting of business.

At 1115 the Chaplain led the association in a closing prayer and the meeting was closed.

Liberty Call! The bar was opened!

Submitted by:

12/7/2020

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