

## MINUTES OF 27 SEPTEMBER 2008 BUSINESS MEETING

Navy Nuclear Weapons Association business meeting was held at The Hampton Inn & Suites, Bremerton, Washington. The meeting was called to order at 1000 with all Board Members present except Chuck Weber and Sid Hart., and attended by 49 members in good standing.

The President asked for all present to stand for the opening prayer by Chaplain Lonnie Cucinitti followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. The Flag was presented by the Kitsap Battalion of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. All present remained standing as Lonnie Cucinitti conducted the 2-Bell ceremony to honor our shipmates who transferred to the Supreme Commander's Staff: CWO Donald E. Fritz, GMTCS Ray Steele, GMTC Larry Papachek, Carl Blount, GMTC Eugene Murphy, GMTC Robert J. Tye, Fred Uibel, CWO4 James L. Williamson, GMTC Clyde R. Phillips, GMTC Howard Moore, CWO4 Ernest Sanchez, PN1 Donald 'Casey' Hillman, GMTCS Ron Kitterman, Dillard H. Currin, GMT1 Jackie D. McCammon, CEO4 Harland D. Clark, LCDR Tom Hormuth, Donald E. Milroy, GMTCM David O'Connell.

The President called for new members to stand and introduce themselves.

The President called for members who were attending their first reunion to stand.

The President called for the minutes of last year's general membership meeting to be read.

The minutes of the 2007 business meeting were read by the Secretary. The Secretary had no additional information to report.

The President entertained a motion to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made, seconded and vote carried to accept the minutes as read.

The President called for the Treasurer's Report.

a. The Treasurer passed out copies of the financial report to the membership. The Treasurer stated that there were outstanding bills to pay for this year's reunion.

b. The President asked for a motion to pay all outstanding bills. A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay all outstanding bills.

The President reported on the 2008 Association accomplishments as follows:

1. The SOP/PDL is a working document, assembled by the Board of Directors and has been completed. It will be posted on the web site and I encourage everyone to read it. If anyone has any questions or suggestions/recommendations, send to the VP. He will then update it and bring it up to the board for advisement. If someone wants a

copy (that does not have a computer), we will mail them a copy. We will not do a mass mailing due to the cost.

2. Paperwork has been submitted to the IRS for our EXEMPT status as a subchapter 501 (c) (19) Veteran exempt organization. When we receive information back from the IRS, I will report to the membership.

3. We have procured NNWA Logo Decals, Logo Pins and Logo Coins and are now available for purchase from Jack Grieves. These items will also be available thru our web site.

4. We have started the collection of photos for the photo roster that the Board has approved. Photos of you and your spouse/significant other should be sent to Dave Cobb. In the January Bulletin, this was addressed again. Instead of each member mailing a picture, we will be using the photos taken at the reunion. It will now be called a 'Social Roster'. If you do not want your photo in the 'Social Roster', please notify the Secretary that you would like your photo removed. When completed, it will be provided to each member via email attachment and the individual can print it or store it on his/her computer. For those without a computer, all they need do is request a copy and it will be mailed to them.

5. The NNWA reunion-planning guide has undergone its annual review, and changes incorporated.

6. Our membership drive continues and this past year we added 30+ new members. Current members were asked to look up old shipmates and inform them of the NNWA. Several ways of finding people we discussed (anywho.com).

7. The President then asked each board member to give their report:

a. Secretary Dave Cobb:

1. Pictures for the proposed NNWA albums. We have advertised in the last 2 newsletters, and so far have only received three. Get the word out to all non-attending members to send pictures if they want to be included in the albums.

2. If you need a copy of the roster (and do not have an email address), notify me by mail or phone, and I will print a copy off and send it via snail mail.

b. Treasurer. No additional input.

c. Historian's Report

1. In the last year, I have added quite a few new members to our memorabilia collection. Please continue to send in items so we can accumulate a history of our part in the Special Weapons History.

2. Please try to identify everyone in the pictures sent. I have two pictures here that do not have names. I will leave these in the memorabilia room. If you recognize someone, please label on the back.

3. Photos were received that showed the demilling of the last MK 101 at Yorktown.

4. If you have tools/equipment used in the NW program and you want to get rid of it, don't throw it away. Send it to me for inclusion in the history of the program. Don't let it be lost to history. Put your name on it. We want to know who you are and where it came from.

5. One of the things we are going to do in the coming year pertains to plaques.

We are going to photograph them and put them in a book. We have quite a few now and the weight to bring them to the reunions is not allowing us to bring other memorabilia to the reunions. This was discussed and approved by the board of directors. We may also put pictures of ship's plaques on the website.

6. LCDR Robert Pierce's service was discussed. My question, after reading his record, is how do some of these people get assigned to the NucWpns Program (not counting people who went to 'A' school).

7. Keep writing your history in the Naval Service and the Nuclear Weapons Program if not for the NNWA, for your children/grandchildren.

d. Storekeeper's Report:

1. Sales on the web are \$1500.00, and sales at this reunion \$1024.00.

2. We had expenses of \$223.00 leaving us with a net of approximately 2300.00.

e. Webmaster's Report.

1. Our website averages about 36 hits a day.

2. The SOP/PDL will be published on the website this year.

3. We still need help on the locator/help sections. Remember the website is our public face. I know some people have joined because they found the web site. It can be a great recruiting tool. If anyone has ideas how to improve the website, let me know.

4. There will be more historical information added to the website in the next few months.

5. Next year, as we get close to the reunion date, we will publish the names of the people who plan on attending the reunion. This will allow people to look and see if their friends are attending.

6. Mike asked about the spam that we are getting on our website. Ray said that they were coming thru a guest book. He has since shut it down. I have created a new guest book that seems to be doing pretty good. I have save the authorized entries from the old guest book as a file.

f. Vice-President's Report.

1. Encourage each of us to get out and recruit for the organization. I call members from my old ship and some from the guest book.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President thanked John and Beth Gray and all who helped for this outstanding reunion.

The Memorial Plaque that was mentioned in last year's Secretary report was discussed by the board and it was decided not to purchase the plaque at the US Navy Museum in Washington.

## NEW BUSINESS

As the first order of new business the President announced that 5 positions were open on the board and up for election by the Membership. He informed the Membership that, in accordance with the By-Laws, the following Officer positions were also up for election by the new Board during the Board Meeting to follow the general meeting; President, Service Officer, Chaplain, Master-at-Arms, and one director. He then turned the gavel over to the Nominations and Elections Chairman Larry Sneide to conduct appropriate nominations and elections.

Larry provided an overview of the responsibilities of being a Board member, followed by nomination and voting procedures. The first position up for election was for President. He informed the membership that Jim Hambley, Chuck Weber, Lonnie Cucinitti , and Sid Hart have agreed to remain on the board if reelected, and strongly recommended their reelection. Lou Rivera indicated he declined to be nominated. Jack Grieves was nominated and seconded.

Nominations were closed. Three calls were made for nominations for each of the five open board member positions. Five separate nominees accepted. They were: Jim Hambley, Chuck Weber, Lonnie Cucinitti, Sid Hart and Jack Grieves. These 5

nominees accepted. Chairman Sneide requested a motion from the floor stipulating the Secretary cast a ballot in favor of each nominee representing the unanimous consent of the Membership. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual reunion will be held in Dallas area. The host will be Lonnie Cucinitti.

The President asked Lonnie for his thoughts about what he has planned for next year.

Lonnie said he is looking at the end of September or the first 2 weeks in October.

Some possible things are Daly Plaza, Dallas Museum, the South fork Ranch (of the TV show Dallas fame), Longhorn cattle are driven down the street over by the stockyards, Billy Bob's (the world's largest honkey tonk), a rodeo in Ft. Worth.

The 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 annual reunion will be held in Nashville, Tenn. area. The host will be Alex Gabbard.

The 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 reunion was discussed. It will be held in the western region. Albuquerque, San Diego, Reno, Denver, Laughlin and Las Vegas have been suggested so far. We are always looking for volunteers to host one of our reunions.

Board of Directors e-mail meetings was discussed.

There being no other new business, the President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made and seconded.

The Chaplain offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

David L. Cobb

Secretary