

MINUTES OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2006 BUSINESS MEETING

Navy Nuclear Weapons Association business meeting was held at The Wintergreen in The Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 0900 with all Board Members present except Ray Margeson and Lou Rivera, and attended by 44 members in good standing.

The President asked for all present to stand for the presentation of colors by the Baraboo American Legion Post 26. The opening prayer by Chaplain Phil Markin was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. All present remained standing as Phil Markin conducted the 2-Bell ceremony to honor our shipmates who transferred to the Supreme Commander's Staff: GMTC James R. Guy, CDR Kermit Taylor, GMTC Phil Stuart, GMTC Robert Swan Sr., Charles Lilly and GMTCM Don Fenstermacher.

The President called for introduction of new members: Ron Stegeman, Norm Ivers, Swede Jorgenson, Larry Barkheart, Robert Dykoski, Lonnie Cucinitti.

The minutes of the 2005 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 reported on the 2006 Association accomplishments as follows:

1. An audit of the Association Funds by 2 members in good standing prior to the general meeting and they reported the financial report as complete and accurate. The President asked the Treasurer if there were any bills to be paid. He answered 'yes' but would not have an accurate account until after the reunion's bill were settled. A motion was made and seconded to pay all outstanding bills.
2. The President reported on the accomplishments during the last year.
 1. Creation of a SOP/Problem Resolution Document. This is approximate 90% complete.
 2. The Historian is developing a list of individuals who participated in the Nuclear Weapons Program. This is an on going project and all members were encouraged to participate.
 3. We are looking into procuring additional logo items for the membership.
 4. Work on the NNWA Reunion Planning Guide is complete. This guide will be reviewed after each reunion and changed as necessary.
 5. We increased our membership by 21 members in the last year.
 6. Procedures may be added to the website by Ray Margeson to help locate old shipmates.

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

- a. Webmaster Ray Margeson was not present, but submitted his report to be read by the President:
 1. We have seen an increase in the online profile change feature of our website (phone numbers, addresses, and email changes).
 2. Email Address': We use email to send out announcements and our news letters. When he gets returned email as invalid, he posts that on the web site so if you check and find your name there, please correct the email address.
 3. We are still averaging 10,000 hits on our website.
 4. Thanks to everyone who has supplied pictures, plaques and other items to be posted to make our web site better.

- b. Secretary Dave Cobb:
 1. Talked of the need of those who do not have email to insure their snail mail address is up-to-date.

- c. Service Officer Chuck Weber:
 1. VA loss of personal information. The lost computer was recovered and tested to determine if any of its contents had been compromised. The data was checked by the FBI which said it was 'reasonably sure' that the information was not compromised. Therefore, the VA has withdrawn its offer of free ID theft check.
 2. It was also noted that 14,000 Pennsylvania VA users and 34,000 Tricare users' information was compromised. It is strongly suggested (if you don't already know) how to check and monitor your credit.
 3. The Service Officer strongly suggested you keep abreast of changes going thru the Congress that affect us and let your representatives hear from you...
 4. 2007 Appropriation Bill is before congress. Details are still not clear.
 5. If you are over 65 and on Medicare (and probably Tricare for Life), check with your provider and make sure he is not in 'the opt out' of the Medicare system.
 6. It appears that the cost-of-living adjustment will be approximately under 4%.
 7. For Viet Nam Vets: A sailor won a battle with the VA to allow 'offshore' sailors to become eligible for benefits related to various sicknesses caused by agent orange. Most importantly, if you have Type II Diabetes and were in Vietnam, visit your VA representative as soon as you get home and file a claim.

- d. The Historian's Report:
 1. Reported he has obtained plastic containers to contain the 856 pounds of memorabilia that is displayed for the reunion.
 2. This is the last time this much memorabilia will be displayed. It will be tailored to each reunion.
 3. The weapon models are showing signs of wear. We need volunteers to restore worn and broken displays.

4. As people donate items to the display, please indicate what the item is or where it was used. We have several pieces that are unidentified. If you see something unlabeled and know what it is, please let me know.
5. We are still compiling lists of people in the Nuclear Weapons Program. If you have orders or other administrative items, please consider adding to the history of this organization.
6. 'Name this Person' section will soon appear on the website. If you recognize the person, please indicate this information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The President thanked Bill and Corinne Beard for all their efforts in organizing this year's reunion. The membership gave them a big Bravo Zulu for their outstanding efforts.

The president also thanked the ladies who manned the registration desk: Jody Hart and Jackie Norris.

Anyone who does not down-load their pictures to the photographer tonight, please download to Bill's website.

Each attending member will be provided with a CD of the reunion pictures. This cost will be paid by the NNWA.

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, Chaplain, Master-At-Arms, Service Officer and Member at large. He then turned the gavel over to the Nominations and Elections Chairman Chuck Weber to conduct appropriate nominations and elections.

Chuck provided an overview of the responsibilities of being a Board member, followed by nomination and voting procedures. He informed the membership that Jim Hambley, Chuck Weber and Lou Rivera agreed to remain on the board if reelected, and strongly recommended their reelection. Three calls were made for nominations for each of the five open board member positions. Five separate nominees accepted. They were: Jim Hambley, David Cobb, Chuck Weber, Sid Hart and Lonnie Cucinitti. These 5 nominees accepted. Chairman Weber 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 President announced the 23rd (2007) NNWA Reunion will be in the Eastern Region, at Niagara Falls, hosted by Ray and Mary Margeson. He provided a handout that was developed by Ray Margeson announcing the Niagara Falls

reunion. Because of new security procedures, those who do not have a passport, should strongly consider getting one as we will be staying on the US side at Niagara, but will have tours to the Canada side.

The 24th (2008) Reunion will be in the Western Region. John Gray volunteered to host this reunion in the Seattle, Washington area.

The President opened the floor for suggestions for the 25th reunion, which will be in the central region. Texas was suggested. Lonnie Cucinitti volunteered to host the 2009 reunion in Dallas, Texas. There was no other location suggested.

There being no further New Business, the President called for the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 10:45

David L. Cobb
Secretary