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From the President: Shipmates; We had a very good reunion in Norfolk. Al and Doris Lowe and Bob Foxwell were great hosts and deserve a big "Well Done" I look forward to seeing you all in Las Vegas in 1999. Wishing all our membership a Happy Holiday season. Reach out and touch some of your old shipmates and tell them of our association. It would be nice to see all of them and all of you in Las Vegas. Contact Tom Best if you have any news you feel should be presented in this newsletter.
Roy (OZ) Osborne

From the Secretary/Treasurer: I echo Oz's Kudos for the gang that hosted the Portsmouth/Norfolk reunion. They all did a super job in setting up the reunion and hosting through-out the reunion. A special thanks to Jim Hambley, whose assistance was vital to the successful reunion. Our prayers are with you Jim. We have revised our NNWA Constitution with all the approved changes over the past six or seven years, and have attached a new copy for all members. If there is something in there you do not understand, or have question on, please feel free to contact any of your Board of Governors. Next you will find a copy of the minutes of the 1998 reunion meeting held in Portsmouth Va. Also you will find a copy of the 1998 Treasurer's report to the membership. As you can see; we are a healthy association. This is due in part to a successful fiscal management of the 1998 reunion, and to the large increase of new members to the association. What's the moral here? Easy, continue to solicit new membership to this fine organization. Another key to the excellent fiscal status is due to many members renewing their memberships. If you do not know when your membership expires (and in many cases, has Expired), check the bottom of your mailing address for the expiration date. If you are in arrears, you stand a chance of being dropped from the membership roles. If you are more than one year in arrears, then the cost of reinstatement is only \$20.00. That's \$10.00 for reinstatement and \$10.00 for the current years dues. If you are only one year in arrears, then the cost is only \$10.00. The yearly dues are due on the anniversary month that you sent in the check. If you would like to pay for more than one year at a time, then it is \$10.00 for each year. I document your check number, the amount and the date that I receive it in case there are any question. I've been doing that since last February when I relieved as the Treasurer, so any question past last February, I cannot answer. We now have 312 members and unless you have attended a reunion in the past couple of years, your roster is really out of date. If you would desire a new roster, we will have them available at the Las Vegas reunion. Please plan on attending. Also in this mailing you will also find a blank membership form. Please reproduce this as many times as you need to, as you solicit new members into the NNWA. Please review your personal information on the mailing label to see if it is correct. Addresses and phone numbers/area codes change periodically, and if we do not receive correspondence from the member, then our roster is history vice a current document. If you have changes, please let me know so I can update the roster. Many of our shipmates use this roster extensively to find and correspond with past shipmates. If you have joined the new Cyber-space (computer) world and have an e-mail address, please let me know what it is so I can list it for other members. I also use the e-mail to correspond with members and send information to them. This is a lot cheaper than using the US Postal Service. New members receive an information package which include a new roster, the last newsletter, a profile sheet for the NNWA historians files, an extra copy

of a membership application so that they can solicit new members and a couple other items so that when they join the association, they are current on their association. We do need new members and we need our old members to catch up on dues.

Reunion 1999: This years reunion will take place between 28 September and 3 October 1999 in Las Vegas NV. The association chairperson for hosting this reunion is Eldon Irby from Henderson, NV and he is busy trying to get the necessary arrangements and contracts in place. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Boardwalk on the strip next to the Monte Carlo and New York Hotel and Casino. For those of you on the Internet, you can check out the hotel at <www.hiboardwalk.com>. The Holiday Inn has a 24 hour restaurant and entertainment. They use a Coney Island theme and is closely located to the Las Vegas airport. The Holiday Inn runs a shuttle service to/from the airport to/from the hotel. Unless you have other reasons to travel, you should not need to rent a car for the reunion. Room rates will be \$59.00 for week days and \$79.00 for weekends (Friday thru Sunday). Eldon has contacted the US Air Force and they have agreed to provide us a tour of the old Lake Mead "Q" area. He has also contracted for an all day tour of Death Valley. We look forward to a large number of our membership to attend this reunion and rekindle old relationships. Maybe even win some extra money. Sometime in the May/June time period we will mail out a complete information package to the membership on this reunion. We ask that you fill out the information survey that will be part of this package and return it with your check to me as soon as possible, so that we may be able to have the necessary arrangements in place for another successful reunion. *This years reunion must be pre-paid.*

In other news: One of our own members has written and published a book titled "The Navy I Remember". NNWA Member (1233 unit) Ralph Danklefsen CWO USN(Ret) has written this book as a tribute to his days in the navy from the 1930's thru the 1950's. He takes you through the days of the China Fleet, the first days of WW II thru the occupation of Japan and into the first days of development, test and maintenance of the navy's first Nuclear Weapons systems. Having read Ralph's book I've found it to be an interesting nuts and bolts approach to the early navy days that we have all heard the sea stories of (and in some cases, been part of the sea stories). You will not only enjoy reading the book, but it will bring back memories of your early days serving our country. If interested in obtaining this book for yourself, contact Ralph at:
Ralph W. Danklefsen 400 Broadway Place Apt. 1106, Tucson, AZ 85710 (520) 546-1097 or e-mail danklef26@juno.com

Another one of our shipmates is looking for another shipmate, GMTC John Milbert. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of John Milbert, please contact Norm Slimmer 2895 63rd Street Fennville, MI 49408 (616) 857-2433
e-mail <nslimmer@sirus.com>.

One more item: Lester B. Tucker CWO-4 USN (Ret) 720 NW Heller Street Oak Harbor, WA 98277 (360) 679-1546 notified us that the history of CPO's is now on the Internet at: <www.htstory.navy.mil/fuqs/fuq46-1.htm>. I've read this and it is a very interesting history put together by Shipmate Tucker. Recommend those of you who are on the Internet look it up. Lester is also looking for some information for another article. Anyone know or having information on USMC students at the AO school during WW II that received AO Strikers marks should contact Shipmate Tucker at the above address.

Shipmate Michael Snyder agreed to continue the NW Program history from 1959, when Henry B. Smith concluded, to present. He is actively seeking input from NNWA members. Information sought includes interesting anecdotes, strange and humorous events, lists of names, dates and duty stations, histories of commands, Vietnam era activities of NW/GMT personnel, NW program close down of NW sites, conversion from NW to GMT to WT. Please contribute anything and everything. Contact Michael D. Snyder, 17618 Sir Galahad Way, Ashton, MD 20861 or e-mail to: michael.d.snyder@lmco.com
Work (703) 416-5716, Home (301) 570-0242. He has recently sent a letter to all members. Please remember to respond.

Shipmate John O'Malia Has notified us that another landmark in the Navy Nuclear Weapons program has ended. As John wrote, "Effective 26 February 1999, the Naval Air Warfare Center; Weapons Division Detachment; Albuquerque (Formally known as NWEF) was disestablished by the Naval Air Systems Command. The last vestige of the Kirtland Air Force Base's "Rio Grande Navy" has sailed into the sunset, ending the organizations presence in Albuquerque that spanned nearly 50 years. At its peak, the Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility was the size of a Naval Squadron with over 250 military and civilian personnel along with 12 military aircraft. Originally disestablished in 1993 by the Base Realignment and Closure process, NWEF reidentified itself with the Weapons Division and can trace its roots back to 1949. The original 1949 organization was the Naval Air Detachment, Albuquerque and consisted of seven officers and nineteen enlisted members with three aircraft. The official closing ceremonies was held at Kirtland Air Force Base in December 1998. Among those personnel gathering to mark the end of this importance era were: Rear Admiral Rand Fischer; NAWCWPNS; Commander Jack Stewart, GMTCM John O'Malia (USN Ret), Dave Mitchell, Gary Finley, Joe Benavides, Jim Baldwin, Louis Tafoya, John Parker, Louise Herrera and Jose Torrez."

And yet another vestige of the Navy Nuclear Weapons programs falls to the Kinder, More Gentle world.

Points to Ponder: Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

Thought of the Day: Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

In Passing: Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.

Last Thoughts: This story is about the Vietnam Veterans memorial (The Wall) in Washington DC. It was written by Patrick Camunes and was inspired by the painting "Reflections" and a recent story titled "Autumn Wall". As I found this to be truly inspiring, I thought I would include it as part of our newsletter. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

"FROM THE OTHER SIDE":

At first there was no place for us to go until someone put up that Black Granite Wall. Now, everyday and night my Brothers and Sisters on our side of the Wall wait to see the many people from places afar file in front of this Wall. Many stopping briefly, some for many hours and some that come on a regular basis. It was hard at first, not that it has gotten any easier, but it seems that many of the attitudes toward that war have changed. I can only pray that the ones on your side of the Wall have learned enough that no more Wall's such as this one need to be built. Several members of my unit and many that I do not recognize have called me to the wall by touching my name that is engraved on it. The tears I see are not necessary, but it is hard for me to hold back sometimes too. Don't feel guilty for not being with me my Brothers. This was my destiny as it is yours to be on your side of the Wall. Touch the wall my Brothers, so that we may share the memories that we had. I have learned to put the bad memories aside and remember only the pleasant times we had together. Tell our other Brothers out there to come and visit me, not to say good-bye; but to say hello and be together again, even if for a short time; and to ease the pain of loss that we all share. Today an irresistible and loving call comes to the Wall. As I approach I can see an elderly lady. As I get closer I recognize her. It's Momma. As much as I have looked forward to this day, I have also regretted it because I didn't know what reaction I would have. Next to her, I suddenly see my wife and immediately think how hard it must of been for her to come to this place. My mind floods with the memories of 30 years past. There is a young man in a military uniform standing with his arm around her. My God, It's---- It has to be my son. Look at him trying to be the man without a tear in his eye. I yearn to tell him how proud I am, seeing him standing tall, straight and proud in his uniform. Momma comes closer and touches the Wall and I feel the soft and gentle touch I had not felt in so many years. Dad has crossed to this side of the Wall and through our touch, I try to convey to her that Dad is doing fine and is no longer suffering or feeling pain. I see my wife's courage building as she sees Momma touch the Wall and she approaches and lays her hand on my waiting hand. All the emotions, feelings and memories of the decades past flash between our touch and I tell her that it is all right. Carry on with your life and don't worry about me. I can see as I look into her eyes that she hears and understands me and a big burden has been lifted from her. I watch as they lay flowers and other memories of my past. My lucky charm that was taken from my and sent to her by my CO; a tattered and worn teddy bear that I can barely remember having as I grew up as a child, and several medals that I had earned and were presented to my wife. One of them is my Combat Infantry Badge that I am very proud of. I notice that my son is also wearing one. I had earned mine in the jungles of Vietnam and he earned his in the deserts of Iraq. I can tell that they are preparing to leave and I try to take a mental picture of them together, because I don't know when I'll see them again. I wouldn't blame them if they were not to return and can only thank them that I was not forgotten. My wife and Momma near the Wall for one final touch and so many years of indecision, fear and sorrow are let go. As they turn to leave, I feel my tears that had not flowed for so many years, form as if dew drops on the other side of the Wall. They slowly move away with only a glance over their shoulders. My son suddenly stops and slowly returns. He stands straight and proud in front of me and snaps a salute. Something makes him move to the Wall and he puts his hand on the Wall touching my tears that had formed as dew. I sense that he feels my presence there and the pride and love that I have for him. He falls to his knees and the tears flow from his eyes. I try my best to reassure him that it's all right and that tears so not make him any less a man. As he moves back wiping the tears from his eyes, he silently mouths, God Bless you Dad---- God Bless You Son---- We will meet some day, but in the meantime, go on your way. There is no hurry. There is no hurry at all. As I see them walk off in the distance, I yell out to them and everyone there today; as loud as I can; THANKS FOR REMEMBERING US and the others on this side of the Wall join in. I notice that the US Flag that so proudly flies in front of us everyday is flapping and standing proudly straight out in the wind. THANK YOU ALL FOR REMEMBERING.

From the Navy Nuclear Weapons Association Board of Directors. Thank you for your great service to this country!

One Last Shot: A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty !

With that said, I will leave you now to review the rest of your NNWA package. We hope that the information included in this package is sufficient to bring you up to speed on the association. If you have any question, feel free to contact me or any of the other Board of Governors. See you all in Las Vegas. Fair Winds and Following Sea's shipmates.

T.H. Best Sr. Secretary/Treasurer NNWA

Navy Nuclear Weapons Association
14th Reunion
Portsmouth, Virginia
7 through 11 October 1998

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting:

The general membership meeting was held in the Portside Room at the Holiday Inn Waterside, Portsmouth, Virginia at 10:00 am on 10 October 1998. The meeting was called to order by the association president Roy Osborne.

The opening prayer was provided by the association chaplain Henry Stephens.

The entire membership rose to give the Pledge of Allegiance to this wonderful country. While standing, Shipmates Dee Rochester and Chaplain Henry Stephens conducted a "Two-Bell" Ceremony that acknowledged the quiet passing of all our former shipmates; including Frank Young, O.D. Durrell, John Apodaka, Ken Corley and Jerry Lesson. All association shipmates who have passed to their last duty station with the Supreme Commander will have their names inscribed on our NNWA plaque commemorating their unique duty to God and their country. If you as members have knowledge of the passing of one of our members, please contact me or one of the association officers and provide us with that information.

The minutes of the last association meeting were accepted by the members present as contained in the January 1998 newsletter. The treasures report was provided by the Secretary/Treasurer. The balance on 10 October was \$9,035.89. Note that some reunion expenses were not identified in the report as they had yet to occur. Also note that some anticipated income was not reported as the 50/50 raffles held during the reunion were not complete at the time of this report. A complete financial report taking the entire reunion expenses into account will be provided to all members as part of the next newsletter.

Old Business:

1. It was noted that 96 of our members are arrears in their dues from 1995 to 1997. If those members in arrears are not paid up, they will be dropped from the association. For members two years or more in arrears, the renewal fees are \$10.00 for renewal and \$10.00 for the current year membership (\$20.00 total). It was also noted that it is easy to identify your current membership status as the mailing labels have the date of your last paid dues as two numbers at the bottom of the mailing label. i.e.: 95 96 97 98 99 or 2000 and above. As we hate to lose our members due to non-payment of dues, it is requested that all members verify their mailing labels and those in arrears, renew their memberships promptly by sending a check to the Secretary/Treasurer to cover their memberships.
2. The many changes to the NNWA Constitution over the past several years that have been approved during the membership meeting will be consolidated and the constitution will be updated and mailed to all members with the next newsletter.
3. The topic of Life Membership was briefly addressed as old business. Currently the only life membership available is for the spouses of deceased members. It was agreed that this would be the only life membership made available.
4. There was no other old business addressed from the floor.

New Business:

1. A motion was received from the floor and seconded that the association change the dates of the reunion to the last two weeks of September vice the first two weeks of October. After much discussion on the motion, it was amended to allow the Board of Governors to establish the reunion between 15 September and 15 October each year dependent on the location of the reunion and the availability of the hotels in the area. That amended motion received a floor vote of positive, with no negative votes.
2. It was noted that shipmate Walt Webb again won the annual NNWA Association golf tournament with shipmate Robert Wilkinson finishing a very close second. Congratulations shipmates. We hope to make this tournament an annual event.
3. A motion from the floor was provided and seconded that the association purchase an American Flag, Flag Staff, and an association bell to be used at all association meetings. Shipmate Henry Stephens agreed to provide the Bell, an association Bible and a Gavel for all meetings. Shipmate Mike Snyder agreed to provide a dress Navy flag and staff. Life member Sue Whitman volunteered to provide the funds for the bell in memory of our departed shipmate Bill Whitman. Shipmate Mike Snyder also agreed to build an appropriate wooded holder for the bell and have an inscription made to dedicate the bell in memory of Shipmate Bill Whitman.

4. A discussion on the history of the Navy Nuclear Weapons program from the eyes of our members was entertained. It was noted that departed shipmate Henry B. Smith had spent considerable time in developing a early history and had passed that information on to the Secretary a couple of years ago. That history was titled "Keepers of the Dragon". Also noted that our association historian Don Micco has many documents that would provide a base history of our program. The intent is to develop a history of the program from it's early infancy to it's recent demise. Once developed, this history could also be provided to service magazines; newspapers that would allow the association to advertise it's existence to those shipmates not currently members. Shipmate Mike Snyder agreed to develop the complete history for the association and provide the Board of Governors with draft copies for review. Further discussion on the NW Program history will be addressed in the January 1999 NNWA Bulletin.
5. An attempt is currently being made by the secretary to completely update the NNWA roster. Please review the roster which will be mailed with the next newsletter and contact Tom Best with changes to names, addresses, phone numbers and to add/change e-mail addresses. This will greatly assist the updating of the roster. Each mailing that the association sends out, approximately 5% of the mailings are returned for bad addresses. We do not want to lose shipmates due to bad addresses. Please not only review your own address, but also the addresses of your shipmates if you know they have moved.
6. It was noted that the in the past, all members attending the annual Dinner Dance had brought a couple (two) small gifts to be used as door prizes during the dinner dance. This allowed each attending member to receive a door prize during the dinner dance. In recent years, this custom has lost it's importance and now very few members bring small gifts. It was recommended that we remind our members of this custom so that future dinner dances will enjoy the rituals of the past.
7. Due to the extremely high cost estimates that the Board of Governors received from the Northwest area of the United States, it was decided that the reunion for 1999 will be held somewhere in Nevada between 15 September and 15 October 1999. More information will be provided in the next newsletter as we receive new costs from the Nevada areas.
8. The Secretary Treasurer noted that past practices of advance payment for tours during the reunions will not continue in future reunions. The association lost over \$800.00 this year in advance payments based on members who initially indicated they would be taking tours, but either did not show up for the reunion, or did not go on the tours. All future reunions must be pre-paid to the treasurer prior to the established reunion cut-off date. We were very luck this year to have recovered these losses by some very successful 50/50 raffles during the reunion.
9. It was noted by the secretary/treasurer that this year was a very successful year for the association in new memberships. We have 30 new members this year. Thanks go out to all the current members who have sent their association membership applications to other shipmates. Remember, as "Keepers of the Dragon" we no longer have the luxury of being able to draw new members from the navy ranks as the NW; GMT; WT rates no longer exist in the navy.
10. The members in attendance all rose to a standing ovation to acknowledge the efforts of Al and Doris Lowe for the exceptional reunion in the port cities of Portsmouth and Norfolk Virginia. If you haven't been to these two cities in several years, you will be pleasantly surprised on how they have developed over the years. It is really a long, long way from the "East Main Street" many of us remember. With Al and Doris's attention to details, and the able body assistance of Jim Hambley and Bob Foxwell, this again was a reunion to remember. Also noted was how seriously Bob Foxwell took his newly assigned duties as OIC of the Hospitality Room providing all members the true *spirit* of Portsmouth. Thanks also go to my bride Kathy and Doris Lowe for their excellent ability to separate association members from their money during registration and the 50/50 raffles. The NNWA is in a healthy financial status due to Katly and Doris's ability to cover all of our losses this year. Thanks again to Don Micco our historian for his dedication to duty in transporting the associations history from Ohio to Portsmouth, setting the up exhibits in our archives room then baby-sitting the exhibits all during the reunion and providing its many visitors the history of the association
11. The President announced that the next newsletter will be published and mailed before the end of January 1999. This newsletter will include specific information on the 1999 reunion in Nevada along with the name of the reunion chairman. The chairman in return will mail out a information and registration package in the April/May time frame so that all members will have the information to make their decisions on attendance with. Remember, all tours must be pre-paid for the 1999 reunion to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the reunion cut-off date.
12. A motion from the floor and a second was received to adjourn the meeting. General membership voted to adjourn the meeting and at 11:07 President Roy Osborne adjourned a very successful meeting.

Minutes of the meeting provided by:
T.H.Best Sr. NNWA Secretary/Treasurer
17 October 1998

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS OF THE NAVY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSOCIATION

Revised: 17 October 1998

Article I Establishment

Section 1: Name: The name of this association shall be the Navy Nuclear Weapons Association (NNWA) here-in identified as the "Association".

Section 2: Existence: This association shall remain in existence until such time as the majority of the membership shall vote to disband. No member shall have any right, title, or interest in any of the assets of the association unless the same has been voted to disband, and then only members in good standing at the time of association disbandment may participate prorata in the assets. Assets include both financial and historical assets.

Article II Objectives

The association has been formed and exists for the purpose of:

- (1) Promote the continuance of camaraderie and reminiscence among members.
- (2) Perpetuate the memory of nuclear unit administration, team training, team deployment and concepts as a unique and significant part of the US Naval history.
- (3) Instill in family, friends and other non-members; by whatever unclassified means available: an awareness of the objectives of overall Nuclear Surety by anecdotes of the diversity of the ratings and personnel involved; the skill levels required, the security measures imposed, the safety inherent to the program requirement, pride of craftsmanship and the humor and esprit-de-corps displayed by the members during a lifespan of the team/unit concepts.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Composition: This association shall be composed of members of the Navy and Marine Corps who were attached to the Navy Administration Unit; the Navy Special Weapons Units #471; #802 or #1233; and any member of the Navy, Marine Corps, Navy Civil Service or Support Contractors who received basic or advanced training in the operational use, support, assembly, disassembly; maintenance; repair; calibration of special test equipment's; inspections; loading; delivery; storage of nuclear assets as assigned capabilities from the Armed Forces Special Weapons (AFSW); Defense Atomic Support Activity (DASA) NWTCPAC; NWTCLANT; NWTGPAC; NWTGLANT; WTGPAC; WTGLANT; or attached to a naval command who's primary responsibility for Nuclear Weapons capability included Depot Level Maintenance; Repair; Storage; Intermediate Level Maintenance; Nuclear Safety; Nuclear Security or Personnel Reliability Program management.

Section 2: Membership: No membership in this association shall be assembled nor shall it be transferable with the exception of transfer of membership to a surviving spouse as a non-voting life member.

Section 3: Associate Membership: Persons who do not meet the required qualification set above but desires to associate with the association membership that have helped shape this free world of ours will be accepted as a non-voting associate member of the association.

Article IV Association Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings: Regular meetings of the association shall be held at the discretion of the membership and shall be held at a location selected by the Board of Governors. This location shall be selected based upon a vote of membership providing general locations of East Coast; West Coast or Middle America. Meetings shall be held every year and future meeting sites will be determined one year in advance.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Special meetings of the association may be called by the President; Vice President acting for the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Governors. Members may request a special meeting by a written request signed by 10 members and must state the object of the special meeting.

Section 3: Notice of Meetings: Thirty days notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the association.

Section 4: Voting Privileges: Only association members in good standing shall have voting privileges in regular meetings. Members in dues arrears of two or more years are not in good standing.

Section 5: Quorum: Association members in attendance shall constitute a quorum in any meeting of the association.

Section 6: Proxies: Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Article V Board of Governors

Section 1: Election: There shall be a Board of Governors consisting of eight members that shall serve at the pleasure of the membership in good standing. The Board of Governors shall be elected at the regular meeting of the association. The normal term of office shall be for two years. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Governors shall be filled by temporary appointment of the Board of Governors. The member temporarily appointed shall serve only during the remainder of the unexpired term of their predecessors.

Section 2: Composition: All members of the Board of Governors shall be members of the association in good standing.

Section 3: Powers and Duties: Subject to the provisions of this constitution and such meetings, the Board of Governors shall have entire control and management of the affairs, finances, property and policies of this association. The Board of Governors may make and/or alter any by-laws or other rules not consistent with this constitution. The Board of Governors shall select the specific site for meetings.

Section 4: Quorum: A majority of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting of the Board of Governors, and the affirmation of the majority of the Governors constituting a quorum shall be necessary to pass any resolution.

Section 5: Liability. No indebtedness or liability shall be incurred by the Board of Governors in any year exceeding the amount of the available funds on hand. No liability shall be incurred by any members of the association, or members of any committee of the association unless the same is authorized by the Board of Governors.

Article VI Officers

Section 1: Election: The officers of the association shall be a President; Vice President; a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be appointed from within the new Board of Governors elected by the membership. The term of office will be two years.

Section 2: Installation: The Officers and the Governors chosen shall be duly installed and shall assume their duties before the end of the regularly scheduled meeting is adjourned; and shall continue in their duties until such time as their successors are duly elected and installed.

Section 3: Powers and Duties:

- (a) President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Board of Governors. He is to perform all duties of his office and shall advise such action as deemed by him likely to the effectiveness of the association and the membership.
- (b) Vice President: In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President. In the absence of the Vice President, the Board of Governors shall elect from its own members a President Pro-Tem.
- (c) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of the association and of the Board of Governors. He shall give and serve notice at all meetings. He shall be responsible for and have charge of all correspondence, files, records and papers of the association except those pertaining to the office of the Treasurer, should that office be filled by another appointed member. In general he shall perform the duties of his office.
- (d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all moneys received and/or expended from the association funds. He shall deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the association in such depositories as designated by the Board of Governors. He shall have the authority to receive and give receipt for all moneys due and payable to/from the association from any authorized source. He shall endorse on behalf of the association all checks, drafts, notes, warrants and orders, and to give full discharge for the same. He shall have the power to sign all checks, drafts, notes, warrants and orders for the Board of Governors. In general, he shall perform the duties incident to his office.
- (e) Secretary and Treasurer: The office of Secretary and Treasurer may, but not need be, held by the same person, at the discretion of the Board of Governors.
- (f) Master-at-Arms: A master-at-Arms shall be appointed by the president and shall perform all duties delineated by the President.

Article VII Initiation Fee, Dues and Registration Fees

Section 1: Initiation Fee: The initiation fee shall be \$10.00

Section 2: Dues: The dues shall be \$10.00 for one year membership commencing the first day of October and ending the last day of September for that calendar year.

Section 3: Registration Fee: A registration fee for various events and activities may be charged at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

Section 4: Delinquencies: A member is considered to be delinquent as of 30 September of that calendar year in which he has paid membership dues. If not paid by 30 September of the second year, the member will be dropped from the roles of active membership and may only be reinstated by paying the reinstatement fee of \$10.00 plus \$10.00 for the current year.

Article VIII Obligation and Discipline

The acceptance of membership in the association shall bind each and every member to uphold all the provisions of the Constitution and other rules of good order and discipline of the association. The membership carries the responsibility to accept and enforce all rules and decisions of the Board of Governors acting within their jurisdiction under this constitution.

Article IX Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be made in any meeting of the association, by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast, providing written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been made available to each member at least thirty days in advance of the meeting by the Secretary. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Governors at least 90 days prior to the forth coming regular meeting. This constitution may not be amended nor changed so as to effect any contractual relationship then existing between the association and any other person or company with which it may have contracted.



NAVY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO A SHIPMATE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Navy; Marine Corps; Civil Service and Support Contractors for the Department of the Navy who have either:

- Been attached to the Navy Administrative Units,
- Been attached to the Navy Special Weapons Units # 471; #802 or #1233,
- Received basic or advanced training in Nuclear Weapons operational use; assembly; disassembly; repair; maintenance; calibration of specialized test equipment; inspection; loading or delivery from the following U.S. Navy activities:
 - Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP)
 - Defense Atomic Support Activity (DASA)
 - Nuclear Weapons Training Command, Pacific (NWTCP) or Nuclear Weapons Training Command, Atlantic (NWTCL)
 - Nuclear Weapons Training Group, Pacific (NWTGPAC) or Nuclear Weapons Training Group, Atlantic (NWTGLANT)
 - Weapons Training Group, Pacific (WTGPAC) or Weapons Training Group, Atlantic (WTGLANT)
- Attached to a naval command with primary responsibility for Nuclear Weapons capability to include:
 - Depot level Maintenance, Repair and Storage
 - Intermediate Level Maintenance, Repair and Storage
 - Nuclear Safety
 - Nuclear Security
 - Personnel Reliability Program Management

NOTE: Membership is available to surviving spouses of personnel with the above qualifications.

Associate membership is that person who does not qualify under the above eligibility requirements, but desires to associate with those members that have helped shape this free world of ours, "The Keepers of the Dragons"

_____ Enroll me as a member. \$10.00 entry fee plus \$10.00 annual membership fee (\$20.00 total) and \$10.00 annually.

_____ Enroll me as an Associate member. \$15.00 entry fee plus \$10.00 annual membership fee (\$25.00 total) and \$10.00 annually.

_____ Please reinstate my past due membership which expired in _____. \$10.00 reinstatement fee plus \$10.00 annually.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Spouse First Name
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Area Code	Phone Number	e-mail address	fax number
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ORGANIZATIONS ATTACHED TO

Please list those US Navy organizations you have been attached to for the above qualification requirements:

Make checks payable to: NNWA Treasurer

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