

Synopsis of General Membership Meeting/ Las Vegas, NV.

The full meeting minutes are on file with the Secretary/Treasurer. The following are the high points of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 on 2 October 1999 in the Main Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Boardwalk Casino in Las Vegas NV. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chaplain Henry Stephens presented President Roy Osborne with a Gavel to be used in calling all future meetings to order. Using the new NNWA gavel, Roy called the 15th annual NNWA meeting to order. An opening prayer was provided by Chaplain Henry Stephens. Bob Sibby then made a presentation of ships bell to the NNWA sponsored by Mrs. Sue Whitman. The bell is inscribed in memory of shipmate Bill Whitman for use at all NNWA "Two-Bell" ceremonies remembering our departed shipmates. Bob King and Dave Cobb presented the association with two new US and Navy flags to be used at all future meetings. Using these new gifts, the membership rose and cited the "Pledge of Allegiance" to this wonderful country. While standing, shipmates Eldon Irby and Chaplain Henry Stephens conducted a "Two-Bell ceremony in remembrance of our fallen shipmate, to include: John Apodaka; James Buchans; Joe Bussey; Joe C'de Baca; Kirby Hunt; Jerry Lesson; Wayne Ulshafer and Raymond Zielinski. 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 country. If you know of the passing of a shipmate, please contact one of the association officers and provide us with that information. We as a community and as a nation "Thank Them" for their unique contribution to world peace.

1. Discussion on members who are in arrears on their membership dues. See Newsletter for additional information.
2. Mike Snyder is still collecting information on the history of the NNWA. See newsletter for additional information.
3. Shipmate Don Micco has requested to be relieved as Historian. Mike Snyder elected by members to fill position.
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4. Hudson Bulluck briefed on the New Orleans reunion. See newsletter for additional information.
5. Secretary/Treasurer requested that all members review the NNWA roster and verify their names; addresses, phone #'s and e-mail addresses. Inform Tom Best of any/all changes. See newsletter for additional information.
6. Discussion on the reunion dinner dance concerning the members bringing door prizes from their local area's. We still wish for all members to bring two (2) door prizes to the reunions. These will be checked in during NNWA registration and tickets given to the member. One door prize equals one ticket. Two door prizes equals two tickets. No door prizes equal no tickets. That way everyone who was kind enough to bring door prizes will also receive door prizes.
7. Secretary/Treasurer discussed revenue lost to the NNWA due to members attending the reunions, and signing up for tours or dinners; then either not coming to the reunion or deciding after arrival that they will not attend those functions. As that money in the past was not pre-paid by the member in all cases, and the association pre-paid the event contract, then the dollars pre-paid for those members not attending were lost to the association. This year we required all members to pre-pay for those events and the results were that the association lost no revenue. In all future reunions all events must be pre-paid at the time the survey form is returned to the Secretary/Treasurer. Additional information in both the newsletter and the Reunion Mailing due out later this year.
8. A discussion on the associations efforts to sign up new members was held. New members this year totaled 28. We now have around 308 members in the association. That discussion also identified a need for all members to check their mailing lists to see when their annual memberships expired, and to ensure that they pay their association dues up to date. Additional membership applications will be provided as part of the next newsletter for members use in recruiting new members.
9. The NNWA president called for nominations from the floor to slate an election for the 2000/2001 Board of Governors. After the nominations were complete, a vote from the attending members was cast. Results are noted in your newsletter.
10. It was noted from the floor that shipmate Ron Kitterman has lost his hearing and those members using e-mail are requested to converse with Ron using e-mail. You can reach Ron at rkitterman@proaxis.com.
11. President Roy Osborne thanked his outgoing Board of Governors for all their help and professionalism over the past two years. All members stood in appreciation and also thanked Eldon and Sharon IRBY for all their efforts making this reunion successful. With 98 members attending the reunion (169 total attending) each member stood at the meeting and introduced himself to the rest of the membership giving them an idea of past personal weapons history and their current living area.
12. The President announced that the next newsletter will be published and mailed before the end of January and include information on the next reunion along with the name of the reunion host. The Host (chairman) in turn will cause a mailing of a specific reunion information and registration package to all members in the April/June time period. Remember that all tours and dinners must be pre-paid prior to the reunion cut off date. More information in the newsletter.
13. The Secretary/Treasurer reminded all attending that we now have beautiful embroidered logo's of both the original NNWA patch and the newer Dragon patch. They are available through Tom Best at \$5.00 per patch plus a minimal shipping and handling fee. Also commemorative coffee cups from the Las Vegas reunion are available through Tom Best. They are \$5.00 each, plus a minimal shipping and handling cost. All are in limited supplies, so first come, first served. Contact Tom for details.
14. A motion from the floor and a second was received to adjourn the meeting. General membership voted to adjourn and at 11:47, President Roy Osborne adjourned the 15th annual NNWA business meeting.

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