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President's Message

Greetings fellow Dragon Keepers;

What a great time we had at our 30th reunion in San Antonio. One more time I want to congratulate Randy and Liz Scallan for their outstanding effort to put the reunion together. Our reunion was attended by 148 individuals, which made it our 2nd highest attended reunion ever.

We had some changes on the Board of Directors. We said goodbye to Frank Kelly and Frank Cantrell. Both of these shipmates had put in a lot of years supporting the board and will be sorely missed. Both have offered to be available to help out if needed. For this I am very grateful. I am eagerly looking forward to working with your new board members. Our new board members are Vice President Tonie Lewin, Treasurer Donald Schultz, Director John Hawkins, and Director Richard Gurule. Standing for election and returning to the board for two more years are Secretary John Gray, Historian Guy Clemons, and Webmaster Ray Margeson. The remainder of your board is Chaplain Randall Scallan, MAA Ron Moran, Storekeeper Jack Grieves, and Membership Chairman Dwight Chipperfield. Chuck Weber continues to be a board advisor and the Veteran Service Officer.

2015 was a good year for new members. We saw a total of 42 new members. I would ask that each of you talk up our association. There are still a lot of old shipmates out there that have never heard of the NNWA. If you have suggestions on recruiting new members please contact Dwight Chipperfield.

During our September 2016 reunion in Indianapolis we will once again have half of your board standing for election. I appeal to you to consider assuming a board position. The Nominations and Elections Chairman for this election is Ray Margeson. I am sure he will make future announcements regarding the election process.

During our reunion we had a medical emergency that may very well have turned into a tragedy if it had not been for the immediate actions of two of our members. Our shipmate Richard Pentico suffered a cardiac incident. The lifesaving actions and calm focus of Mike Snyder and Diana Ballard resulted in Richard being able to be revived by the EMT's upon their arrival. Mike, Diana you both are to be commended and please accept the thanks of the association. Bravo Zulu.

I spoke with Richard and his recovery is going well. Richard is looking forward to seeing us all in Indianapolis.

2017 reunion is scheduled to be held on the West Coast. As of yet no one has stepped up and volunteered to host this reunion. Please consider hosting in your area. The website has a lot of very detailed procedures outlining how to host a reunion.

Tom Salisbury
NNWA President

P.S. For those of you that collect hat and lapel pins you might want to check out the following website to collect a Cold War Patriot National Day of Remembrance Pin - It is Free!!!

<http://www.coldwarpatriots.org/about/national-day-of-remembrance-pin/>

Cold War Patriots is a community of former nuclear and uranium workers. Membership is free, and if you join you get a free commemorative coin:

<http://www.coldwarpatriots.org/ppc-coin>

Vice-President's Message

Hello everyone, I want to welcome all of our new and reinstated members to the Navy Nuclear

Weapons Association – you have joined a very unique group of individuals.

If by some chance you could not attend our most recent reunion in San Antonio, Texas this past October, you really missed a fun packed week. It was nice to see old friends and shipmates again. I think everyone had a wonderful time, I know Lynn and I sure did. Liz Scallan and her husband Randy really went above and beyond to ensure everyone attending the reunion was welcomed and well taken care of during their stay at the reunion – a big BRAVO ZULU goes out to Liz and Randy.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next reunion (our 31st) to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 11th to the 16th, 2016. Checkout is on the 17th. It should be another great reunion. Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can assist you.

Tonie

Secretary's Message

Fellow Nuclear Weaponsmen,

The association's annual reunion was held at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites Conference Center in San Antonio, TX from 11-16 OCT 2015. It was hosted by Randy and Liz Scallan. They organized numerous interesting tours of the local area and ensured all events ran as smoothly as possible. Member pictures taken during the reunion are posted on the NNWA website.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on 16 October during the reunion. The meeting minutes are available in the members section of the NNWA website. Probably the biggest item of note was the annual changing of the watch; Frank Cantrell and Frank Kelly stepped down from the board of directors and four new board members volunteered their services to the organization,

Richard Gurule, John Hawkins, Antonie Lewin and Donald Schultz.

Our membership list and other items are also posted on the website in the "Members Only" area. This part of the website requires a password. If you do not have it please email me or any other board member and we will send it to you. Members are encouraged to read the minutes to stay abreast of what your association is doing.

Probably the biggest item of interest is that in 2016 the 31th reunion of the NNWA will be held from 11-16 September in:

Region:	Eastern US
Location:	Indianapolis, Indiana
Host:	Guy and Regenia Clemons

I am originally from Indiana so I can vouch that there are many sites to see in the city known as the "Crossroads of America". Besides the obvious tourist areas of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Hall of Fame Museum (home of the Indy 500 and Brickyard 400 races) and the Victorian home of President Benjamin Harrison, you should also consider visiting the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza – originally built to honor the veterans of World War I. It is a five-city-block plaza conceived in 1919 as a location for the national headquarters of the American Legion and a memorial to the state's and nation's veterans. It includes a collection of 400 military flags, more than 300 of which are from the American Civil War; and an exhibit replicating the radio room of the USS Indianapolis. Another not to miss site is the Indiana State Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the first in the United States to be dedicated to the common soldier and sailor.

For those who enjoy German food and beer, go to the Rathskeller, a 19th century beer hall and restaurant. It was the German Club prior to WWI, you will be amazed at the beer and food! Also, the Slippery Noodle Inn is a large blues bar and restaurant with the distinction of being the oldest

continuously operating bar in the state and it is the oldest commercial building in the city. Its tin ceiling dates to 1890 and the oak bar is also over a century old. It housed a brothel until 1953. They serve great chili and beer. I always feel right at home there!

Here is the link to their websites:

www.rathskeller.com

www.slippery noodle.com

Lastly, I want to thank Tom Salisbury for leading the association. His calm steady hand at the helm will serve our organization well into the future.

All the Best,
John

Treasurer's Message

You still have time to break your New Year's resolutions. As Treasurer and Keeper of the Roster, let me welcome our new and reinstated members since our last newsletter. We have 50 new and reinstated members for 2015.

Haight, George D.	Pesavento, Anthony R.
Beausoleil, Leon P.	Stephenson, Steven R.
Grochulski, Frederick R.	Treiber, Craig L.
Nelson, Harold G.	Thomas, Richard L.
Morrison, James E.	Winter, Dennis D.
MacKinnon, Gordon J.	Cooper, George
Terrell, Gerald O.	Cline, Steven L.
Eisenberg, John C.	Kinkel, James E.
Zachary, Zachary Z.	Martin, Roger C.
Durre, Marc L.	Miller Jr, James P.
Jones, Charles F.	Marasti, Joseph A.
Sutton, Daniel I.	Steglin, Lance G.
Perras, Richard A.	Young, Denice R.
Chandler, Mark	Workman Jr, Nolan M.
Greer, Ray A.	Dammann, Gary W.
Cleveland, Grover F.	Huddle, Jack A.
Sogar, Tim H.	Newton, Charles K.
Snyder, Douglas F.	Taylor, George L.

Herndon, Robert M.	Ohmes, Michael F.
Taylor, Michael L.	Gray, Bethany A.
Brown, Ed. W.	Bush, James B.
Leischner, Rick C.	Laurent, Michael J.
Reinertsen, Jr., Frank B.	Whyte, Fred A.
Perkins, Randy L.	Short, Ronald F.
Larson, George A.	George, Gregory D.

There are 267 members who have been listed as past members because their dues have been in arrears for three years. If you know the status of any of these or other past members, please notify the Treasurer or any other board member.

The following are the most recent to be listed as past members:

Beasley, B.B.	Harvey, D.
Piedoult, P.	Brady, T.T.
Hylton, R.R.	Pysner, P.A.
Bricault, S.M.	Jennings, C.
Schmitt, D.F.	Cave, T.D.
Kulis, L.F.	Shiparski, K.P.
Coleman, P.H.	Large, R.
Turner, D.J.	Dillion, J.F.
Maske, R.L.	Warthling, C.W.
Gearon, R.L.	Medeiros, A.E.
Zeriland, T.J.	Hackler, J.L.
Nowacki, C.R.	Harfat, H. E.
Ouellette, G.W.	

The current membership is posted on our web site. Members not on line may request a hard copy by writing or calling Donald K. Schultz. The mailing address is listed below. My phone number is 352-259-1403. Again for our survival, it is imperative that we keep our roster and dues up to date. Please review the roster and notify the Treasurer or any other board member of any changes to your status.

We now have a balance of \$22,955.09 at the bank (Wells Fargo). There is one outstanding check.

Donald K. Schultz
Treasurer and Keeper of the Roster
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Historian's Message

Since our last reunion in San Antonio, Texas, our memorabilia has grown by 4 items. I am working on getting them inventoried and photographed. I have been sending out "Welcome Aboard" letters to new members and reinstated members. I am also working on getting everyone in one of the Profile binders, these binders are where we have everyone's history for all the membership to read at the Annual Reunion's.

Our military history is very important since our rating is no longer active in the US Navy, this association is truly a "Last NW/GMT/WT Standing" association. One day there will be only one member left. That member will have the responsibility to ensure that all of our memorabilia, history and personal history is turned over to a military museum for others to see, enjoy, and learn about us from.

We now have the Microsoft Access database program up and running. This database will continue to grow as new members join and add their data. Once your information is in the system it is in there forever. Through the Access program we currently have the following reports that we can print out, Rank report, Program entry date (this report helps us identify the Gray Dragon), Member contact list (All past/present members). The Duty station report and the Member contact report includes all past/present members, this does include all past members that have been removed from the Treasurers Roster.

As of 10 December 2015 we have 887 Past/Present members entered in the database. Out of the 887 shipmates 582 are listed with their duty stations. This information comes from the members application form or them filling out the personal profile sheet and mailing it to me. This is why I ask everyone to write your military history down with duty stations and dates in the Navy. That way I can enter your history into the database. But I can ONLY do that if your write it down and email or mail it to me.

A Brief History of Nuclear Weapons States



The world's first nuclear weapons explosion occurred on July 16, 1945 in New Mexico when the United States tested its first nuclear bomb. Three weeks later, the world changed.

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. It killed or wounded nearly 130,000 people. Three days later, the United States bombed Nagasaki. Of the 286,000 people living there at the time of the blast, 74,000 were killed and another 75,000 sustained severe injuries. Japan agreed to an unconditional surrender on August 14, 1945; it also resulted in the end of World War II.

In subsequent years, the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain conducted several nuclear weapons tests. In 1954, President Jawaharlal Nehru of India called for a ban on nuclear testing. It was the first large-scale initiative to ban using nuclear technology for mass destruction.

In 1958, nearly 10,000 scientists presented to United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold a petition that begged, "We deem it imperative that immediate action be taken to effect an international agreement to stop testing of all nuclear weapons."

France exploded its first nuclear device in 1960 and China entered the "nuclear arms club" in October 1964 when it conducted its first test. The United States, Soviet Union and some sixty other countries signed a treaty to seek the end of the nuclear arms race and promote disarmament on 1 July 1968. The treaty bars nuclear weapons states from propagating weapons to other states and prohibits states without nuclear weapons to develop or acquire nuclear arsenal. It permits the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. It entered into force in 1970 and was extended indefinitely and unconditionally on 11 May 1995.

In 1974, India conducted its first nuclear test: a subterranean explosion of a nuclear device (not weapon). India declared it to be a "peaceful" test, but it announced to the world that India had the scientific know-how to build a bomb.

At this time, the five declared nuclear weapons states are the USA, USSR, UK, France and China. In December, 1986, The South Pacific Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone was put into effect. American and North Korean delegations met in Geneva in autumn 1994 to establish a framework to resolve nuclear issues in the Korean peninsula. Under the agreement, North Korea would sign a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in exchange for U.S. support in building safe nuclear energy facilities and formal assurance against the threat or use of nuclear weapons by the U.S. against North Korea. Both sides agreed to take steps towards better political and economic relations. In subsequent years, South Korea and Japan have invested billions to help build safe nuclear energy plants in North Korea. By 2003, North Korea has cancelled this and all other international agreements on non-proliferation. The United Nations, on December 12, 1995, decreed an immediate ban on all nuclear testing and urged disarmament with the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Later that month, ten Southeast Asian countries signed the Bangkok Treaty, establishing the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone. In

spring 1996, 43 African nations sign the Pelindaba Treaty establishing the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.

On September 10, 1996, the United Nations, in a landslide vote, adopted the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and two weeks later, the United States was the first to sign. The U.S. Senate, however, rejected the treaty three years later.

On May 11, 1998, India shocked the world by exploding three nuclear devices amounting to about six times the destructive power of the American bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. The next day, it tested two more nuclear explosions. The world was stunned when Pakistan responded with six nuclear arsenal tests of its own. World leaders admonished the two long-time adversaries in breaking the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty put into force in 1970. The U.S. imposed strict economic sanctions against both countries and lobbied for the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other countries to do the same. The sanctions were lifted in 2001 when the U.S. needed Pakistan and India's support to fight al Qaeda and other terrorist cells in Afghanistan.

In 1998 North Korea alarmed Japan by test-firing a medium range-missile (without weapons) over the Japanese mainland. The missile's apparent range, some 1,000 kilometers or 600 miles, meant that any part of Japan - and by default any part of South Korea - was within range of North Korean weaponry. Japan is the only country ever to have been attacked by nuclear weapons and anti-nuclear sentiment runs particularly deep.

In 2002, American President George W. Bush named Iran, Iraq and North Korea as the Axis of Evil, in part due to U.S. suspicions of those countries having weapons of mass destruction. Later that year, unofficial reports suggest that North Korea has confirmed the existence of nuclear arsenals, and intelligence reports indicate that the dictatorial power will have enough

plutonium to build five or six nuclear bombs by May 2003.

On October 9, 2006 North Korea tested a nuclear weapon with the approximated power of the Hiroshima bomb. North Korea announced to the world that it has become the world's eighth declared nuclear weapons state. Its missiles have the range to hit targets in South Korea, Japan as well as U.S., Chinese, and Russian territories. The United States is the only known country to have missiles with range to attack any target on earth, but over thirty countries have unmanned planes that are undetected by missile defense systems, and can carry nuclear, biological or other weapons of mass destruction.

Webmaster's Message

About the first of every month, I do two things that should involve most of the members and a few specific members. First, an e-mail is sent to the general membership listing the web site changes made in the past month as listed on the web site. This gives you a good chance to review the site and to check on your dues status, check to see if any old shipmates have joined, or sadly if any have passed.

Second, and more importantly, the dues expiration list is reviewed for members whose dues have expired. Here is what actions are taken in the event of a member has expired dues:

- On the second month after dues expiration, an e-mail is sent to the member letting them know of the dues expiration and change the web site roster to reflect the delinquency status.
- If the dues are not paid after that, on the second year anniversary, yet another e-mail is sent reminding the member of the dues expiration from the prior year and also the webmaster will remove any

contact information from the web site roster.

- A final e-mail will be sent on the third year anniversary of the dues expiring letting the ex-member know that we have removed their name from the roster.

In each case, I invite them to renew their membership and have a link to the renewal application.

As of this date, we have more than 194,000 hits on the NNWA web site – an average of over 38 hits a day since I started record keeping March 2002.

If you don't get the monthly e-mail and have a good e-mail address, PLEASE, let me know. We don't want to leave you out of any of our communications.

Membership Committee

As mentioned in the Presidents message, if we are to keep this organization alive we need to add new members. I have volunteered to chair the membership committee. Richard Gurule has also offered his assistance. I would like to add two more members to this committee. If you are interested in serving with us please contact me. Also if anyone has any ideas that might help us I would like to hear them.

I believe one of the best ways to increase our membership is through personal invitation. We all probably have contact with a few of our past shipmates. Please tell them about the NNWA and your experiences at the reunions. Ask them to join and invite them to an upcoming reunion. Maybe send them an e mail with a link to the web site.

Thank you,
Dwight Chipperfield

Service Officer's Message

Chuck Weber serves as the NNWA Service Officer. He regularly posts information regarding veteran's benefits on the NNWA website. Chuck encourages members to contact him with questions and concerns regarding their service related benefits. His email is:

serviceofficer@navynucweeps.com

Nominations and Elections Chair Report

Your Board of Directors serves the Navy Nuclear Weapons Association and coordinates its activities. Because we have just one reunion a year, the job is not that demanding – but it is a bit of fun as well as satisfying and essential.

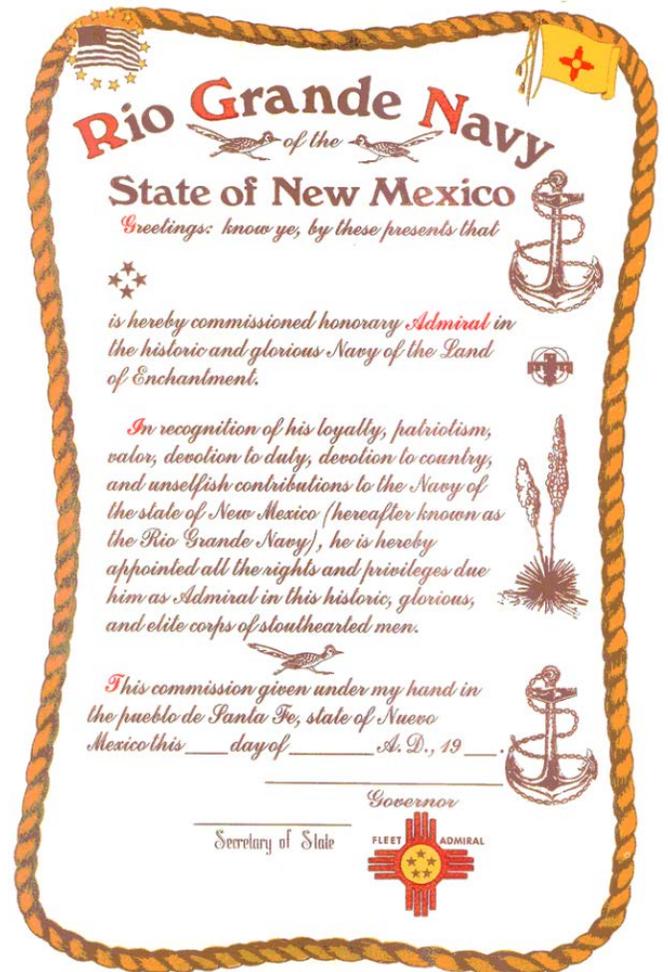
Annual elections for some Board of Directors opening will come again this year in September at the Indianapolis reunion. It is not too early to begin to consider becoming one of the few, the brave, a member of the NNWA Board of Directors.

You can discuss serving on the Board with any current Board member. Their contact information is right there at the beginning of the newsletter. If you are interested in serving, please let me, the Nominations and Election Chair for 2016, know at:

rmargeson@aol.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the 31st NNWA Reunion to be held in Indianapolis, IN – should be especially good for the gear heads in the group.

Ray C. Margeson
NW/GMT/WTCS (USN RET)



Certificate given to all military members who were stationed at Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility (NWEF) Albuquerque NM. It was signed by the Governor and Secretary of State at the time.



Ladies Auxiliary

This year the ladies of NNWA got together and decided we would try to have an organized Ladies group that would help support different aspects of the reunions rather than to wait until the reunion started and see who would cover things at the last minute. Being organized should make for smother outcomes.

The ladies who attended the origination meeting took a vote to call our group “Ladies Voice”. What a great name! Although we have only eight members, all of the ladies of NNWA are welcome. If interested please send an email to me, my email and cell number are listed below. Texting is also welcome.

A roster with names and contact will be provided to each member so we can stay in touch easier. Any ideas and or suggestions are welcomed. A few suggestions were noted at our meeting and we will try to incorporate these:

- Add on our reservation forms for each of us to list an in case of emergency or “ICE” contact, someone not at the reunion. Please make sure the phone number is correct and current.
- Ideas for ladies activities during the reunion such as:
 - Shopping at a local mall
 - Crafts
 - Games
 - A designated Ladies Corner in the hospitality room
 - Work the registration desk in shifts
 - Help with the raffles

If anyone has any other ideas please forward them to me and we will do what we can to make it happen as long as the Board of Directors are in agreement.

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Upcoming Reunion Information

While not yet set in stone, the following information on the 2016 reunion has been provided by the reunion coordinators, Guy and Regenia Clemons, to show what is being considered. Proposed tours include:

- Race Tour: Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Lap around the track, Hall of Fame museum, Gasoline Alley garage area, Photo op at the start/finish line and scoring tower. Next on to the Dallara Indycar Factory, and also one of the racing team’s shops.
- Tour of military museums and monument (Soldiers and Sailors Monument) Civil war museum, WWII memorial monument and World Trade Center memorial.
- Tour of Winery and/ or Glass factory
- Interactive dinner with a show.

The Hotel for the 2016 Indianapolis reunion is the Radisson Hotel 4 miles from the Airport and just off of I-465. The hotel is less than 15 minutes from the following attractions, White River Park, Indianapolis Zoo, Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts), City Market, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art.

We look forward to seeing you there!