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### President's Message

Shipmates and Ladies,

The past year has been a very trying year for me and the Board to say the least. I was extremely disappointed when I had to cancel the Nashville Reunion because of the devastating flood that hit the Nashville area. I did visit Nashville this past October and found that there were many venues that we were planning on going to that still were not open or operating. The Opryland Hotel and Convention Center and the Opryland Mall still were not open.

Due to the 2010 Reunion cancellation, we conducted our first (and hopefully our only) election of Directors by mail. I was very pleased with the response by the membership. The results of the election can be found in the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman's report in this Bulletin.

In case you haven't heard Sid Hart one of our Board members passed away November 12, 2010. Sid has served on the Board for many years in various capacities. He was always ready to step up to the plate and help and he was elected again for another term in the most recent election which shows he was well liked by his shipmates. He will be sadly missed by me and all those who knew and served with him.

But on to happier note, John O'Malia is putting together the 2011 Albuquerque Reunion for this October 12th – 16th, 2011 at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel. I know that it's going to be another great one so everyone mark your calendars now and get ready to have some fun in the home of the Navy Nuclear Weapons Program. You will find additional information in this Bulletin for planning and hotel reservations. Detailed information on the tours, costs and reservation form will be in our June Bulletin.

Mike Snyder our present Historian is planning on stepping down this year and I really need someone to step up and volunteer to run for a position on the Board who would be willing to take on this very important job. The Board is exploring various ways to make it easier for the Historian to store and transport the memorabilia, but will not decide

what is necessary, until it's known who and what would be required for the individual to accomplish these duties. As you know, we elect five (5) members to the Board every year at our annual business meeting. I would like to encourage any member in good standing and who has e-mail capability to volunteer for service on the Board of Directors by submitting their name to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman, Chuck Weber.

Bill Beard the Host of the 2012 Reunion to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota has already started his planning. The dates of the reunion will be Monday September 17, 2012 thru Sunday September 23, 2012 at the Grand Gateway Hotel Rapid City, SD.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Albuquerque.

Jim Hambley

### **From the desk of the Vice-President:**

Well shipmates another year has passed and that makes us all another year older. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting a lot of you at our annual reunion, this year to be held at the home base for our program, Albuquerque, NM. For those youngsters in the organization I would hope you try to make it so you can see why all of us old timers talk about it so much.

We are going to start something new this year! We will start a video/oral history of the program from the mouths and minds of our members. I will be conducting interviews of shipmates to record their memories of the program. I would like to start with our oldest members in attendance; we don't want to lose their memories of deploying with their one weapon from the NSWU's to the few ships that were capable. These are some of the sea stories that you will miss out on if you don't attend. Remember there weren't always Type 3 trainers. Alright let's start prepping this Mk 3 (three) for strike; it will only take 3 or 4 days. Come and learn about what the real OLD Salts had to do. Those of you who only worked on the wooden bombs have no idea what they had to go through. Don't miss this part of your Nuclear Weapons heritage. Those of you who are those OLD Salts be prepared to assist me in answering questions on camera. It would be nice to have a couple of you just talk together reminiscing about what it was like.

Larry J. Sneide  
Vice President

### **Navy Nuclear Weapons Association Secretary Report**

Because there was no NNWA Reunion last year, there are no minutes to report. I would like to report that in lieu of our Business Meeting, the Board of Directors directed that the election of Directors, By-Law changes, and granting the Treasurer permission to pay our outstanding bills was done by mail. I sent letters out to our active members and was very pleased with the response. We received over 203 responses to our mailing. However, because some were received past the November 30, 2010 deadline, only 203 were processed.

Of the 203, 13 were declared invalid (no signature), leaving us with 190 valid ballots. All directors were re-elected, the By-Law changes Passed (170 for, 20 against), and Paying the NNWA's outstanding bills passed (188 for, 2 blank). Thank all of you who took the time to support your association. These ballots will be held by the Secretary until December 1, 2014.

On a personal note, it is always sad to hear of a shipmate's passing, but Sid's passing hit me hard, as I knew him to be a hard worker for the NNWA, and I considered him and Jody, close friends. When I was putting this newsletter together, thinking of Sid's loss, I think we should all read the Historian's last paragraph and the VP's plans for video and heed their requests.

Dave Cobb  
Secretary

## NAVY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT

**HAPPY NEW YEARS TO ALL:** You still have time to break your New Year's resolutions. As the Treasurer and Keeper of the roster let me welcome our new and Reinstated Members since the last news letter. We have 58 new and reinstated members for 2010.

<b>Magee, James W.</b>	<b>Stevens Jr., James K.</b>	<b>Zeoli, George</b>
<b>Duffield Jr., Alden W.</b>	<b>Bourque, Ronald P.</b>	<b>Lee, John R.</b>
<b>McNalis, James J.</b>	<b>Riley, David G.</b>	<b>Yearwood, David L.</b>
<b>Lancaster, Anthony E.</b>	<b>Osilka, John (Jack) M.</b>	<b>Chipperfield, Dwight</b>
<b>Obley, Jeffery B.</b>	<b>Gramando, Joseph A</b>	<b>Skramstad, Douglas D.</b>
<b>Prusa, Fred E.</b>	<b>Bunch, Charles R.</b>	<b>Schiffman, David M.</b>
<b>Samsell, Lewis P.</b>	<b>Purdie, Charles (Chuck)</b>	<b>Edwards, Bruce A.</b>
<b>McDowell, Gary S.</b>	<b>Harvey, James I.</b>	<b>Brown, Christopher</b>
<b>Abriel Jr., Warren W.</b>	<b>Walls, Larry W.</b>	<b>Neeb, Louis (Lou)</b>
<b>Pope, Lucille</b>	<b>Pope Sr., Robert</b>	<b>Pope Jr., Robert</b>
<b>Colburn, George E.</b>	<b>Bradford, Anthony</b>	<b>Reynolds, Donald J.</b>
<b>Sonier, Robert (Bob)</b>		

We now have 684 members listed on the membership roster. 427 members in good standing, 50 life members (spouses of deceased members), 207 past members (members that have not paid their dues for three years, and 1 Honorary member (NAAV). Past members will not receive news letters or reunion information until their dues are brought up to date. Membership is \$10.00 per year. Past members can be reinstated by sending \$10.00 reinstatement fee plus \$10.00 for each year they wish to pay their dues. This is an effective policy due to the cost of mailing newsletters and reunion information. If you are unsure whether your dues are up to date and receive your newsletters by mail, the date in the upper right corner of the mailing label shows the month and year to which your dues are paid.

If you receive your newsletter electronically and wish to know your dues date, Log onto our web site ([navynucweps.com](http://navynucweps.com)). The dues date will be listed in the date column on the right of your name on the membership roster. **Some members find it convenient to pay several years in advance. This can save you postage and save the Treasurer, Secretary, and Web master a considerable amount of time in processing payments.**

The following members have been listed as past members because of their dues being in the arrears for three years. If you know the status of any of these or any past members PLEASE notify the Treasurer or any of the board members.

Allison, Darell B.  
Brown Albert L.  
Castillo, Robert A.  
Dutton Jr., Mark A.  
Hunt, Ronald L.  
Knick, Jackie D.  
Moody, Ryan S.  
Reich, Ron W.  
Remond, Michael R.  
Specher, Robert J.  
Wernimont, Don  
Workman, Robert L.

Boess, Bill  
Brown, Ed W.  
Caveney, Mack F.  
Gilliam, Derrell S.  
Johnston, John E.  
LeBlanc, Albion C.  
Morgan, Ralph H.  
Reid, David  
Sexton, Laurence  
Stephens, Henry G.  
Wilkinson, Robert P.

Brickhouse William T.  
Case, Joseph B.  
Curtis, Ronald W.  
Hardman, Barry G.  
Ketter, Clark R.  
Lynch Jr, James B.  
Radwan, Robert J.  
Reuman Scott D.  
Shiparski, Kerry P.  
Ussery, James D.  
Williams, Michael A

The current membership is posted on our web site ([navynucweps.com](http://navynucweps.com)) Members not on line may request a hard copy by calling or writing Frank M. Kelly, 1087 Frank Kelly Road, Society Hill, SC. 29593 Ph# 843-378-4026. 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 member of the board of any changes to your status.**

We now have \$15,190.96 on deposit with the bank Wachovia (Wells Fargo). Payment in due for the Web-site fee: approximately \$115.00. Payment will be paid upon receipt of invoice.

Frank M. Kelly  
Treasurer and Keeper of the roster

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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT  
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Fellow Dragon Keepers,

Please find below a few items that I think you may find of interest.

Yours in service,

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