

**MINUTES**  
**HRANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**2 MARCH 2011**

1. The meeting was called to order by HRANA Commanding Officer, Jim Joyner at 1807 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club. Board members present were Judy Ready, Kent Von Fecht, Carroll Bains, Rob Wedertz, John Allen, Fred Metz, Troy Snead and Jim Dobberteen. Board members Maury Unger and Doug Williams were absent. Bobbi Lefavor, Pete Koch, Lee Pontes and Chris Vatidis were also present.
2. Secretary's Report: The February Board Minutes had been sent out via e-mail. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes are available on the HRANA web site.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim Dobberteen provided a Statement of Financial Position as of 28 February 2011. Jim asked for and received board approval to pay the annual \$1,000 donation to the Wings Over America Scholarship Fund.
4. Membership Report: Doug Williams was unable to attend the meeting but provided an email copy of the current membership report. As of February 2011 the squadron lists 47 Charter Members, 242 Life Members, 339 Regular Annual Members, 3 Husband and Wife Joint Memberships, 1 Organizational Membership and 2 Corporate Members for a total of 608 active members. His report also included the name of LT. Elizabeth Pimper, USN who joined the squadron during February.

Pete Koch and Bobbi Lefavor made a comment based on a suggestion by Doug Williams to create a phone tree effort to encourage and promote squadron event participation and membership/renewals. The proposed plan is to contact just two members and have everyone else do the same.

5. Plans and Programs:
  - a. March – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Concern was expressed over the slow return of rsyps for this event. Additional notices will be sent out but unless we reach a total of 50 people, the event will be cancelled.
  - b. June – Battle of Midway Celebration onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER 4 June. Jim Joyner and Gerald Cox have purchased tables for ten people and are looking for other couples to join them.
  - c. Other events planned for the year are:  
  
August – Pig Picking

September – NAS Oceana Air Show Chalet

November – Flight Suit Social – LSO School

December – Christmas Party

6. March Luncheon. Wednesday 16 March - Dam Neck Shifting Sands Fireside Room. Speaker TBA.
7. PAO Report: Troy Snead has submitted several articles, which will appear in the next issue of “Wings Of Gold”.
8. Monument Report: Fred Metz reported that the dedication ceremony for the LT. Zilberman plaque will take place on 31 March. He also stated that the statues will be cleaned between now and May.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Centennial of Naval Aviation: Fred gave the latest details on the program that will be presented at the Aviation Monument beginning the second week in June and run for five nights a week. He also asked for inputs from any members concerning significant events in Naval Aviation that should be highlighted in the presentation. Once the final list is completed, the squadron will conduct a “murder board” to ensure concurrence on the contents. Kent and Fred have a meeting Friday 4 March with the City of Virginia Beach events coordinator and the playwright. It is expected that HRANA will be asked to raise funds to support the program at this meeting.

Chris Vatidis reported that ANA headquarters has not responded to his request for information concerning the ANA challenge coin.
  - b. 2011 HRANA/Tailhook/ABMA Golf Tournament...The date for the golf tournament has been changed to Friday 15 July due to a conflict with Good Friday and Spring Break. A new flyer has been sent out. Lee Pontes volunteered to accept reservations and handle the paperwork and money. .
  - c. Naval Institute Joint Warfighting Conference 2011. 10 thru 12 May at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. HRANA members who wish to register as attendees may do so at [www.jointwarfighting.org](http://www.jointwarfighting.org).
  - d. VA-85 Reunion – 22 thru 24 September, 2011 – Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact Bob Moore at 806-787-1445 or email [rmooore0418@hotmail.com](mailto:rmooore0418@hotmail.com). Additional information is also available on [www.NavyVets.com](http://www.NavyVets.com). Those

attending the reunion will be allowed to visit the HRANA Air Show Chalet under the standard chalet rules. Pete Koch was present to provide any additional information.

- e. VA-36 Reunion – The Roadrunners will be holding their reunion during the same time period and are interested in visiting the chalet on Friday. The same chalet rules apply. More information will be put out on the reunion when received.

#### 10. New Business

- a. Air Show Chalet...Bobbi Lefavor gave a brief on the air show planning.
- b. VFA-34 Homecoming – The host squadron will handle the homecoming for flight crews. HRANA is primarily concerned with the enlisted airlifts arriving at Oceana on 16 March. The airlifts will be arriving from California and will require personnel to meet and greet them as well as to ensure that gift bags are available for those living in the barracks.
- c. NAS Oceana Summer Bus Tours – Kent will be in charge again this year and has already begun negotiations with the base PAO and the Military Aviation Museum director.
- d. Helicopter Awards – The Helicopter Wing maintains a master board of previous helicopter community award winners. The current board is full and the squadron has been asked to purchase a new awards board, which will cost about \$250. Lurch will talk to the Wing Commander prior to our board making a decision on this.
- e. Squadron Laptop – The laptop has power problems that have been diagnosed as a bad battery. Lurch has ordered the new battery.

11. C.O./X.O. Comments: None

12. Hot Wash Up: Nothing

14. Next Meeting...The next meeting will be Wednesday April 6th, 1800 at the NAS Oceana Officer's Club.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1925