

1st General Meeting Monday 6 May 2013

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Bill Bowers. Lloyd Corbett, led the pledge of allegiance. Chuck Steinbruck gave the invocation.

The Secretary passed out copies of the 2nd General Meeting held in Colorado Springs. The President asked the members to read the minutes and make any corrections or additions. There were none so the minutes were approved.

Bill reported he had been in touch with CNMOC in an attempt to get information on the Sailors of the Year and had been given names and e-mail addresses of military that would be able to get the information. Bill had no luck in getting the information as the individual was not known or e-mail addresses were no good. Bill will try again when he returns home to get information on SOY's and pass the information to Libby.

1st VP – Mike Gilroy gave a report on his communication plan stating there had been 4,000 hits on the website, and he was trying to get more people to use the website. Mike issued a reunion survey, and was very disappointed in the number of responses (35) from the members. Of those 35 who responded, a majority wanted to keep the annual reunions but cancel the 2nd general meeting. Responders considered the Aerograph the main tool to keep members abreast of NWSA news. Many who responded said they had no desire to attend a reunion and attributed this response to location. Mike is going to redo the survey and address items the members focused on in the survey.

The Executive Board voted to make a \$100.00 donation to Hospice in memory of Don Cruse. The Secretary will take this for action and also send a card to Marge letting her know of the donation.

2nd VP – Alan Davis hoped everyone was having a good time and enjoying the reunion. If there were any issues that needed to be addressed to please let him know. He announced the picnic would be held in Salon D at 1200 today.

Secretary/Treasurers Report – Libby O'Brien reported that the NWSA's assets were \$117,529.51.

General Operating Fund	\$326.35
Scholarship Funds	\$76,390.69 (\$75,765.69 in CDs)
Life Membership Funds	\$40,812.47 (\$31,228.07 in CDs)

We have sent AMS a total of \$78,247.00 for scholarships. There are 2 CD's that will mature in September. Those funds will be sent when the 2nd CD matures on the 17th of September. The last CD will mature in September 2014.

Committee Reports –

The Finance Committee will give a report on the audit at the 2nd general meeting. A proposed budget will be addressed at a later date.

Scholarship Committee – Mike Gilroy has still not been relieved as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Now that the funds are being sent to AMS there is no need for a committee. The biggest job for the Chairman is fund raising.

Nominating Committee – Tom Miovas reported he had no response from the Chapters on new officers for 2015. Jim Romano from the Potomac Chapter volunteered to run for 2nd VP. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the 2nd general meeting. Tom announced if you were going to nominate a member who is not attending the reunion, that individual would have to be called and agree to run for an office.

Historian – Harry Hale reported he had organized the information he received from Don Cruse and the new books are available for view in the hospitality room. As a side note, Tom Miovas announced he had all the reunion books on a flash drive if anyone was interested in downloading them to a computer or disc.

Editor – Gary Cox not available. He will be in attendance at the 2nd general meeting to discuss the website and Aerograph.

Old Business – Amending the By-Laws to change term of officers to two years will be voted on at the 2nd general meeting.

New Business –

Reunion 40 to be held in Pensacola 27 April to 1 May 2014. Crown Plaza will be the host hotel. This is the same hotel that the 1986 reunion was held but was renovated after Hurricane Ivan. The rate is \$109 plus tax. All rooms overlook Pensacola Bay with coffee pots, micro wave ovens, refrigerators, and the usual iron and ironing board and hair dryer. Additional information will be on the website and the Aerograph as it becomes available. Comments were made on whether there would be a golf tournament and possibly a deep-sea fishing trip. Both of these suggestions will be checked into.

Reunion 2015 – Jerry Struck on possibly having it at The Villages in Florida and Lloyd Corbett on possibly having it in Jacksonville.

Alan asked if anyone would be interested in a Texas Hold Em tournament. Response was negative.

Meeting was adjourned at 1025.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby O'Brien
Secretary/Treasurer