

The 1st General Meeting Nashville Reunion 14 April 2015

The 1st general meeting was called to order by the President Jim Maxwell at 0900 on Tuesday the 14th of April 2015.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Master at Arms, Tom Miovas followed by the invocation given by Bill Bowers.

The minutes of the 2nd General Meeting held on Wednesday the 30th of April at the Pensacola Reunion were read and approved.

The 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents were not in attendance; therefore, there were no reports.

The Secretary/Treasurers report was read:

Checking Account:

General Fund	- \$3,766.86
Scholarship Fund	- 410.00
Life Membership Fund	- <u>\$7,541.11</u>
Total	-\$11,717.97

Life Membership CD's - \$32,148.70

NWSA Net Worth - \$43,866.67

NWSA Total Membership - 493

NWSA Life Members - 382

Total Funds to AMS for Scholarships - \$160,031.37

The only funds left in the USAA CD's are Life Membership.

Scholarship Report – Chairman, Mike Gilroy, was not in attendance. He sent Libby an AMS report as of 31 Dec 2014. Since July 2012 AMS has given three \$5,000.00 scholarships and four \$2,500.00 scholarships leaving a balance of \$151,474.34 in our AMS account. Jim Maxwell reported we did have a representative in Phoenix for the AMS annual meeting, but he couldn't remember his name.

Treasurer's report was accepted and approved as read.

Finance Report: The finance committee consisting of Cap Casperson, Jim Maxwell, Harry Nicholson and Tom Miovas found all reports correct and sound.

Nominating Committee: Tom Miovas stated he had sent an email to each of the NWSA Chapters requesting nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer's position whose current term ends June of 2016. Tom has had no response from any of the chapters. He reminded members if you nominate someone from the floor, who is not in attendance at the reunion, they must be notified and asked if they will

accept the nomination before their name can be presented. Tom asked for nominations for the Secretary/Treasurers position from the floor but did not get any nominations

Gary Cox would like to be relieved of his position as the Aerograph Editor but his position is an appointed position. Anyone who would like to take over the position is asked to get with Gary.

Historian:

Harry Hale reported the only thing he had was Joe Gogel had compiled a book on Operation Deep Freeze dated from 1955 to 1998 which Harry brought and will add to his collection. Tom Miovas said he would take the book home with him at the end of the reunion and put the information on CD's. Tom reported he has been working with Harry and has put all the photos and info from past reunion books on CD's and if anyone is interested, he will see that you get a CD.

Aerograph Editor: Gary Cox stated he had e-mailed the February Aerograph to Mike on the 30th of January and was sorry to hear that members did not get their Aerograph until early or mid March. Gary and Libby are going to look into getting a different printing company that could get us a simpler and more timely distribution than the current one in California. They will report their findings to the incoming President Bill Bowers. Cap Casperson is now on the finance committee; therefore, Gary is our sole editor and webmaster.

Reunion Report: Earl reported the reunion is going smoothly despite some bumps along the way. The Grand Ole Opry tour is still on for this evening. The city tour had to be changed from Monday to Wednesday. He stated he would have the funds to repay NWSA the \$1500.00 advanced to him for the reunion. The total attendance is 72, and we had 3 members who had to back out due to medical issues. The hotel is giving him 3 three night certificates to be raffled off at the banquet so there will be 3 different room raffle winners.

Old Business: Libby reported that she forgot to publish a change to the constitution which should have been posted in the February Aerograph so that it could be voted on at the 1st general meeting in Nashville. The change deals with the two years for making a change to the Constitution. The proposal changes the two years to one year for any change to the Constitution. Libby will publish the proposed change in the August edition of the Aerograph. This oversight was brought to the attention of the Executive Board at their first meeting, and in so doing, the following change was also proposed with the approval of the membership:

Under Article X-Meetings,

Section 2. Annual Meeting. A general membership meeting (reunion/convention) shall be held each year. In so far as possible, the Annual Meeting will be held alternately in the eastern, central, and western geographical regions of the United States.

The proposed change is to remove the second sentence.

Both changes were voted on and approved and will be published in the quarterly Aerograph and specifically in the February 2016 Aerograph to be voted on at 2016 Reunion at the Villages.

New Officers to be installed at this reunion for two years:

Bill Bowers – President

Mel Bourn – 1st Vice President

Jim Romano – 2nd Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer- Libby O'Brien (Term ends June 2016)

New Business:

There was a discussion on getting more members and possibly advertising the reunions. This has been brought up at numerous reunions with no success. It's not the same Navy as it was in the past. AG's are just not interested in the association.

Pat O'Brien gave a presentation on a "Challenge Coin" for the Association which was drawn up by Ed Straten from the Pensacola Chapter. After some discussion, Moon Mullen agreed to purchase the first 100 coins at \$683.00. The purchase of the coins was approved by the membership, and Pat is to get with the company to make the initial purchase. Once the coins are purchased, the information will be published in the Aerograph and on the NWSA website. The coins will be sold at \$10.00 each. It was suggested that each Chapter take a poll of their members to see how many each chapter may want. This may cut down on mailing costs.

Jerry Struck and Bill Bowers reported on the 2016 reunion to be held at The Villages in Florida from 1-6 May (Sunday through Friday) at the Marriott Hotel. The cost is less than \$110 per night and includes a free breakfast. Jerry brought booklets and CD's on the Villages for distribution to anyone interested in attending the 2016 reunion. Additional information will be made available as time goes on. The Villages is about an hour from Orlando and Tampa. The committee is not planning any excursions as there is plenty to do in the Villages. A golf tournament is planned, and hopefully there will be NO rain.

The President asked if anyone was interested in hosting the 2017 reunion but received no response.

Jim reported on the Sailor of the Year program and stated we haven't received a great deal of support from CNOC concerning this program. The Executive Board voted to disband the program with approval at the general membership meeting. After some discussion, members voted to disband the NWSA Sailor of the Year program.

Meeting adjourned at 1005.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby O'Brien

Secretary/Treasurer