

**REUNION 46
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SAVANAH, GA, October 5, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Warrenfeltz at 0930

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Master at Arms.

Chaplin Pat O'Brien led us in prayer.

The minutes of the general meeting at Thousand Oaks were read, accepted, and approved.

President Warrenfeltz stated he assumed the position on July 1, 2021 and thanked Jim Romano and Rosalie on the excellent job they did for a tough two years.

First Vice President had nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

NWSA members = 358
Life members = 314
Non-Life members = 44

Aerograph

E-mailed = 186
US mailed = 160
No address or email address = 10

Finances

4 CD value = \$38,738.19
Check book = \$5,516.79
General fund = \$ 785.38
Life member fund = \$1441.73
Scholarship fund = \$ 230.00
Reunion fund = \$3,059.68

Total funds = \$44,254.98

Estimated Yearly expenses = \$3,000.00

The minutes were accepted as read.

Aerograph Editor Steve Smith was not present, but was commended on doing an excellent job. Steve is in the process of moving back to San Diego.

Historian Tom Hanagan reported he went to Harry Hale's home and retrieved all of the files. Tom has been reviewing all of the files. Tom responded to several requests for data for their organizations.

Web master Gary Cox Report

Gary reported that the Editor needs any input for the Aerograph to be in his hands no later than the end of the preceding month of issue or sooner.

There is a new Google Analyze program on the web site that keeps track of the number of people accessing the site and that is all it does. This program shows that there were 4344 users.

Reunion Committee Chairman Jim Romano reported that he is glad this reunion is happening after having to cancel last year. The hotel and museum were very understanding in the need to cancel. Jim felt that things are going as planned. Jim announced that we will have entertainment at the banquet. Jim's son is a magician and will treat us to some excellent prestidigitation. Jim thinks he will have about \$500.00 to return to the treasurer. There were 44 members at the welcome aboard dinner, and he is expecting 55 at the banquet.

Finance Chairman Larry Warrenfeltz

The S/T sent me a copy of his spreadsheet and everything is in order and is accepted.

Larry is requesting a volunteer for the position of Finance Chairman. If no one comes forward he will appoint someone.

Nominating Committee Chairman Pat O'Brien had two members nominated for 2nd Vice President. They are Tom Berkeridge and Ed Straten. Are there any nominees from the floor? With no Nominations from the floor, nominations are closed. Tom and Ed please leave the room during the vote.

Tom Berkeridge received – 4 votes

Ed Straten received – 18 votes

Ed Straten is our new 2nd Vice President

There was a heavy discussion on recruiting new members. It was suggested that we post our association in the various military magazines and newspapers, and on face book. **Our membership is dwindling and we need to find a way to attract new members. It is requested that all members reach out and help recruit new members.**

New business

Mike Gilroy reported that the cost of mailing the Aerograph will be going up. This is due to the reduction in the number of Aerographs which has fallen below 200, and no longer meets the bulk mailing rate. Mike recommended that we request our members receiving the Aerograph via US mail respond to the S/T that they would still like a printed copy. If the S/T does not receive a response from a member it will be considered a no longer needed response. If the member response yes, they will continue to receive a printed copy. President Warrenfeltz and S/T Miovas will work on putting something in the Aerograph requesting a response from those members who receive the Aerograph by US mail in reference to subject above.

Reunion #47

Reunion #47 will be held in the spring 2023 due to the timing of our current reunion. Once again a cruise is being considered and there was debate on the pros and cons. One of the biggest concerns is cost. Pat O'Brien will do some research and report back to the board. If the cruise reunion does not happen, Tom Berkeridge has agreed to host the 2023 reunion in the Villages.

Announcements:

Do not forget to fill out your COVID forms and bring it to the museum tomorrow.

The second General Member Meeting for Thursday is cancelled. The By-Laws state that only one meeting per reunion is required.

Meeting adjourned at 1019.

Note – Following are additional minutes and items of interest from the 1st and 2nd Executive Board meetings not covered at the General Membership meeting:

Old business

It was reiterated that our representative to the AMA scholarship presentation should submit a travel expense report and if approved will be reimbursed for travel cost.

Secretary Treasurer Expenses

Hotel cost = \$527.85

Travel cost = \$300.00

Total Expenses \$827.85

Committee approved and S/T will be reimbursed \$828.00

Historian Hanagan asked what the expectations of the membership of the historian are. The answer to that question is the historian maintains the official history documents and brings them to the reunion for the members to browse through. Tom gave a thumb nail sketch of what he has on hand. He has not completed the inventory but will do so when he returns home. Larry asked for a catalog of what the historian holds. Tom said he will make that happen. Tom requested that each member of NWSA right a biography not only of their navy career but what they did after they left the navy. These biographies would be placed on our web and be kept in a folder for posterity.

New business

The secretary/treasurer needs a new computer. The one he is using is eleven years old, running slow, and one of the ports is old. A vote was taken and approved. The Executive Board approved the S/T can spend up to \$2,500.00 for a new computer and new software.

Nancy Warrenfeltz stated that pictures of this reunion have been placed on face book and Larry had received 60+ likes. Larry encouraged all who are taking pictures to upload them to face book and let everyone know they are having a good time at the reunion.

Attending members were:

Fay Crossley

Ed Straten

Jim Romano

Larry Warrenfeltz

Tom Miovas

Cap Casperson

Lori Casperson

Pat O'Brien

Gary Cox

Tom Hanagan