

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Draft)
September 20, 2004**

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VADM L Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*
CAPT D. Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*
VADM H Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP (via phone)*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RADM Bob Sutton, USN (Ret)	RADM S Locklear, USN
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CAPT P. Rinn, USN (Ret)	CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
RADM William Retz, USN (Ret) via phone	CNOMC Harry Kantrovich, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)	CAPT Morris Foote, USN (Ret)
CAPT B. Erickson, USN (Ret), <i>Executive Director</i>	Ms. Annette Hendrickson, <i>Staff</i>

The meeting was called to order at 1710.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were distributed electronically and were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT REPORT

No report was presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Corporate Sponsor Report.

There are 57 current sponsors. We have just received a new one from the West Coast Symposium. The company is Kongsberg. There are possibly two additional sponsors that we are waiting for the paper work.

Northrop Grumman has contacted us about combining all their sub divisions under one umbrella and sponsorship. Bill Erickson has spoken to them and told them of the invites that would be lost at Symposium and other factors that may make this not in their best interest. VADM Gunn is to take this issue for action.

West Coast Regional Symposium Report.

A West Coast Symposium recap and financial reconciliation was presented. Income was received from sponsorships, slide advertisements and the luncheon. Support was provided by Howard Associates with four personnel on-site. Expenses exceeded income. Lessons learned from this event to improve it for next year were discussed. Some of the recommendations included: combine with Fleet Week in the fall; involvement with other associations such as ANA and the Helicopter Association; expanded exhibit area and utilization of the Anchor and Spur Conference Center instead of a waterfront location. It was stressed that even though it was a money losing event, the Symposium reached a good cross section of Officer and Enlisted and has the potential to grow. All agreed that the waterfront is the best location to hold the event. The possibility of other associations like ANA or the Helo Group joining would be considered but still want the event to take place at 32nd street.

The Monterey Symposium was well received. VADM LaFleur gave the opening presentation. Captain Foster from the Career Development Center gave a presentation on "Why Stay Navy." Detailers were also present and able to meet with most of the SWO community. The reception at the conclusion of the first day's events was well attended.

San Diego Chapter Luncheons. Anchor and Spur Club is the only place close to the waterfront to have these luncheons and their costs have gone up with a new facility. The San Diego Board has expressed

concern that if they charge over \$10 for the lunch then the turn out will be very low. Howard Associates will approach the Club and see if we can negotiate price down if we guarantee a set number of luncheons each year.

Pentagon Memorial Fund. October 4, 2004 there will be a benefit performance by Kathy Hardy Dance for the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Email has gone out to local members and all Board Members about the event. Discussion was brought up by CAPT Erickson regarding SNA donating money to the event or purchase tickets for Sailors from Navy Command Center to attend. Tickets are \$100 per person. RADM Sutton recommended a flat \$1000 donation and VADM Gunn recommended a \$5000 donation. RADM Tozzi suggested we pay for individual tickets since all money is donated directly to the Fund. CAPT Rinn proposed a compromise of \$2500 and contacting both Navy Command Center and N3/5 individuals to use the tickets. If the full number of tickets are not used, then the same amount of money (\$2,500.00) would still be donated to the Fund. CAPT Tackett strongly urged that if there was a good response and more than 25 people wanted to attend, than we look at funding all. Motion was made and carried for \$2500.

Membership Rewards.

CAPT Erickson reported about a new membership benefit through Club Quarters. Club Quarters offers premier lodging through the U.S in major cities like Boston, San Francisco, and Washington D.C. RADM Hare has been consulted and he sees no conflicts. Our members would be guaranteed per diem rates during the week for each city and discounted rates on weekends. The Association would have to guarantee 100 room nights in one location each year. If that is not met than a fee of \$1200 will be charged. For the first year there is no obligation. We would provide a link on our website to their secure site for our members to use and start promoting in SITREP. Discussion was positive and VADM Gunn advised to press on.

Miscellaneous.

USNA recently had an open house for parents and new midshipmen and SNA had an exhibit there. In the past, SNA has been recognized with Phil McGiffin, a model ship built on a VW chassis which is used at home football games and pep rallies. At the recent GWC Dining out 25 midshipmen attended.

SNA staff will be exhibiting at the USNI EXPO in Virginia Beach, September 21-22.

CAPT Ingram will be retiring on October 1 and he has extended an open invitation to all on the EXCOMM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the last ExCom meeting changes were approved for changing the makeup of the Board of Directors. ADM Hogg has agreed to all the recommended changes. He acknowledged a change to the Bylaws will be required. He has approved the new measures for this election. An email will announce the changes to the membership and the Board of Directors will be asked to confirm the changes at the Board meeting in January. Question was raised by RADM Retz about using the new measures before they are officially in the Bylaws. It was noted that the ExCom can approve Bylaw changes and the current plan of waiting until January 2005 stands.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial health very good. CAPT Tackett noted a few line items that exceed the budget. Accounting services have increased this year and the regional events line includes both West Coast Symposiums net loss. The annual \$10,000 contribution to the Scholarship Fund has not been made but will be before the end of the year. The line items for the Table top books and Newport Ties was asked to be moved to the income side since we have made the initial outlays.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

National Symposium. No invitations have been extended. It is hoped that this is the final planning session with the ExCom so that we can move forward. Theme is "Surface Navy Contribution: Sea Shield and Sea Basing." Version 10 of the agenda was presented for review.

It was reported that Admiral Sestak has verbally accepted and Commodore Gass has accepted to coordinate International Luncheon. The Sea basing panel is still under development for panel members.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Symposium Awards.

CAPT Rinn attended a Symposium in Texas for the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He has two Officers and two enlisted that are interested in coming as Historical Remembrance awardees. Admiral Holloway and Jim Hornfisher will be the speakers for the Heritage Lecture.

Decatur Award.

Committee has approved medal and ribbon for next year's awards.

Hall of Fame.

The following new inductees were approved for the Hall of Fame:

Officers: VADM James Doyle, Sr.

CAPT Leon S. Kintberger

Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf

Enlisted: Signalman First Class Douglas Albert Munro

Boatswain's Mate First Class Reinhardt J. Keppler

First Class Fireman John Laverty

Captain of the Forecastle James Ward

Operations Specialist Master Chief Larry Nowell

Arleigh Burke and Admiral Zumwalt Award: Message has been sent and an update will be provided at next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership statistics were reviewed. Chapter excellence awards are being developed for approval by the ExCom at the December meeting. Presentations will be made at the January Symposium.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nothing new to report.

HERITAGE REPORT

It has been agreed that the Heritage Committee will be part of the Awards Committee once again.

Next Meeting date will be set for November 3 or 4th with the 3rd being the first option.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.