

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
27 September 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE:

VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP* (via phone)
CAPT Jim Taggett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*
RADM Geof Chesbrough, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USN (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
VADM Douglas Katz, USN (Ret) (Via Phone)
RADM Bill Retz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Frank Lugo, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)
LCDR Rudy Lacor, USN
LT Thad Smith, USN (Via phone)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director
Ms Julie Howard, Director of Administration

Meeting was called to order at 1710

MINUTES

Minutes from 30 August were posted on the website for review. Motion made and passes unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Hurricane Relief

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) was chosen as the organization SNA donations would be focused. Captain Erickson has been tracking the situation. SURFLANT was also contacted to see if support was required. However, to date, we have not received a call. A total of \$1.75 million has been given in grants and loans. Those receiving this have been primarily active duty and reservists however retirees have also been considered. These funds were available day after storm hit in \$250-\$500 increments as loans payable beginning in February. If not reimbursed they will be rewritten as a grant. Anything we would do would be as a replenishment of funds. RADM Hare who specializes in 501(c) 3s regarding our ability to support these efforts legally has noted that if one non-profit gives to another there are some IRS regulations to consider. It would be worth getting their lawyer together with RADM Hare if we were to pursue this further. Only thing we are doing right now is asking for a donation to the Relief Society at the Cole Conspiracy Event.

USCG Sailor Of the Year

This is still an active item and is still something we would like to support. However, as a small service the Coast Guard has only 1 SOY who is not always a Sailor per se.

Action Item: Still open for further discussions

PRESIDENT REPORT

VADM Gunn and RADM Chesbrough plan to visit with CNO in the next month to review schedule and go over speakers already committed. At this time they will also discuss his viewpoint on the schedule as a whole so the letters outlining the direction of each topic to the speakers can be framed appropriately.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Corporate Report

We now have 61 sponsors which is down from 63 last month. Northrop Grumman as a whole is still in flux. Will discuss further with RADM Foley More funds need to be collected prior to the end of the year in order to meet budget.

CPO Pinning Ceremonies

Have had some successful Pinning Ceremonies. There were 18 pinnings in Washington and we did approach those that were Surface Warfare regarding the availability of a complimentary 3-year membership.

Cole Conspiracy

This was an activity that came to us from the US Navy Memorial. We sent out 2 mailings, 1 SNA and the other Navy Memorial. We have committed to provide \$2,500 and Washington has committed \$1,000. CHINFO also has invited a number of people. Majority of seats are reserved for SNA. If we can raise \$6,000 to go to NMCRS then we are getting more money than we are putting in to it.

SECRETARY REPORT

Board of Director

Last year we structured the Board of Directors to better represent our membership. The following Members have terms that are due to expire: Healey, Ingram, Jenkins, Lewandowski, Lugo, Moore, and Rushton. We will ask that all nominations be in by 30 September so that we can finalize the ballot on 1 November with voting period of 15-30 November with report to 10 December to ExCom. Would like to get another E1-E6 rather than 1 and if we loose a flag position we would be okay. It was also suggested that we might be better served to lean in the direction of an additional E7-E9 as our numbers are increasing in that direction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

To date we have expended more than we have taken in which accounts for \$35K more than planned. However these expenditures were agreed to do so at previous ExeComs.. As we are behind in receiving corporate and individual dues we may have to make a further adjustment from corpus. Decision was made to not adjust corpus at this time but review at the end of the year. Need to make sure we have a good presentation for BOD meeting in January and show the decision process used to expend the additional funds.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Senator Clinton did decline and we are currently working with RADM Ferguson to pursue Randy Forbes as the congressional speaker. As he is local we hope that there is a higher probability of attending. Regarding the exhibit space we are not sold out however we have a list of people who want in. There is not much change to the schedule. However a few names have been added. No change to Tuesday morning session but have added an Enlisted Roundtable similar to JO Roundtable. Tuesday afternoon have removed Congressional person to allow CNO more time. Changed name on Wednesday morning to Sea Warrior Continental Breakfast that is open to all. It was suggested that we need to check Human Capital Strategy as term has changed. Keynote on Wednesday will be the Congressional Speaker. There are 3 sets of panels on the schedule. Dean Moser will be speaker at Naval Heritage Lecture on D-Day at Normandy and will bring model of statue that will be placed at Normandy. It was also suggested that we borrow some pictures from Naval Historical Society to set out during the lecture..

On relevance panel it was suggested that we have someone in from Katrina. Suggestions included VADM Allen and perhaps CO of Iwo Jima. It was also suggested that perhaps we take the panel away and have 2 speakers as it is more relevant. For the International Navies Luncheon there was a recommendation that we look at representatives from Mexico and Netherland.

There was a discussion regarding having a staffer on Affordability Panel. Perhaps adding the staffer would help open up the discussion. Should look at options of which staffer is available and then discuss with CNO.

Have changed CEO briefing to COMNAVSURFOR rather than N76. As MCPON will leave with CNO later in the week suggest we have him earlier and then invite Karen O'Connor and Jim Monroe to hand out the awards. Problem is that there is a Board so Karen or Jim might not be available.

VADM Etyne wants to meet with all Major Commander in attendance. Need to figure out a time that is right.

CDR Rudy Laco will sit in while CDR Ed Kaiser is out for 6 months.

Action Item: Staff will work with Dean Moser to bring in graphics in support of lecture. Tozzi to pursue Coast Guard for Relevant Session.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Hall of Fame

Working videos and have been moved forward on the display at SWOS with regard to the Hall of Fame. The request for nominations for Arleigh Burke and Zumwalt Awards have gone out . We have asked for better help on the photographic award so that we have more submissions that are not Carrier related. Hoping to get more surface related pictures.

Literary Award

Typically this is split with USNI however they have already notified us that they are not doing this anymore. There are some concerns on this one regarding the actual presentation during the symposium

Dr Dudley has located at least 1 individual so far who was on a destroyer at Normandy. As we get ready for process we need to look at where we want to go in future as there are fewer people to bring in due to advance age. Paul Rinn getting list of those in the community who have been given awards for heroism. In the past we have had discussion about non-combat veterans being recognized within the Hall of Fame. Would like ExeCom think about having a separate selectee each year in the technical division so that there is an opportunity for these individuals be recognized.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Well in to membership campaign. We are up to 5300 members however 596 of them are 1160 accessions. Also have added 93 E-7 Selectees. The 3-year membership drive came in as we needed to do something for existing members also. We will evaluate this at the end of the year and see how worthwhile the campaign is before we make decision to do again. The period ends October 31 2005 and there are 2 publicity items planned and an email blast to current members.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Looking at increasing amount provided to scholars. Would like to discuss with committee prior to ExeCom report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Will work on the same press build up for the symposium as before.

SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

Had a meeting with Empire Video and Freeman regarding the Hall of Fame. SNA will get advertising from design of kiosk and should perhaps have literature there. Need to also figure out a way to get the Senior Enlisted Academy involved. The plan is to put this in place, gauge its' success, and then look at other locations.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

We need to find out the status of donations and grants to ensure we are helping people and not jusy giving them money. Perhaps our focus should be on Naval Station Pascagoula and the families there. Haven't heard anything back from SURFLANT regarding need. There are many ideas circulating that perhaps we do a matching up to a certain amount. The donation would go straight to society and we would get a copy of check to match. It was suggested that we might be better to wait before we make a final decision. Perhaps we should encourage our membership to give to the right vehicles. Put something on website, SITREP etc. that we encourage you to support through this entity. Decision was made to wait a bit longer until we have more facts. Executive Committee to put out word that those who want to help Navy families, etc this should be done through Navy Marine Corps Relief.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday November 15th at normal time and 1st week of January.

Meeting adjourned at 1856