

**Surface Navy Association
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Draft)
5 September 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE:

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret)
CAPT Bill Campbell, USN (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT Mike Davis, USN (Ret), *(phone)*
RDML Michael Frick, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Sinclair Harris, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
RADM David Hart, USN (Ret)
RADM Jeff Hathaway, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
VADM Douglas Katz, USN (Ret)

VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) *phone*
VADM Bill Landay, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
VADM Carol Pottenger, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
RADM Robert Reilly, USN (Ret)
RADM Jim Shannon, USN (Ret)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
CAPT William Erickson, USN (Ret)
Julie Howard *(phone)*
Debbie Garry
Leanna Howard

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VADM Barry McCullough called the meeting to order at 1659.

Admiral McCullough thanked everyone that contributed to the success of the 2018 West Coast Symposium in San Diego.

The minutes from the June 26, 2018 EXCOM meeting were discussed and approved with no changes.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The minutes and action items from the 2018 January Board of Directors' Meeting are in final review and will be posted within a week to the SNA BOD website.

The West Coast Symposium was held in San Diego on August 23 and had a record number of attendees check in at the event (656 attendees) and informative briefs. A SWO Acquisition seminar was held in conjunction with the WCS but attendance was lower than expected due to competing speakers. SWOFOT and the Retired Flag Officer meeting were held the same week. RADM Jim Shannon provided an overview of the Retired Flag Officer meeting. The SNA San Diego chapter hosted their annual Golf on Friday, August 24.

The Maritime Security Forum was held August 27-29 in San Diego and SNA provided PR for their event to our members. CAPT Ned Lundquist attended as the SNA representative and provided an overview of the event that was focused on USCG, law enforcement and first responders.

To date SNA has processed three Enlisted Grant applications and a fourth is pending review.

CORPORATE REPORT

Captain Erickson reported that SNA currently has 95 corporate members. Two companies recently joined at Level 1 – Donaldson Aerospace & Defense and Innovative Signal Analysis, Inc.

SECRETARY REPORT

Captain Erickson reviewed the Board of Election timeline as well as expiring terms. Eight current board member terms are expiring this year. An email was sent to all members requesting nominations for the Board of Directors' ballot. Nominations will be accepted until the end of September. Voting will be held from November 1 – December 1.

TREASURER REPORT

CAPT Jim Tackett reported that SNA has achieved 84% of our revenue and are about at 71% on expenses. Reviewed the current finance report and Chapter disbursements. Chapter disbursements are lower than last year. Recommended that staff remind chapters to submit fund requests for upcoming events. SNA continues to be in good financial shape.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

VADM Bill Landay provided an overview of SNA investments. SNA typically maintains a 60/40 split in our assets. Currently we have a 64/36 split and recommend that SNA rebalance investments by moving \$50K from Vanguard to a CD. EXCOM - APPROVED

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

RADM Dave Hart reviewed Symposium timeline and speaker/panel updates for the 2019 agenda. VCNO has confirmed to be keynote speaker on first day of event.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

RADM Rob Reilly presented current membership numbers and reviewed trend slides. Reported membership numbers are slightly down from last meeting mostly in the promotional membership category but expect an increase in that category with upcoming BDOC classes and CPO Selectee promotions. The Membership Committee created an Enlisted Active Duty online survey, which opened on August 23 at the West Coast Symposium. Chapter Excellence program is ongoing and staff has been providing status updates to the chapters. The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 19.

AWARDS REPORT

Captain Erickson reported that the Stephen Decatur, Jr. Award program has closed for 2018. A total of 379 NJROTC units requested awards this year. The 2019 program will begin accepting nominations on March 1, 2019.

The current Old Salt, Admiral Kurt Tidd, is retiring in December. Currently have two candidates for the next Old Tar. The next qualified Old Salt is VADM John Christenson but he has confirmed he is retiring December 1, 2018. Decision is to award Old Salt to ADM Phillip Davidson and possible turnover would be in October at 3/4 Star conference in Washington, D.C.

The current Old Tar has retired and a message has been sent out requesting active duty ESWS with the earliest date of qualification. Currently considering two applicants. One has break in service but remained in the Reserves before going back on active duty. The second candidate was Surface most of career but current primary warfare specialty is IW. EXCOM recommends removing "primary" from future instruction/message and to accept active reserve duty as time spent in service.

The Constitution chapter awarded the George Sirian award onboard the USS CONSTITUTION on August 31 in Boston to GMC Blake Wohl. Bill Erickson, Jim Tackett and Debbie Garry attended.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

CAPT Ned Lundquist provided an overview of articles that will appear in the 3rd Quarter issue of the SNA SITREP. Anticipate a mid-September release of the issue.

Special Projects

Captain Erickson reported that SNA is a sponsor for the 2018 Video, Lifeline: Pearl Harbor's Unknown Hero, which is the story of Boatswainmate Joe George. Joe George was a 2018 SNA Hall of Fame Inductee. Video to premier in October.

Next meeting proposed for mid-October.

Meeting adjourned at 1755.