

## Naval Cryptologic Reserve Association

Minutes, General Membership Meeting, Red Lion on the River, Portland OR, 11 Sep 2009

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Bill Masters.

A photograph was taken of the group.

Bob Anderson, NCVA Administrator, gave a welcome presentation, speaking of the move of the Command Display at Corry Station to the new building across the street. He mentioned that the display will be closed in November and December of this year, to facilitate the move, as the display has to be moved by 1 February.

President Masters gave a moving memorial and remembrance speech regarding the events and consequences of the 9/11 tragedy. He recalled the members of our association who were serving on that date eight years ago and those who still are serving in harm's way and the changes those events brought to the lives of all of us, personally and as Reservists.

Introductions were made around the table. Members attending were (in order of signing the attendance sheet): Tom Kendziorski, Alan Smith, Kathy Davis, Tom Shearer, Lynn Carlton, Steve Thickstun, Ray Long, John Robertson, Roger Jones, Richard Lopriore, Lee Parsons, George Lari, Gregg Mitchell, Dick Jaeger, Bob Weidman, John McCoy, Bill Masters, and Joe Lees. Also attending were Fred Demech, the NCVA host for the NCVA 2010 Valley Forge reunion, Michael Watson, EN1, the Reserve Sailor of the Year, currently drilling at JMAST, Denver CO, and Ken Cadran of the NCVA and Roman Martin.

### Commander's Brief

RDML Kendziorski presented the Commander's Brief as Navy Net-centric Warfare Group Commander. Alan Smith served as visual-communications coordinator. The topic of the Admiral's speech was Optimizing Readiness and Mission.

### Secretary's Report

The minutes of the 2008 general membership meeting in St. Louis, which were included in the meeting package for this year, were presented for approval by the Secretary, Kathy Davis. Ray Long moved the minutes be approved, Tom Shearer seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1245.

### Bylaws

A synopsis of the new draft Bylaws, also included in the meeting package, and of the work of the Bylaw committee, was given by Lee Parsons. The possibility was discussed for a newsletter, to be written by the Secretary and submitted to the Membership and Information Director (a new appointive position in the draft Bylaws). The Bylaws were accepted unanimously by the membership as presented.

### Treasurer's Report

Lee Parsons gave the Treasurer's report, which was an additional enclosure in the meeting package. It too was unanimously accepted as presented.

The Treasurer asked for a vote from the membership to use some of the NCRA funds to pay for a first round of drink that evening at the designated dinner restaurant, Salty's. This was also unanimously approved.

### Future Revisions to Bylaws

Future potential revisions to the Bylaws were then discussed, initially being summarized by Lee Parsons. These included the period of the President's term, whether the president should be elected rather than automatically moving into the role as the previous year's Vice-President, combining the appointive positions of Historian and Biographer, codifying the relationship between the NCRA and the NCVA, and including a dissolution clause, in the event that the NCRA should be dissolved, in order to designate disposition of any funds. In addition, the broadness of membership criteria was considered and whether to include or exclude those in COMSEC, SPAWAR, and other groups closely related to cryptology. Lee suggested that conversations continue among the members on all of these topics over the next years and be brought to closure in the future by another Bylaws Committee.

### Membership Report

Lee Parsons presented the membership report. NCRA now has 121 members, of whom 74 memberships will be expiring in 2010. Two members did not renew in 2007, and seven did not renew in 2008.

The possibility of a Yahoo Group might be considered for NCRA, as well as an outreach program for Reservists in the NIOC's. Lee suggested that dues for currently drilling Reservists be set at the rate of \$0.01 for the period of October 2009 through June 2011, in order to encourage new members to join, with the \$0.01 membership fee being contributed by himself. This was approved by the membership. The Membership and Information Director, the new appointive position with duties included in the just-accepted Bylaws, will develop policy on membership campaigns.

### Election of Officers

The new slate of officers, as approved by the Board of Directors, was presented to the membership for election. The slate was unanimously accepted. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President	Joe Lees	
Vice-President (and host of the upcoming 2010 reunion)		M.A. Floyd
Treasurer	Lee Parsons	
Secretary	Kathy Davis	

In addition, Tom Shearer will be the new member on the Board of Director's, replacing M.A. Floyd as member-at-large, and Tom Kendziorski will continue as Board of Directors member in an advisory capacity (as a Senior Advisor).

Joe Lees accepted the President's gavel from Bill Masters. The new President's first act was to call for acclamation for the excellent guidance and leadership provided by Bill Masters during his tenure as President. This was heartily approved.

#### Other Business

It was proposed and approved that RADM Nelson Heyer be awarded a life membership in NCRA in recognition of his position as the first reserve cryptologic flag officer and his flag tour contributions to the history of the Naval Reserve.

President Lees noted that next year's reunion will be in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with tentative dates of 19-20 May, 2010, in coordination with the NCVA reunion in timeframe of 19-22 May [***Caveat: these dates are not yet firm***]. He called for anyone interested in volunteering for any project in connection with the upcoming reunion to get in touch with him.

In response to a request to the membership for any further business, George Lari suggested that any proposed changes to the NCRA bylaws be submitted for comments and discussion to the membership at large. This proposal will be considered by the Board of Directors.

The members were reminded that the evening's dinner would be at Salty's, acknowledged to be an excellent venue for a feast, with cocktail hour at 1800 and the meal to begin at 1900. A shuttle would be arranged for transportation of those not wishing to drive.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1600.

***Secretary's Note: These minutes have been approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the membership for final approval by the membership at the Valley Forge meeting in 2010. Comments from the membership prior to final approval may be addressed to the Secretary.***

*Respectively submitted,*

*Kathy Davis, Secretary*