

Naval Cryptologic Reserve Association (NCRA)
Minutes of the Business Meeting
22 August 2008
St. Louis, Missouri

The meeting was called to order at 1200 by the Association President, Alan Smith. Frank Hoffman the NCVA host extended his thanks for the support of the NCRA to NCVA.

RDML Kendziorski, Reserve Vice Commander of Navy NetWarCom (NNWC) and Commander Navy NetCentric Warfare Group (NNWG), presented the Commander's Brief on Optimizing Readiness and Mission, in which he discussed mission, guidance, structure, ops, and mobilization. CTRCM Pam Buelow, Reserve Command Master Chief (CMC), was introduced.

T-shirts were presented to both RDML Kendziorski and CMC Buelow, and Mr. Mozo was also presented to RDML Kendziorski.

The members present introduced themselves, and attendance included the following: Jim Golden, John McCoy, Earl Blackstone, Steve Thickstun, Roger Jones, Peter van Ness, Patrick Murphy, Joe Lees, Bob Weidman, Ray Long, Bruce Majors, Lee Parsons, Mike Carroll, Kathy Davis, Alan Smith, Bob Craig, Dick Zellmer, Bill Masters, Tom Shearer, M.A. Floyd, Terry Ballowe, Michael Gassett, Michael Roman, Pam Buelow; all members present were in good standing.

The minutes of the previous meeting (Saratoga Springs, New York, September 2007) had been previously provided to each member present and were reviewed by the Secretary and approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report by Bob Craig, with a written copy to the board members and officers, included the following information:

1. Twenty-five persons had registered for the St. Louis meeting, along with two complimentary registrations and three spouses, of whom some had paid for their registration. A motion was made and approved to refund the registrations paid for spouses.

2. Twenty-eight persons had registered for the dinner and 11 for the special tour. A motion was also made and approved to refund the registration of no-shows, of which there was one (Secretary's Note: the one no-show subsequently reverted to a late arrival at 1430).

3. One hundred fifty-one persons were NCRA members to date, nine of whom were honorary (past and current command Master Chiefs and Commanders).

4. The next Treasurer would be sending out renewal notices to those members whose memberships were to expire in 2009.

5. Moneys paid in for the reunion consisted of: \$625 registration, \$1120 dinner, \$1155 special tour, \$191 shirts, \$89 mugs. Funds on hand after expensing obligated funds were \$3413.28.

6. Mugs ordered and paid for were not available but would be mailed later. Shirts ordered were available for those who had ordered them.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Election and appointment of officers was as follows:

Elections:

Board members (Flag Advisors): Bob Weidman; Tom Kendziorski agreed to continue as board member for the next year. Richard Zellmer was elected a new regular board member. Ray Long continues as a regular board member.

Treasurer: Lee Parsons

Vice-President and Portland 2009 Reunion Host: Joe Lees

Appointments:

Webmaster: John McCoy; the Webmaster solicited input from the members regarding items to place on the website. Possible items might include such things as pictures from the reunions and a reunion registration form, although there could be privacy issues with names on pictures.

Merchandiser: no decision was taken on this position; Bob Craig has information on a mug supplier.

Nominations for the reunion chair were discussed and tabled.

Bill Masters was welcomed as the new President, effective 1 October.

Bob Anderson, NCVA Executive Director, was introduced, and he spoke briefly to publicly thank NCRA for supporting NCVA. He was interested in soliciting stories for Cryptolog from the NCRA. CMC Pam Buelow and RDML were announced as Life Members of NCVA.

Old business included the following:

A motion was made and approved to change the official name of the organization from Navy Cryptologic Reserve Association to Naval Cryptologic Reserve Association.

A motion was made and approved to amend the association bylaws to reflect the change in the association name.

The matter of the logo was tabled. There was a discussion concerning the presentation of the logo on the T-shirts as to whether it was to be embroidered directly on the shirts or to consist of a patch to be sewn on the shirts. This matter was delegated to the Board Members to resolve.

New business was as follows:

The availability of secure web access to the association website was discussed, as well as a comms channel for contacting members. The Webmaster was to look into these matters. It was suggested that the NCVA privacy act be used as a model for NCRA privacy matters.

The position of a membership recruiter was suggested.

The funeral of RADM Tom Courneya at Arlington National Cemetery was announced to be on 06 Nov. A remembrance contribution as a group was discussed and the preferred charity/ies of the Courneya family was to be solicited.

Directions were provided for the dinner at the Drunken Fish in St. Charles and to the special tour at the quarry north of Grafton, Illinois.

A resolution of thanks was offered to the retiring officers: Lee Parsons, Immediate Past President; Alan Smith, President.

The meeting was adjourned at 1530.