

## **Minutes of the Naval Enlisted Bombardier Navigator Association (NEBNA) 17 October 2000**

The initial organizational meeting of the enlisted Bombardier Navigators was held at the Gator Landing on the St Johns River, Sanford, Florida at noon 17 October 2000. When a final muster was held, there were ten ex-enlisted B/Ns present. The names of those people are listed at Annex A. John Bailey was elected President ProTem in order to lead the organization effort. Don Pierce was complimented on his efforts to get the group together. Chuck Templin was volunteered/elected Secretary/Treasurer Pro Tem. Don Pierce was elected Vice President Pro Tem and a membership committee was formed with Don Pierce as committee chairman.

After some discussion, the group agreed on the following wording as the objective for the association: "To establish our place in Naval Aviation history." Although there are many other classes of enlisted air crew, it was decided that only those enlisted men who actually served as Bombardier/Navigators in Heavy Attack while enlisted would be considered qualified for this unique organization. No additional qualifications were considered necessary.

John Bailey agreed to define the duties of the offices of the board of directors. Although the internet will be used as much as possible, it was agreed that all official correspondence of the organization would be conducted via the US Mail system.

Many names were suggested and great significance was given to the historic significance of the name Enlisted B/N Benevolent Association (EBBA) as originated by the late "Pappy" Ricker. However, the term "benevolent" did not seem to fit and the name Naval Enlisted Bombardier Navigator Association (NEBNA) was selected.

Although Don Pierce has done a superb job of gathering names of those who served, it was agreed that all possible means of advertising would be used to ensure all potential members are aware of the attempt to organize.

To establish a working fund to allow initial mailings prior to establishing the required funding, those present contributed "seed money" to get things started. A bank account will be opened by the Secretary/Treasurer with an initial balance of \$250.

Considerable discussion centered around the means by which the organization could obtain the desired level of recognition. The ultimate goal would be a place in the national Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola much along the lines that the enlisted aviation pilots (APs) recently achieved. This is a very lofty and expensive goal. However, it can be achieved with hard work and determination.

The next meeting of this working group will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2000 and is planned to be at the Sanford Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) home. The business meeting will start at noon and will be followed by a B'B'Que to be arranged by Jim (Andy) Anderson. The meeting location will be arranged by Chuck Templin.

The membership committee was challenged to report to the board on or before the next meeting. Prior to adjourning for lunch, Don Pierce read a prayer written for the organization by Pete Denlea.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 1410 and was followed by more socializing, "remember-when" and open discussion.

Respectfully submitted for approval by Chuck Templin, Secretary/Treasurer Pro Tem

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RANKIN, (HOSS) BOB  
SKELLY, RICK  
STOKES, MEL  
TEMPLIN, CHUCK