

Minutes of the Naval Enlisted Bombardier Navigator Association (NEBNA) 15 May 2001

The fourth meeting of the enlisted Bombardier Navigators was held at the Sanford Fleet Reserve home on West First Street (SR-46) at 11:00 am on 15 May 2001. President John Bailey called those 14 members present to order. Names of those present and their spouses are listed at Annex A. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The President gave a brief report about those on the binnacle list. Abe Fennel is improving as is Walt Carlyon and John Holbrook. As evidenced by his presence at the meeting, Rick Skelly is doing very well after his heart bypass operation. It was also reported that RADM Richard E. (Dick) Fowler, Jr died in April and Capt Joseph (Jumpin' Joe) Tully passed away in early May.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Templin read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Chuck also reported the treasury has \$630 in a checking account as the result of continuing contributions to the association for "seed money" to cover administration costs.

The Vice President called the roll and turned the attendance list over to the Secretary.

The History Chairman, Rick Skelly continues to search for ways to document our very existence. BUPERS and AIRLANT neither seem to be able to confirm that an enlisted B/N program as such ever existed. Individuals are asked to search all their personal records and memorabilia for anything related to our existence. After some discussion, a NEBNA History form was approved and is included with this mailing. No post Navy activities are desired, however your complete Navy career data would be appreciated.

Don Pierce, Chairman of the Membership committee reported that a couple of the military publications have already posted the call for all ex-enlisted B/Ns to check in. There have been a few responses, but most are from C/N or P/Ns and the only confirmed B/N was Morris (Stubby) Steiner who was present at the meeting. Welcome aboard Stub and Rose. The search for ex-enlisted B/Ns continues.

It was unanimously agreed to invite Chef Andy Anderson to continue preparing his famous feasts.

Carl (Denny) Noto discussed the Enlisted B/N web site and asked for assistance in developing a vision and mission statement. The group agreed that the vision statement should be the association statement approved at the initial meeting. That is "To establish our place in Naval Aviation history". For the mission statement, "To acquire documentation that establishes the NEBNA program as it applies to the Heavy Attack program in order to meet our vision". The group passed a unanimous "ATTA BOY" and a well deserved "BRAVO ZULU" to Denny for his work on the NEBNA web site. For those with internet access, if you haven't seen the site, it is well worth the time. Here is the URL:
<http://www.nebna.bigstep.com/>

President John Bailey agreed to sort out all the available articles and document the history of the Heavy Attack program as a prelude to the enlisted B/N history. Pat Kear agreed to assist in this effort.

The next meeting will be held at 1100 on the 11th of September, 2001 at the Fleet Reserve home, Sanford, Florida. Ladies welcome. Chef Andy will again preside over the feast.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm and the wives joined some of the group who went to Gator Landing for lunch and to continue socializing.

Respectfully submitted for approval by Chuck Templin, Secretary/Treasurer.

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