

Minutes of the Naval Enlisted Bombardier Navigator Association (NEBNA) 8 September 2001

The fifth meeting of the enlisted Bombardier Navigators was held at the Sanford Fleet Reserve home on West First Street (SR-46) at 3:10 am on 8 September 2001. President John Bailey called those 13 members present to order. Names of those present and their spouses are listed at Annex A. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rich Martin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

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

The Secretary/Treasurer, Chuck Templin read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Chuck also reported the treasury has \$656 in a checking account. After generous donations by members, the account stands at \$706 as of the close of the meeting. A brief discussion ensued concerning the account and service charges, however it was decided to leave the account with Sun Trust, unless someone could come up with a better solution.

The History Chairman, Rick Skelly read part of a cover letter he had drafted for the Enlisted BN History. It was decided that we will also need supporting letters from those who were involved with Heavy Attack while the enlisted BN program was in place, especially those who attained flag rank. An effort must be made to locate the widows of the deceased members on our list as well as find addresses for those who are listed but not yet located. Some names on the list must still be "certified" by the membership committee as meeting the established criteria. Rick also reported the BIO sheets are not all in and a deadline was set of not later than 31 December 2001 for delinquent members to get their BIOs to Rick.

A plea was also made for members to retain all the memorabilia they still have for use in displaying the history of the enlisted BN. If members need to get such memorabilia out of the house, the Sanford Museum curator will be happy to accept such items on loan.

The annual NAS Sanford reunion was discussed. That has historically been sponsored by the Sanford Fleet Reserve, however they have ceased official sponsorship due to lack of necessary volunteers. It was suggested the NEBNA might sponsor the June 2002 reunion. This is an open item that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Don Pierce, Chairman of the Membership committee reported that we continue to receive responses to the call for all ex-enlisted B/Ns to check in. Most, however, are from C/N or P/Ns. The search for ex-enlisted B/Ns continues.

It was decided that we need a unique insignia to represent the group. A "design contest" will terminate at the next meeting with the selection of a winning design. No mention was made as to what the winner might receive, other than the satisfaction of having produced the selected design.

The next meeting will be held in Pensacola, Florida the 10th of November 2001. The host committee, Jim Lindt, "Pem" and Doris Pemberton will provide details in time to be published in the next meeting announcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Prior to the business meeting, all hands met at the Lake Monroe Park and enjoyed a great deal of socializing and "remembering when". This was topped off with a superb B-B-Que, created and served by our own Chef, Jim "Andy" Anderson. Our thanks and a great big WELL DONE to Andy.

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

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