# MINUTES

## 2008 FALL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## 11-13 SEPTEMBER 2008

## THE SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL

## NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

**THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER**

**The National Executive Committee met** in Brandon A&B at 1606 EDST and adjourned at 1712.

**The National President, CAPT Walter K. Steiner, USN (Ret), held a President's Reception** at the hotel which was preceded by a short tour of the Battleship Wisconsin.

**FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER**

**Past President's Breakfast** was held prior to the General Session.

**The 2008 Fall National Conference General Session was convened** at 0809 EDST by President Steiner in the Monticello Room of the hotel.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by CDR Aaron Bresnahan, USN.

**The Invocation was delivered** by CAPT David Woods, USNR (Ret).

**The National President made** opening remarks.

**The National President called** for the roll of District Delegates.

**The National Secretary announced** a quorum was present.

**The National President announced** that the Minutes from the 2008 Spring Conference and EXCOM had been posted.

**The National President called** for announcements from the floor.

**The National President announced** the need to elect officers to the Board of Directors for the Naval Reserve Fund. CAPT Lucille Weeks Mellish, NC, USNR (Ret) and RADM Casey W. Coane, USN (Ret) were nominated for reelection to a three year term. CAPT Douglas McDonald, SC, USNR (Ret) was nominated for election to a three year term. No other nominations were forwarded. **Motion made** to elect those nominated above. **Motion was seconded and carried.**

**The National President introduced** the National Executive Director, RADM Coane.

**RADM Coane presented** a brief on "The State of the Association." The presentation is contained as Attachment A.

**The National President introduced** LCDR Steven Rogers, National Vice President for Junior Officers.

**LCDR Rogers presented** a brief titled: The AUSN Story. Brief contained in Attachment B.

**The National President introduced** Mr Tom Whittles, Deputy Director of Fleet Intelligence at Naval Network Warfare Command.

**Mr. Tom Whittles made remarks.**

**The General Session recessed** at 0945. National committees and other committee meetings commenced throughout the hotel.

**Working buffet lunch was held** for conference attendees.

**National committees** and other committee continued with meetings throughout the hotel.

**Conference attendees were treated** to a dinner cruise on the American Rover. This cruise was sponsored by Gail Urso and her company, KMS Solutions, LLC.
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**SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

**The National President reconvened the General Session** at 0815 EDST..

**The National President welcomed** all attendees to the Naval Reserve Association's panel discussion on "Our Integrated Navy Reserve, What's Next?"

**The National President introduced** the moderator, RADM Stephen Oswald, USN (Ret). Attachment C is his biography.

**The moderator introduced** the panel consisting of:

VADM H. Denby Starling, II, USN
Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command
Biography Attachment D

VADM Melvin Williams, USN
Commander, Second Fleet
Biography Attachment E

VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USN
Chief of Navy Reserve
Biography Attachment F

RADM Wendi B. Carpenter, USN
Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command
Biography Attachment G

Force Master Chief Ronney Wright, USN
Force Master Chief of the Navy Reserve
Biography Attachment H

**Panel discussion ended** at 0950.

**Breakout sessions commenced** at 1000.

**Enlisted breakout session** with FORCM Wright was held in the Eppington Room.

**Officer Call** with VADM Debbink was held in Brandon A and B.

**Officer and enlisted RCSBP brief** was held in Brandon A and B.

**The Awards Luncheon commenced** at 1215.

**Invocation** by CAPT Loren Page, USNR (Ret).

**The National President recognized** the past National Presidents in attendance - CAPT Bob Bell, CAPT Ken Welch, and CDR Joe Quaglino.

**Presentation of Awards** by the National President. Award recipients were:

**The Kenneth Kalmbach Award**
Eleventh District

**The Captain A. Winfield Chapin Award**
Eleventh District

**National Award of Merit**
Captain John Farr, Jr., USN (Ret)
Captain James Diehl, USN (Ret)
Captain Susan Labhard, NC, USN

**National Meritorious Service Award**
HM1 Grant Blon, USN (Absent)
HM1 Lee Becker, USN
HM2 James McIntosh, USN

**The National President introduced** CDR Doyle Quisenberry who addressed the luncheon attendees about the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program.

**The National President reconvened** the General Session at 1400.

**The National President called** for the Credentials Committee report. CAPT James Diehl, USN (Ret) presented the report. He later revised the report to read a total of 339 delegate votes with 171 simple majority and 226 as 2/3 majority. The Association Voting Member Count and Total Vote Count are contained in Attachment I.

**List of Conference registrants** is provided in Attachment J.

**The National President called** for a quorum.

**The National Secretary performed** a roll call of the delegates. A quorum was announced.

**The National President called** for the approval of the minutes from the 2008 Spring Conference held in Hawaii. **Motion made** to accept minutes. **Motion seconded and carried.**

**The National President called** for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee report and any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE –** Report received from CAPT Harold Old, USNR (Ret).

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Committee stated certain submitted changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were administrative in nature and did not require a General Session vote. The changes are in Attachments K and L.
2. **The Committee placed** before the General Session a proposed change to Article IV of the Constitution regarding Membership. **Motion was made** to adopt changes. **Motion was seconded and carried.** Attachment M is the actual change approved by the General Session.
3. **The Committee placed** before the General Session a proposed change to Article B-VIII, B-8.03.13 of the By-Laws regarding the Audit Committee. **Motion was made** to adopt change. **Motion was seconded and carried.** Attachment N is the actual change approved by the General Session.
4. **The Committee placed** before the General Session a proposed change to Article B-IX of the By-Laws regarding Awards. **Motion was made** to adopt changes. **Motion seconded and carried by written District vote.** Attachment O is the actual change approved by the General Session.
5. **The Committee placed** before the General Session a proposed change to Article B-IX regarding the Lee Douglas Award. **Motion was made** to adopt change. **Motion seconded and carried.** Attachment P is the actual change approved by the General Session.

**The National President called** for the Budget and Finance report. Report made by CAPT Douglas H. McDonald, SC, USNR (Ret).

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY**

1 . The committee approved the B&F Committee minutes of the Spring 2008 meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii.
2. CAPT Loockerman reported that the Investment Oversight Committee had reviewed and approved the investment allocation method used during Fiscal Year 2008, and had directed that the same allocation method be used during Fiscal Year 2009.
3. CAPT Loockerman reported that the Association's Investment Portfolio had been segregated into three separate accounts, Equities ($2,738,583.29), Securities (2,776,192.80) and Cash ($300,000) as of August 31, 2008.
4. The committee received the Financial Status Report for August 31, 2008, presented by Mr. Bob Lyman.
5. The committee received a presentation from Mr. Dan Hodo, Russell Investments.

**The National President called** for the remaining committee reports. (Reports not in order presented.)

**ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAMS –** No report received.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE –** No appointed committee in session.

**AIR PROGRAMS -** No report received.

**ANCHORS COMMITTEE –** No report received.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE –** Presented by CAPT Larry R. Danielson, USNR (Ret) and report was received.

**SUMMARY:**

1. The following award recommendations were considered by the Committee and presented to the General Session:

NATIONAL AWARD OF MERIT
CAPT Loren H. Page, USNR (Ret)

**Motion made** for approval. **Motion seconded and carried.**

NATIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
CDR Lawrence M. Miller, MSC, USN

**Motion made** for approval. **Motion seconded and carried.**

**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS COUNCIL –** Report received from CAPT Lance Mauro, SC, USN.

**SUMMARY:**

1. The following topics were discussed: dormant or inactive Chapters, consolidation of Chapters, visit your local Senator or Congressman, Spring Conference attendance, shifting to one conference a year, EXCOM once a year at HQ, invite CAPT McAtee for Retirement Seminar, enlisted membership, Texas Chapter (8th District) has a CPO as President, CAPT Schultz overview of Retention Report, downward decline in membership, AUSN name change, HQ building will not be sold, exit strategy for you position/groom a candidate, staying in touch with your Chapters, AUSN Strategic and Transition Committee standup, and due dates for magazine articles.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS –** Report received from CDR Marian Cioe, NC, USN

**SUMMARY:**

1. TRICARE West representative, Joe Nortz, lead a discussion on TRICARE Reserve Select.
2. Presentation on Pacific Partnership 08 Humanitarian Mission aboard the USNS Mercy (TAH-20) was presented by CDR Cioe.
3. Viewed the video, An American Nurse At War.

**INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE –** No report received, investment report contained in Budget and Finance Committee report..

**JUNIOR OFFICER PROGRAMS –** No report received.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS –** No report received.

**LEGISLATION AND EDUCATION –** Joint report with Resolutions Committee.

**MEMBERSHIP –**No report received.

**MEMBER SERVICES -** No report received.

**POLICY COMMITTEE -** No report received.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –** Report received from CAPT William Emslie, USNR (Ret).

**SUMMARY:**

1. Discussed the implications of the name change to AUSN and how Professional Development plays a part. Consensus was that the AUSN should consider active and Reserve members as having many common needs that can be served by the Professional Development area.
2. Professional Development seminars can serve active and Reserve officer and enlisted populations in the common topics.
3. Professional Development seminars should, as practical, be held in conjunction with Association conferences. Conferences should be held at major fleet concentration centers. The next two seminars will be held in Fort Worth, 29 March 2009 and San Diego on 13 September 2009.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS –** No report received.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** – Report received from CAPT Mileva M. Hartman, USN (Ret).

**SUMMARY:**

1. A joint Resolutions Committee and Legislation and Education Committee meeting was held. Three resolutions were proposed:

   **Equitable Treatment for Navy Reservists Ordered to Active Duty.** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to amend existing legislation to extend eligibility for Navy Reservists who have served honorably, regardless of order type and further urges the Department of the Navy to modify its policies to ensure equitable treatment for all Navy Reservists ordered to active duty.
   **Motion made** to adopt resolution. **Motion seconded and carried.** Full resolution contained in Atachment Q.

   **Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) for Reserve Component Members**. The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to update legislation to authorize JPME II credit be awarded to Service members who have completed accredited service war college non-resident courses, retroactive to 1 January 2000.
   **Motion made** to adopt resolution. **Motion seconded and carried.** Full resolution contained in Atachment R.

**Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.** The Naval Reserve Association commends the CNGR for its detailed and thorough analysis of issues and open forums, and for the willingness of the Commissioners to participate in open and candid discussions. The Naval Reserve Association urges the Congress and Department of Defense to provide prompt and thorough consideration of the Commission's Report, seeking continuous inputs from stakeholders; including NRA, of the recommendations in the Commission's Report.
**Motion made** to adopt resolution. **Motion seconded and carried.** Full resolution contained in Atachment S.

2. Review of all resolutions will be part of the March 2009 Resolutions Committee agenda in Fort Worth.
3. The resolutions submission process can be found on the Association's website. Resolutions may be submitted at any time, but must be received NLT 30 days before the Committee convenes at any national conference.

**RETIRED PERSONNEL –** No report received.

**SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE –** Report received from CAPT William Emslie, USNR (Ret).

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Committee expressed concern with the rising cost of hotels for Association conferences. Competitive bidding process for hotel room rates recommended.
2. The Committee expressed concern with the cost to members who attend the two Association conferences each year. Convening one conference each year with an EXCOM replacing the second conference was recommended.
3. The concept of a cruise/conference was discussed and considered difficult to hold a conference on a cruise ship.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE –** No report received.

**STRATIGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – No r**eport received.

**SURFACE PROGRAMS –** No report received.

**TREASURER –** No report received.

**The National President called** for any new business.

**Motion made** to adopt the EXCOM's recommendation to change the name of the Association to the Association of the United States Navy. **Motion seconded. Discussion** followed. **Motion made to amend** by requiring the name change issue to be presented to the entire Association membership via a referendum administered by a third party. **Amended motion seconded. Motion ruled** not constitutional by National Parliamentarian. **Discussion reverted** back to original motion. **Motion made to amend** (original motion) by adding an effective name change date of 11 September 2010. **Motion seconded but not carried. Motion made to amend** (original motion) by adding an effective name change date of on or after the 2009 National Fall Conference. **Motion seconded and carried. . Motion as amended** remained on the floor without the question being called. **Motion**

**made to amend** to move the Association to do business as the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN). **Motion seconded. District balloting was conducted and the amendment carried. Adopted amendment** reads: "Move the Association to "do business as" the Association of the United States Navy." **Motion as amended** was voted and carried.

**The National President convened** National Elections.

**The Report and Recommendations of the Nomination Committee for National Elected Officers was passed** to the National President. Nomination Committee recommendations precede election results for each elected office.

**The National President** performed the "Reading of the Rules," provided an example and called for questions regarding the election procedures.

**Election** proceedings began.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT G. Mark Hardy, III, USN for National President. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT G. Mark Hardy, III, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT Lance R. Mauro, SC, USN for National Vice President. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT Lance R. Mauro, SC, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT Larry Weill, USN for National VP–Surface Reserve Programs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT Larry Weill, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT John Farr, USN (Ret) for National VP–Air Reserve Programs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT John Farr, USN (Ret) elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT Douglas H. McDonald, SC, USNR (Ret) for National VP–Budget and Finance. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT Douglas McDonald, SC, USNR (Ret)** the National Vice President-Budget and Finance.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT Paul Denham, USN for National VP–Legislation and Education. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT Paul Denham, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT James J. Parker, USN for National VP–Membership. Three calls was made for nominations from the floor. No other nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT James J. Parker, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CDR Kevin C. Hayes, USN for National VP–Member Services. Three call was made for nominations from the floor. No other nominations from the floor. National President declared **CDR Kevin C. Hayes, USN elected by acclamation.**

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CAPT William Emslie, USNR (Ret) for National VP–Professional Development. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CAPT William Emslie, USNR (Ret) elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** had no nomination for National VP–Active Duty Programs. A nomination call was made from the floor. CDR Aaron G. Bresnahan, USN was nominated from the floor. Two additional calls were made for nominations from the floor. No other nominations from the floor. National President declared **CDR Aaron G. Bresnahan, USN elected by acclamation.**

**The Nomination Committee** nominated YNCS Ralph Hensley, USN for National VP–Enlisted Programs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **YNCS Ralph Hensley, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated LCDR Marc J. Soss, SC, USN for National VP–Legal Affairs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **LCDR Marc J. Soss, SC, USN elected by acclamation.**

**The Nomination Committee** nominated CDR Marian Cioe, NC, USN for National VP–Health Programs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **CDR Marian Cioe, NC, USN elected by acclamation**.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated LCDR David M. Bradley, USNR (Ret) for National VP– Retired Personnel. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **LCDR David M. Bradley, USNR (Ret) elected by acclamation.**

**The Nomination Committee** nominated LCDR Steven L. Rogers, USN, for National VP-Junior Officer Programs. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. National President declared **LCDR Steven Rogers, USN** the new National VP-Junior Officer Programs.

**The Nomination Committee** nominated DKCM Charles E. Bradley, USN (Ret) for National Treasurer. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. National President declared **DKCM Charles E. Bradley, USN (Ret) elected by acclamation**.

**The National President thanked** the Nominations Committee for their contributions to the National Elections.

**The National President made** a call for any unfinished business.

**The National President made** a call for any new business.

**A call** was made for announcements.

**The National President declared** the General Session adjourned at 1726.

**The Installation Formal Dinner Reception** began in the Riverwalk Room at 1800.

**Parading The Colors was preformed** by the NOB Norfolk Division of the U. S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps.

**The National President introduced** the head table consisting of RADM Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Steiner, CAPT Hardy and Mrs. Hardy.

**The National President introduced the guest speaker -** RADM David O. Anderson, USN, Vice Commander, U. S. Fleet Forces Command. Biography contained as Attachment T.

**Remarks by** RADM Anderson.

**Oath for newly elected National Officers** was administered by CAPT Steiner, outgoing National President.

**The new National President, CAPT G. Mark Hardy,III, USN, made** closing remarks.

Respectfully submitted:

Casey W. Coane
RADM, USN (Ret)
National Secretary

Attachments:
- A - The State of the Association Briefing Slides
- B - The AUSN Story
- C - RADM Stephen Oswald, USN (Ret) biography.
- D - VADM H. Denby Starling, II, USN biography
- E - VADM Melvin Williams, USN biography
- F - VADM Dirk J. Debbink, USN biography
- G - RADM Wendi B. Carpenter, USN biography
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- K - Constitution Change to Articles III and IV
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- O - By Laws Change to Article B-IX, B-9.02.2 and B-9.02.3
- P - By Laws Change to Article IX, B-9.02.10
- Q - Resolution - Equitable Treatment for navy Reservists Ordered to Active Duty
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- T - RADM David O. Anderson, USN biography