

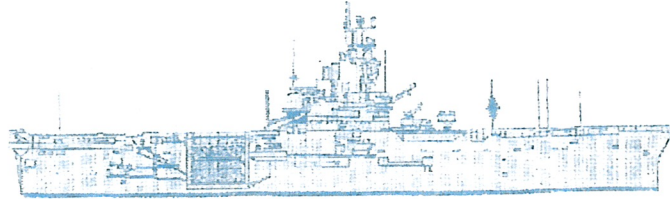
## USS IWO JIMA CLASS ASSOCIATION

### Board of Director's Meeting

September 14, 2010

Nashville, TN

USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2/LHD 7)  
USS OKINAWA (LPH 3)  
USS GUADALCANAL (LPH 7)  
USS GUAM (LPH 9)  
USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10)  
USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11)



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 NASHVILLE, TN.**

**ROLL CALL- (Board Officers)** Floyd Wilson, Ron Townzen, Jim Metts, Jim McElravy  
(Board of Directors) Dennis Higerd, Jose Enriquez, Joe Brown, Steve Pulkowski, Jim Metts.  
(Ship's Representatives) Wayne Rice, Dick Hamann, Steve Johnson  
(Note: Some positions of Board of Directors & Ship's Representative are held by the same person.)

**Not Available:** Jim Gee, Dick Wiltsie

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the Board Meeting held March 6, 2010 was reviewed. No corrections were required and a motion was made and seconded. The motion carried to accept the minutes as read. Secretary outlined the changes which have been made to the Dues Payment program and how the monies received were reported for dues, reunion fees and donations. He recapped how the payment of dues for a 3 year period impacted our annual revenue, whereas, we were spending monies received today and spent today would not be available in coming years. He is going to reduce the income of dues to 2 years in lieu of 3 years. This process would begin immediately at beginning of fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010. Ship's Storekeeper gave an outline of his new order form and presented a financial report.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jim Metts presented a Treasure's Report and explained how changes to the income and control of monies was more efficient since the March meeting. He submitted a financial report. A motion was made by Jim Metts and seconded by Jose Enriquez to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Copy of Treasure's Report is attached.

**Reunion Coordinator** - Jim McElravy reported that the reunion was moving along ahead of schedule. He suggests that the Reunion Registration form and other information needs to be changed to reduce the language and cut paperwork where necessary. These changes would be made prior to the next reunion mailing. In behalf of the Secretary and Reunion Coordinator he submitted a 2011 proposed budget outlining the known requirements of supplies and services to continue association business. The Board showed their support and the coordinator would present the budget for approval during the Annual Meeting which would be held on later in the week. A motion was made to approve the budget by Dennis Higerd and seconded by Joe Brown. **Motion carried.** Copy of Budget attached.



**Association President's Report-** Floyd Wilson reported on the status of communication's between those of us on the Board of Director's and the former Reunion Coordinator and his attorney. He explained about the amount of angry email traffic that had gone on after the resignation of the former (RC) and the demands. The follow-up of letters from his attorney forced us to contact an attorney to represent the Association. The association's attorney told us (meaning all BOD members) to immediately not to have any communications with the former (RC and attorney). After a lengthy discussion on this matter, Floyd then reported that in his estimation the forthcoming reunion appeared to be on tract and going well

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- ❖ **Expenses-** Secretary's and Treasure's Report covered this.
- ❖ **Association Treasure's function at reunions-** The treasure will receive all monies received at reunion in a sealed envelope counted and signed by (2) two people. Treasure will issue all checks for services rendered.
- ❖ **Silent Auctions-** Silent auctions will be discontinued for awhile.
- ❖ **Memorabilia at reunions-** Due to pass concern of other Class ship's in the association, it was decided to reduce the number of memorabilia tables from 40 to 18, therefore allowing 3 tables per ship.
- ❖ **Signs at reunion-** There will be more signage beginning this reunion. There will be a display board showing who all the current BOD, Ship's Rep's and BOD Officers. There will also be display signs of interest for all with information and etc.
- ❖ **Attitude at sign-in table and in doorways and hallways.** - Those who would be assigned to do the Check-in reception area have been asked to be cheerful, and helpful in as/where as possible.
- ❖ Signs at Check-in Table, agenda, pictures of Ship's Reps, BOD member (See above two questions and answers.
- ❖ **Calendars for donations-** The printing costs of these calendars is not cheap, and there is no way this current RC can see the expected income. This program will be discontinued for awhile.
- ❖ **Site selections for future reunions-** 2014 does not have a site selection as of yet. In the turmoil of what has recently happened, there is no contract available for that year. Several locations were mentioned that have said they would be delighted to have us come to their sites for our reunion which had previously been turned down by former (RC). The BOD decided that these three sites be proposed at the Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Branson, Colorado Springs.
- ❖ **Certificates** - President Wilson and current Secretary/RC have felt that way to many certificates have been issued in the past before, during and after reunions. Along with Certificates, frames can also be costly, therefore number of frames will be reduced.
- ❖ **Counting money collected for Tour Guides & Bus Drivers** - The counting of money received from association members on tours will be stopped immediately. A envelope or two depending upon number of buses or vans will be given to a responsible person going on that tour who will pass the envelope around and when returned will be sealed and handed to the tour guide or bus driver.
- ❖ **Code of Conduct at reunion, inappropriate behavior, off-color jokes & story's-** This situation has been addressed to try and correct some problem areas which we have had in the past. It goes without saying that it is difficult to know when these situations may happen, but the Master at Arms and the BOD members must try to quell any of these as they happen.

## **NEW BUSINESS**


- **Change Date of Annual Board of Directors Meeting** - The Annual Board meeting will be changed to the Tuesday prior to Reunion commencement date. This requires change in By-laws.
- **Amend By-laws** - Steve Pulkowski reviewed the bylaws with the BOD and there are several recommended changes to be made. Note: BOD will be reduced by 2 (two) members 9 to 7.
- **Election of Board Members-** There are 2 (two) board members who will be replaced at this coming Annual meeting. Joe E. Brown and Jim Gee will be replaced. The nominating committee has recommended these two gentlemen as replacements. Jerry Hawkins and Donald Young. These names will be submitted for vote by the members. The ballot will also a nomination(s) from the floor. These nominations will come from the USS IWO JIMA only. Dennis Higerd has decided to stay on the BOD for 1 more year. (USS NEW ORLEANS) Dick Hamann (USS GUAM) will come on the BOD for a 3 year term. Ron Townzen will commence a 3 year term as a BOD member. Steve Pulkowski will become the Vice-President as of October 1, 2010.

- **Fund Raising-** Steve Johnson (USS TRIPOLI) has introduced an idea for a fund raiser. He has obtained pictures of each ship and has made a specially processed plaque showing each ship on its own plaque. They will be displayed at this reunion and also available "for sale." Suggested that Steve post these to the WEB site and place ad in the "Newsletter."
- **Posting "Approved" minutes of BOD/Annual Meeting on Web site:** Secretary/RC will begin sending all the BOD/Annual Meeting minutes to WEB master sometime after Oct. 1, 2010
- **Email-** Secretary was concerned about some BOD members not responding to questions concerning association business in a timely manner or not responding at all. When requests are made via Email for minutes or bylaws approval and other items , it reduces the time spent at BOD meetings. Secretary requests you give these requests some priority.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Respectively submitted,

  
James R. McElravy  
Secretary