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Minutes of the 1989 Business Meeting

Seawolf Association Goals

- Find more Wolves.
- Make the Seawolf Story known.

Dues

The yearly membership charge of \$20 will remain in effect. Our calendar year runs from June 1st to the following June. New members joining after December 1st will be credited with the current year and the next year. A point of clarification: The six month grace will apply to new members only.

Membership fee statements will be mailed separately apart from the newsletter. If you have not remitted your 1989 membership, it is now due. The date on the address label for this newsletter indicates when your dues are paid to. No date -- non-member or honorary member. If you disagree with this, let Howard know.

Please send \$20.00 to:

Seawolf (HAL-3) Association
c/o Howard Jacobs
105 E Liberty St
Girard, OH 44420

Life Membership

Rich Lambert volunteered to organize and investigate this area. He will have a proposal for us to review in subsequent newsletters.

1991 San Diego Reunion

It was decided that the Association should have a reunion every two years. San Diego was selected as the next site and Rich Hargis volunteered to be the on site reunion coordinator with Marty Twite volunteering to assist.

Election of Officers

- President -- Tom Thalmann
- Vice President -- Tom Olby
- Treasurer -- Howard Jacobs
- Historian -- Don Thomson
- News Letter -- Dan Calvert
- SeaWolf Story -- Sam Goodwin
- Facilitator/Membership -- Rich Stanger & Dan Smiley
- Regional Reps -- Abolished
- State Reps -- New positions waiting for volunteers

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I've watched this organization grow from one to its present size. It has been a lot of hard work, but the rewards have been substantial. Look at the faces at the reunion, the aircraft at the Naval Air Museum. We've made it happen!

The size and enthusiasm at the Pensacola reunion was a pleasant surprise. I personally want to thank Con Jaburg and the Pensacola crew for their substantial efforts.

What's ahead. If we continue to grow at the same rate as we have we could have 1,100 members by 1991. The reunion could double or triple in size. This organization has grown beyond the point where one guy, me, can handle it. We have a good crew working for us. Let's make it happen.

How can I describe the Pensacola Seawolf reunion, I've asked myself that ever since my return. An outstanding time: a hundred pound shrimp cocktail; good friends; a Seawolf Gunship in the Naval Air Museum; Admiral Zumwalt's speech; bringing 150 Wolves together.

If you were unable to attend or like me was too busy to take it all in, the Reunion booklet will be available as will video tapes. More about this later.

WILL THE SEAWOLF FLY AGAIN?

Is this:

- A delightful illusion
- An interesting idea
- An adventure
- Ridiculous
- No Way

Well if your answer was Ridiculous or No Way, skip the next few paragraphs. If not read on. While at the EAA, Experimental Aircraft Association, Museum in Oshkosh Wisconsin I happened to see a movie on War Birds. War Birds are privately owned retired military aircraft.



As I left the museum with my mind in the clouds one thought kept returning to my mind -- could Seawolf Fly Again? What if the Seawolf Association or a separate group of us had a Huey Gunship, with inoperative weapons, that could be flown to air shows and other events? This is already being done with WWII aircraft by a group called the Confederate Air Force of America.

It would be a lot of fun. It would promote the Seawolf Story. It would be expensive.

Give this some thought, because if you are not ready for the rocking chair and might like a little adventure in your life, than this has possibilities. Call Tom Thalmann at 715-526-9591 evenings. We've done crazy things before!

REUNION STATISTICS

- > Aprox. 150 Wolves and their families attended
- > The Banquet Dinner served to 280 persons.
- > We occupied aprox. 150 rooms.
- > We literally drank the bar dry
- > We killed off 100# of shrimp
- > Some of us survived for 3 days without sleep
- > Only one person wound up in the slammer.

SUPER SEAWOLF AWARD was presented for the first time by Charlie Borgstrom. This will be a traveling award that will be passed at each reunion. This award, dedicated to the memory of our departed Seawolf shipmates is given to those of our Shipmates and friends who have epitomized the virtues of Duty, Honor, Country in serving the Seawolf (HAL-3) Association. For efforts expended in organizing the Kansas City Seawolf Reunion the award was presented to Tom Thalmann and Don Thomson. The colorful award will be a prize to share at future reunions.

SEAWOLF BUMPER STICKERS to the rescue. A true to life story about a lost Naval Aviator from Coronado California. Having departed the Pensacola airport this Naval Aviator forgot to write the reunion coordinates on the windscreen. Flying by dead reckoning this lost aviator eyeballed a Seawolf bumper sticker on another craft and followed to reunion.

From the Editor's Desk

Challenge

I would like to propose a contest to see which member can locate the most lost Wolves. Although I do not have a specific incentive in mind, perhaps some of you have some ideas. Air fare to the next reunion? Lodging & meals at the reunion? Cash? Let's have some input from the field.

PAO's, Request For

In the interest of constantly improving the quality of this news letter, I would like to solicit volunteers to serve as "Detachment PAO's". This might be done by region or by Detachment. It would be the responsibility of the "field reporters" to submit newsworthy items for inclusion in this publication. An amusing anecdote from time spent in country, the finding of a lost Seawolf, or the passing of a shipmate are the types of news that should be reported. It is my intention to publish the WolfGram at least quarterly with some degree of flexibility. Of course, since this is not my full time job, it would be virtually impossible to keep this pack of wolves informed without input from the field. If you can and are willing to help in this area, please let me know.

Rosters

Due to the high postage costs, I intend to mail out the roster only once a year in October or November with the fourth quarter newsletter. Only those whose dues are paid for the year will be receiving one. However, I will be glad to provide specilized services such as mailing labels for all personnel from a particular detachment or geographic region. The cost for these services will be a "donation" of from \$5.00 to \$10.00, to The Seawolf Association, depending on the services rendered. Individual names and addresses will be provided at any time.

In addition to publishing the WolfGram, I have undertaken the task of maintaining the SeaWolf Database, so please forward any changes of address or status to me. I will be enclosing a brief "fact sheet" with the next WolfGram. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me. Once we get the database updated, I will be able to get many kinds of cross referenced information out of it. All information will be handled in compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act and not be released without permission. I feel that at some point this information will be invaluable and perhaps will be donated to the Naval Archives. So far, Tom has done an exceptional job in establishing the database and updating the information, keeping it current.

Awards & Medals

There have been many requests for information pertaining to awards and medals. **Request Pertaining to Military Records, Standard Form 180 (Rev. 5-78)**, is the one to use. It contains all the pertinent poop on where to send it, what to ask for, etc. I have copies available and will be glad to furnish them upon request. Send S.A.S.E.

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Treasurer's Report

Well, another reunion has come and gone and it always seems to end too soon. It takes forever to get here, and when it does, it's gone.

Everything went well with no hitches. It was a little crazy at times but I guess it comes with the planning. I sure hope the new crew in San Diego knows what their getting themselves into!

I would like to thank all those who helped out in Pensacola. I know only a few names but a lot of faces so I won't mention any names because I may leave someone out. Those who helped really made it easier for the whole operation.

I am going to give it a go for another two years as treasurer, but I don't know if I will make it for another. We will see what happens in '91.

The only thing I want to express to all the members, if you send a check or money order to me, or to anyone for that matter because I end up with it anyway, please write on the check or money order what the money is for. It makes it easier for me to keep the totals in the proper category. There was some confusion on my part for this reunion on who was paying dues and who had sent money for dinners.

During the banquet I had a conversation with Admiral Zumwalt about the aircrew not being authorized to wear the combat aircrew insignia. He stated that he thought that we were authorized to wear the insignia and that he would see what he could do to get that authorization. I sure hope he can for all of us.

Well, enough of that babbling, here's the financial report that we've all been waiting for. See you in California in '91.

Howard Jacobs

REUNION 1989 PENSACOLA, FLA.

COLLECTIONS

Raffle	\$258.00
Dues	\$1,060.00
Registration	\$2,219.00
Sales	\$3,330.00
TOTAL	\$6,867.00

EXPENSES

Committee Expenses	\$4201.00 (Jaburg and Thompson)
Friday's party	\$396.00 (Liquor, setups, etc.)***
Banquet	\$4,092.00 (Deposit \$150- \$4242 tot.)
Zumwalt Expenses	\$1,044.00
Total	\$5,733.00
Balance after expenses	\$1,134.00
Total balance as of 7-29-89	\$6,654.00

All figures have been rounded off for this report.

*** money made at party paid for the bartenders, veg. trays, cooks, shrimp, sauce, and the boil for the shrimp. that total was \$473.00.

Flash Back

Our primary goal here in Vung Tau is to publicize the "Seawolf" reputation, but in order to do so, we need maximum cooperation from you Dets in the Delta and Rung Sat. We can only reap the rewards of Public Relations if the people, not directly involved with HA(L)-3, read about what we are accomplishing here. The information must come from the source, that's YOU.

If you are involved in a specifically successful action, call us here at headquarters giving us the particulars. We, in turn, will forward the information to NAVFORV PAO in order that fresh news can be utilized while it is still hot. At present, spotreps are the only source of information available to NAVFORV PAO. As you well know, there is a time lag between transmission and receipt. This can be overcome by a phone call.

Spotreps are often lacking in detail. A more complete description of any action is possible without sacrificing brevity. Remember, the most successful corporations are those who have an aggressive Public Relations Program. We as "Seawolves" are directly responsible for furthering a new concept in Naval Aviation, the Attack Helicopter. We must get the word out about all of our successes.

Those of you on detachments who received orders to HA(L)-3 dated on or prior to 1 April 1967 are eligible PLANKOWNERS. Anyone who desires an engraved, suitable for framing, plankowners certificate, may order one through PAO Vung Tau. The price is \$2.50. Det PAO's pass the word to your detachment and collect the money along with names spelled out as the individual would like engraved on his certificate. The names and money should be turned into LT GACHE on your next visit to headquarters.

One more brief note: Clear all PAO coverage through the home office. Recent news releases have been received at Vung Tau containing errors. Unfortunately, these have already been released without any routing through Vung Tau.

Excerpted from WolfGram #3, December 1967 -- LT Matty Gache

Memorabilia

Larry Augsberger has volunteered (or been drafted) to be in charge of Merchandising. Requests for Ball Caps, Patches, Books, Pins, etc., should be made known to him.

Larry Augsberger
345 Strathmore Rd
Havertown, PA 19083
Tel: (215) 446-7188

Rings

Barry Solomen called and asked if any Wolves would be interested in Seawolf Rings? If you are, call Barry at 803-649-7833. (Barry, Call Larry!)

Video Tapes & T-Shirts

Our distinguished VEEP, Tom Olby, has edited and assembled a full-length video tape of the Seawolf Reunions -- both 1987 and 1989. They are available for purchase for the paltry sum of \$20.00.

Additional T-Shirts (the blue ones from this year's reunion), are also available and can be purchased for \$12.00 each. Sizes are S, M, L & XL. Please have your checks to Tom NLT 30 September and indicate on the check what the money is for (see Howard's comments in re: this).

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In Memoriam.....

From time to time, we will publish the names of our fallen shipmates so that we do not forget them. If any of our readers have information that will help us fill in the blanks, please contact Dan Calvert or Tom Thalmann.

Last	First	Grade	Det	Died	Cause of Death
Baltch	"Butch"				Car Crash
Bartleson	Jerry	Po 3	68-69	1984	Motorcycle
Bazan	John			Det 8	
Brakeall	Bill	Ltjg	70-71		Air Crash
Burl	Lou	Lt	Det 4 71		Air Crash On Oil Rig
Guinn	Hal	Ltjg		1975	Air Crash
Hawkins	Husty				Motorcycle Accident
Holtzmaster	Dave	Amh-3	Binh Thuy	1975	Auto Acc
Innes	H.e.	Lcdr		1986	Cancer
Larson	Richard	LTjg	67-68		Hit & Run
Ludwig	Jack	Lt	Det 1		Mid Air
Mitchell	Donald	Ao 1	?	1985	Heart Attack
Mcgrath	"Chief"	Cpo			
Navrone	Peter	Lt	Det 4-2	1980	Air Crash
Nichols	R.D.	Cd	Xo 72		Cancer
Owsley	Dewey			1988	Suicide
Pinegar	Frank	LT		1981	Accute Asthma Attack
Ribolla	Tom	Lt	Det 4		Heart Attack
Rosado	Bob	Adj 2		1971	Car Accident 1st Day Home
Rowell	Rock	Lcdr	Det 3	1979	Auto Accident
Smith	Jeff	Ltjg	69-70	1976	Air Crash
Trosko	John			1986	Cancer

New Wolves

Submitted by Don Tomsen & Tom Thalmann

Don recently recieved a call from the Suhrs, parents of one of our brother Seawolves that was killed in action. They told him that their son has a widow and twin daughters living in Pensacola and asked to be included in our organization.

Tom received a letter from Jim Broyles indicating that he had met a Mr. Ed Ramon who claims to have been involved in training the first Seawolves.

The following is a list of "New Wolves" that have joined our ranks since the last Newsletter.

WELCOME ABOARD

Abbot, Rick	AMS-3	Koch, Frank	LT
Anderson, Harley	AMS-2	Krawczynski, Tom	
Andres, John	ADJ-3	Mahoney, Patrick	
Barnes, Bud	LTjg	Meneely, William	LTjg
Benish, Roger	AMH-1	✓ Moss, Tom	ENS
Bennett, William	AZ-2	✓ Mosser, Jim	LT
Black, H.D.		✓ Munson, Arthur	CAPT
Bogue, Phillip		✓ McCamy, W.	
Borquist, Bruce		✓ McKay, Lud	
Bower, Dave	AMS-2	✓ Nutter, Allen	
Brown, John		✓ O'Conner, Mike	
✓ Calhoun, William	LTjg	✓ O'Hearn, D.	
✓ Catone, Richard		✓ O'Neill, D.	
Chaffee, Richard	ASE-3	✓ Ogle, Terry	
Childress, Hugh	LCDR	✓ Osborne, Ken	LTjg
Clark, Art	LCDR	✓ Quarterman, John	LT
Connolly, John		✓ Ramon, Ed	
Cook, Jon		✓ Ray, David	AO
Deyo, Richard		✓ Refo, Ian	LTjg
Doonan, Glenn		✓ Riley, Michael	LTjg
Downing, Don	CDR	✓ Rundio, Pug	LTjg
Driscoll, Dave		✓ Rutledge, Richard	AE-2
✓ Duff, Bob	CDR	✓ Sadler, Rick	LTjg
Evans, James	AE-1	✓ Salomon, Barry	
Farlow, Mike	CDR	✓ Salvatore, Anthony	AMH-2
✓ Farrell, W. "Woo"		✓ Savage, Jim "Evil"	LCDR
Fechner, Russell		✓ Schieb, Hank	
Foster, Bernie		✓ Scott, R.T.	
Giorsetti, Jolt	LT	✓ Seeman, Henry	ADJ-3
Habicht, R.F.		✓ Soto, Octavio	LT
✓ Hargis, Rich	LCDR	✓ Stasica, Mike	
Harrington, John	AMSAN	✓ Steen, Morris	LTjg
✓ Harris, Tim		✓ Suhr, Mr & Mrs	
Harting, William	AMS-2	✓ Sullivan, Jo	LT
Hayes, Tom	LTjg	✓ Taylor, Ken	AMSC
Hilton, David	AE-2	✓ Tucker, Keith	
Howe, Michael	LT	✓ Valdespino, George	
Ianazzo, Dennis	Army	✓ Vhos, Glen	AMHC
King, Richard	AMS-2	✓ Waino, John	PH-1
		✓ Zajkowski, Stan	LTjg

Lost Wolves

by Dan Calvert

Occasionally, I find myself wondering what ever happened to old what's-his-name? That was particularly true at the reunion.

These names are some that I remember from the early pack of Wolves. What I would like to do is to include the names of all Seawolves in our list. There are, I suppose, individuals that wish to be left alone and we should respect that. However, we Seawolves are unique in the history of Naval Aviation and as such should keep track of our own.

As you read the names of these "Lost Wolves", take the time to jot down other names that come to mind and send them to me. We will publish them in the Newsletters. Perhaps someone will know their whereabouts and help us complete our roster.

Chris Cooney	Ed Hille
Len Waltersdorf	Jim Beam
Raleigh Smith	Phil Dobson
Steve Beguin	Mike Hammerngren
Jimmy Crank	Nick Press
Jackie Copeland	✓ Jimmy Glover
✓ Al Peloquin	Len Goza
Al Bacanskas	Jim Loughmiller
Gordy DeGraw	Joe Bouchard
Mike Jaccard	Paul Pfeimin
Roger Hulson	Ron Hipp
Roger MacPherson	Tom Driver
Chuck Sapp	Ed Wilson
Dave Zinger	✓ Charlie Gaussiran
✓ Chuck Oylar	Bill "Butcher" Barnes

HONORARY SEAWOLF

In April 1969 two Seawolf gunships were shot down in Cambodia. We plan to publish the details of this incident at a later date. Several Seawolves were rescued by Outlaw 21, (Army Aviation). The pilot of Outlaw 21, Dennis Inazzo, was awarded the Silver Star. We invited Dennis to the reunion and made him an Honorary Seawolf. Welcome aboard Dennis. Thanks for making the trip to Pensacola.

We will provide more on this story in the next newsletter.

Folklore

Origin of the SEAWOLF - Have you ever wondered about the origin of the Seawolf emblem? In some aviation literature I recently learned that our Seawolf was the result of a contest held when the Squadron was formed. Sounds reasonable, believable, right? According to Jack Bolton, one of the original wolves, Jack Curtin, is credited with preliminary drawing. Supposedly the wolf is a mutation of the emblem from the Coors logo. Frankly, it more closely resembles the Lowenbrau Lion then it does the Coors, but then after a few, they all blend together. What remains a mystery is where did the Coors beer can come from? All we had was Ballantines, Black Label, or Pabst! But then again, the Seawolves were renowned for their resourcefulness.

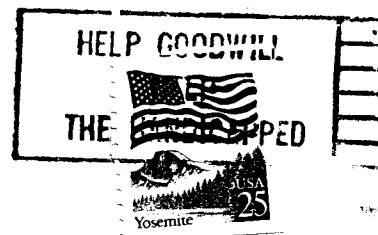
Sources -- Tom Thalmann, Jack Bolton & Dan Calvert

BRAVO - ZULU

A word of special thanks and appreciation to Con Jaburg for heading up the Reunion Coordination Committee. Without a doubt, the success of the reunion is attributable to his efforts. Of course he did not do it all alone, there were many other personnel behind the scenes making things happen and ensuring that everything was in place and on schedule.

To all the volunteers, the staff, and especially Con, a hearty **WELL DONE** and sincerest thanks from all that attended.

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