

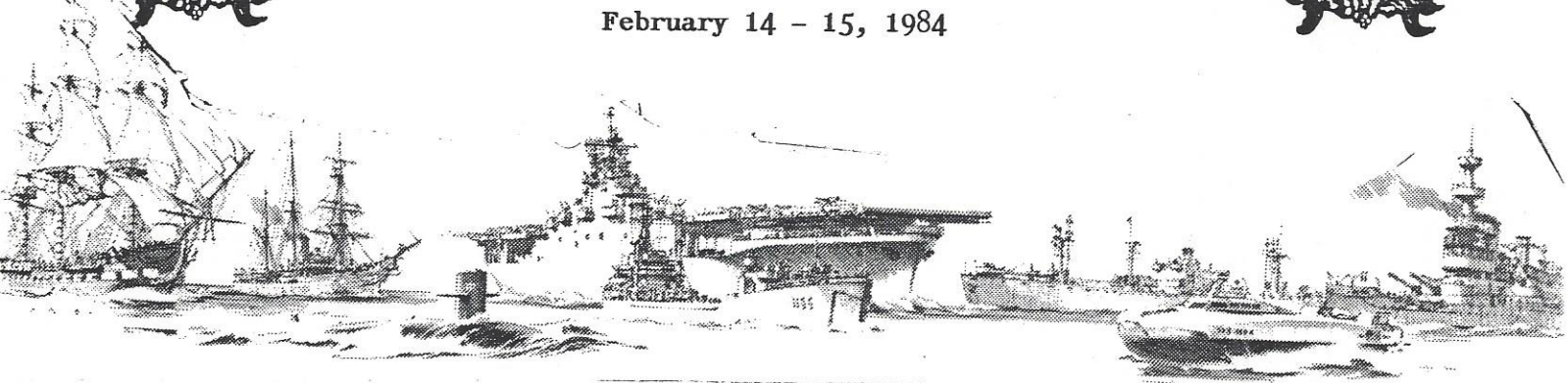
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THE ANCHOR WATCH

1984 Executive Committee Planning Meeting
Annapolis, Maryland
February 14 - 15, 1984



MINUTES

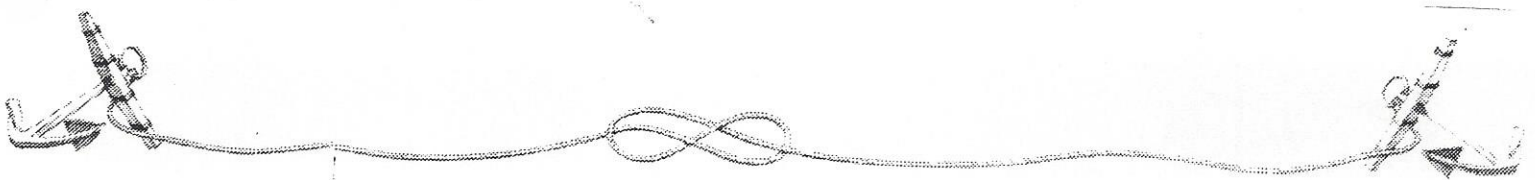
1315--Meeting convened by President Paul Vaites (USS Massachussets). Present for the first meeting were:

- Paul Vaites--President--Ex. Vice President Battleship Massachussets Mem.Comm.
- Len Schmidt--Vice President--U.S. Frigate Constellation
- Richard Beck--Sec/Treas.--Ex. Dir. Buffalo Naval & Servicemen's Park
- CAPT Frank Conlon (USN Ret.)--Director, USS North Carolina Battleship Comm.
- William Caviston
- Mrs. Bertha Johnson--Cruiser Olympia Association
- Henry Schechter
- Malcom Schuman--Director USS Kidd
- Dan Derbes-- USS Kidd
- Capt. James Lazer (USN Ret.) -- Patriots Point (USS Yorktown)
- Capt. Henry Vadnais, USN -- Head, Curator Branch, Naval Historical Center
- Cdr. Robert P. Brewer (USN Ret.)-- Ex. Secretary

Guests:

- Robert Morin, President, Chamber of Commerce, County of Muskegon
- Richard Maher--Adm. Asst. Board of Commissioners, County of Muskegon

In his opening remarks, President Vaites suggested that the subject of planning for the forthcoming annual meeting in June in Baton Rouge be considered as an early agenda item to permit full discussion of all aspects of the business



sessions scheduled for that meeting. He advised, with regret, of the inability of Harry Gooding, Bill Diffey, and Jerry Guerry to attend.

During the course of the meeting, two guests, representatives from the County of Muskegon, Michigan, Robert Morin, President, Chamber of Commerce, County of Muskegon, and Richard Maher, Administrative Assistant, were introduced by the President as seeking advice and counsel regarding a proposal under consideration by that community to acquire and exhibit the USS Newport News (CA-148). In the discussions which followed, it was felt that the various members were able to provide considerable information and guidance for this early phase of the project, and the guests were assured the wholehearted cooperation of the members of the Historic Ships Association as the undertaking progressed.

Dick Beck (Buffalo Servicemens Park), the Secretary/Treasurer, then submitted a report of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting which was held at the conclusion of the 1983 Annual Meeting in New York in April (copy attached as Encl. 1). One correction was made, to include the name of a former HINAS President, Harry Gooding, as one of those designated to receive honorary membership. The Secretary/Treasurer also read a financial report submitted by the Executive Secretary on the status of funds now held in the Historic Naval Ships Association account in Annapolis (copy attached as Encl. 2).

A motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report as corrected was made and approved.

There followed a discussion of planning aspects of the annual meeting, with the President first inquiring as to nature of subjects desired as topics for the several panel discussions envisioned. Captain Conlon, (USS North Carolina), observed that the subject of education appeared to be of less interest than others, and it was suggested that maintenance would be a more important subject, perhaps with a guest speaker from the Navy, such as NavSea. It was noted that the Navy usually made periodic inspections of the exhibit-vessels; such annual inspection apparently subject to regional policies. Also mentioned was the benefit to be obtained in insurance, and here was briefly noted the "package" offer provided by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It was evident, too, that considerable variations in requirements exist, as in respective states' laws, governing insurance, i.e. the definition of "ship" versus "structure."

Following further discussion, it was suggested that panel subjects and moderators might include: maintenance, insurance, security/safety, control of artifacts, public relations, and education, thus eliminating funds and grants.

Thereafter, it was determined that a time-period allotment of 1½ hours would be accorded each subject, to include a 1-hour presentation and a 15-minute question-and-answer session.

After discussion, it was decided that the following subjects, with the respective moderators, would include: Maintenance/Dick Beck (Intrepid); Insurance/Henry Schechter (Olympia); Control of Artifacts/Len Schmidt (Constellation);

Public Relations/Jerry Guerry (Yorktown); Education/Paul Vaitses (Massachusetts). The panel moderators will determine their needs for guest speakers and/or panelists drawn from the membership.

In his detailed report of planning items, Dan Derbes of the Kidd advised that registration fees are set at \$150.00 per delegate and \$50.00 per spouse. Hotel rates, at the Capital House Hotel will be \$56.00/double; \$48.00/single. The Kidd staff will make arrangements for room reservations. Fifty rooms are being reserved by the Kidd. Suggested mailing address during the meeting is: C/O USS Kidd, P.O. Box 44242, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. Airline transportation into Baton Rouge may be had on Delta, Republic and Continental. If arrival is planned for Sunday, June 24, it is suggested that you schedule your arrival early in the day. It is also strongly recommended that travel arrangements be accomplished early in view of the heavier-than-normal passenger traffic occasioned by the Worlds Fair.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Cdr. Bob Brewer discovered that a considerable variation may exist between airline fares for Sunday compared to the supersaver rates which may prevail on Saturday. Members may wish to check this aspect and possibly elect to travel on Saturday to gain a possible savings of almost one-half the Sunday fare. Dan Derbes of the Kidd affirms that he will be able to change hotel reservations if changes are received reasonably early.

(For purposes of continuity, additional planning aspects discussed on Wednesday, are inserted here.)

Captain Conlon (USS North Carolina) suggested members might consider extending invitations to certain VIPs to attend the meeting to observe and become aware of the beneficial results of such meetings.

Kidd staff will explore possibilities of a special guest speaker for the final banquet. It was also decided that an invitation/registration packet would be sent to past presidents. It was suggested by the Kidd staff that when individuals submit their registration fee/reservations (a 30-day cutoff time for reservations is required) that they might also include payment of the \$18.00-per-individual cost of ticket to the Worlds Fair.

(Attached hereto as Encl. 3 is a chart of tentative planning details presently scheduled for the Baton Rouge meeting; final details, of course, will be provided later by the host staff.)

Thereafter discussed was the development of an appropriate format for a report form to be distributed to member ships in order to obtain more useful operational data for sharing. A copy of the form so developed is attached hereto (Encl. 4), along with the request for members to provide (on a calendar-vice-fiscal year basis) their inputs which, incorporated with all other reports, should provide highly useful information regarding these significant areas of operations. Members are requested to submit their first (1983) reports by 1 May 1984 to permit completion of a combined report for presentation at the Baton Rouge meeting (it is suggested that the respective ships may wish to photocopy the form (Encl. 4) for use in subsequent reports. Comments, of course, are invited regarding this effort.

Bill Caviston (Olympia) advised that, following discussions concerning appropriate timing for recognition of Cdr. Bud Bowler on occasion of his retirement from the U. S. Naval Institute on 1 September 1984, the occasion of the annual meeting would be most appropriate, and there now appears a good chance that Bud's own USNI schedule will enable him to attend the Baton Rouge meeting. At this time it is envisioned that a plaque, suitably engraved with a tribute to Bud's long-time strong support for HINAS, presented at this gathering of his friends and colleagues, will acknowledge that very special relationship of nearly a quarter-century.

The President also offered the reminder that advisories of submission of annual dues will be distributed shortly to members.

Bertha Johnson, of the Olympia, noted receipt of a request from Bobbie (Mrs. I. D.) Auld, for reimbursement for recording/transcription of minutes of the (1981) annual meeting in Charleston. It was decided that the Executive Secretary would contact Ms. Auld and resolve the matter, of \$100.00.

During the general discussion which followed, a generally favorable, composite report was provided by several members on the successful use of "Vision Quest" project labor units employed on several ships.

During the Wednesday meeting session, planning discussion for the Baton Rouge meeting continued; the President expressed his approval of the HINAS newsletter upon its first appearance. Cdr. Bob Brewer, Executive Secretary, presented for consideration a description of the USS Gambier Bay Heritage Foundation, an

organization of survivors of that WW II carrier whose special qualities of dynamic patriotism set it apart, uniquely, from familiar reunion groups, and, he suggested, might well qualify the Heritage Foundation for consideration for honorary membership in HINAS. Following a discussion, it was suggested that Cdr. Brewer obtain a copy of the Heritage Foundation's Charter, and, if it appeared appropriate, to extend an invitation to that Foundation to have a representative(s) attend the Baton Rouge meeting to become more aware of HINAS, of which, Cdr. Brewer advised, they likely knew little or nothing.

Captain Henry Vadnais (Naval Historical Center) then advised that the USS Barrie (DD-933) a Forrest Sherman-class destroyer, was now on display at the Washington Navy Yard (Commander Naval District, Washington) under an ACDO commander who is O-in-C, with additional NCO rates, was open seven days a week, 9-4:00 weekdays/1000-4:00 Saturday-Sunday.

Captain Conlon (USS North Carolina) then described the planning factors now underway to create an artifact display for the approach area leading to the ship, and he requested comments concerning aspects of exhibition, location and presentation of this new facet of the North Carolina operation.

Captain Vadnais advised that impending reactivation of the USS Missouri (BB-63) had made available several hundred bunk bottoms. He noted too the unusual "time capsule" quality of the mothballed dental department equipment which had generated considerable interest for its historical/museum significance. The reactivation of the Missouri, he pointed out, suggested the possibility of considerable historical material becoming available, and he promised to keep the members advised of further developments.

The 1984 planning meeting then adjourned at 11:30.

JUNE 24

JUNE 25

JUNE 26

JUNE 27

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY
(Business Session)

WEDNESDAY

TRAVEL

NEW ORLEANS
WORLD FAIR
ALL DAY

Via 40-passenger
busses.

Individuals
purchase own
entrance tickets
(\$18.00 ea.)

Business Session

0830-1000
1000-1:00 (Gov. mansion tour)
1:30-2:30
2:45-4:00

Tour activities

1000-1100 Coffee at Gov. mans.
for ladies

1100-1200 State Capital

1200-2:30 Lunch at Mt. Hope

2:30-4:30 Rural life museum
(no children 12 yrs.
or under)

Visit new & old state capital.
OPEN

8:00 Banquet

0830-1000

1030-1200

1200-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30

3:00-4:30

Tour Activities

1:00 - 4:00 - WALKING

TOUR OF BATON ROUGE,

LASC, OLD CAPITAL,

CATFISH TOWN, KIDD,

OLD MANSION

6:00-7:00 - WINE

ON KIDD

7:00 - BUFFET

WITH JAZZ BAND

ON THE SAMUEL

CLEMENS (Cash bar)

6:00 - COCKTAILS

REGISTRATION

7:30 ~~REGISTRATION~~
(Hospitality Suite)

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Financial Statement 12/30/83

Initial turnover deposit 4/14/83

HINAS tress. bal. check:	\$2,106.15	
Natl. Mar.Assoc check	100.00	
Chk. for NY dinner exp.	<u>44.00</u>	
Total deposit:	2,250.15	\$2,250.15


Expenses:

Bank chg. for checkbook:	\$25.08
Checks:	
#101 (CapKnight plaq)	227.22
#102 (Adm.Newell exp)	112.50
#103 (charter renew)	100.00
Total expenses:	<u>464.80</u>
	\$ 464.80

Balance 12/30/83:...../ \$1785.35

Submitted: 2/14/84

Signed:


Robert P. Brewer
Exdcutive Secretary