

Viking SENSO Association
2027 Reunion Committee Meeting Minutes
02/07/2026

Call to Order

- The VSA Reunion Committee Chairman, Scott McCollum called the meeting to order at 12:00 Eastern Time.
- In attendance were Scott McCollum, Greg Bules, Brett Robinette, Karen Maule, Mark Hall, Frank Vigil, Bob Lewis, Jorge Rodriguez, Marty Nielsen, and Mark Hendricks. Absent were Randy Tyle, Blair Smith, and Scott Murdock.

Prior Meeting Minutes

- None to report.

Old Business

- Scott asked Mark Hall to look at the National Naval Aviation Museum approved catering list and select the top three for us to consider for our event there.

New Business

- Scott discussed the committee's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Zoom call meetings.
- Roll call will be taken at each meeting.
- Agenda will be published at least five days prior to the reunion committee meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be published via email and Facebook within seven days of the reunion committee meeting.
- Scott discussed the VSA Bylaws, and the amended changes the VSA Board is implementing.
- Scott discussed the tentative reunion core event itinerary.
- VSA Reunion Committee Chairman vision:
 - Lodging should be Homeplate, which can provide up to 65 rooms, has a large banquet room and meeting rooms, a restaurant and bar, and can host our events.
 - Two hotels that meet our requirements and we are exploring further are the Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Airport/Medical Center, and the Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach.
 - Wednesday, April 21, travel day with evening Welcome Reception Social at the hotel.

- Thursday, April 22:
 - Blue Angels Practice Day (optional event)
 - Visit AW “A” and Aircrew Candidate School for plaque presentation, tour, and briefing.
 - SENSO Luncheon social afterward on NAS Pensacola.
 - Evening activities at leisure for individual squadron or small group events.
- Friday, April 23:
 - National Naval Aviation Museum Plaque Presentation and wreath ceremony, followed by catered lunch.
 - Evening activities at leisure for individual squadron or small group events.
- Saturday, April 24:
 - Open day to explore Pensacola and give ceremonial wreath to the sea.
 - Dinner banquet at the hotel.
- Sunday, April 25:
 - Farewell breakfast at the hotel.
 - FINEX and RTB.
- Viking SENSO Special Recognition Presentations are being planned.
- VSA Web Page Currency/Updates – Home “What’s New”, About Us, Reunion pages have been updated.
- Special reunion patches/memorabilia/challenge coins are being planned.
- Marty is ordering 50 of the red S-3B patches for sale and distribution.
- **Action Items:**
 - Trustee/Program Manager/Committee member reports – as needed.
 - Explore hotel options offering group rates, blocked rooms, and spaces to support VSA Reunion events – Bules, McCollum.
 - Schedule appointments as necessary to support Pensacola site survey – Bules, McCollum.
 - Update VSA Web Page – Murdock - completed.
 - Secretary to maintain VSA POC List - Hendricks (Smith provides monthly membership updates to Secretary). Currently 95 members, 53 associate members, and 57 Life members.
 - Monthly financial report produced by Treasurer – Smith provides monthly fundraising status to Treasurer. Currently \$4,677.58 on hand.
 - Memorial Activities PM to maintain Wreath Ceremony master list – Robinette.
 - (2027 – Kevin Noonan, Jerry Walters, Jim “Clem” Mullins, Mike Farmer).

- Investigate National Naval Aviation Museum Approved Caterers and recommend top three choices to committee for final selection – Hall.
- Calendar:
 - Next Zoom call meeting – 1200 EST 14 March.
 - Pensacola site survey 31 Mar-3 April (Bules, McCollum).
 - 2027 Reunion dates: April 21 (Wednesday travel day - arrive), 22, 23, 24, 25 (Sunday travel day - depart).
 - Mike Farmer memorial event in Jax, March 6, 2026.
 - Memorial service at Cecil Field Chapel at 11:00, Jacksonville National Cemetery Ceremony at 14:00, must arrive by 13:30. (Bules, McCollum, Hendricks, Neilsen, Smith, Vigil to attend)

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:57.

Minutes approved by:

Scott McCollum

Director, Reunion Committee, Viking SENSO Association