

**Viking SENSO Association**  
**Reunion Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**04/11/2026**

**Call to Order**

- The VSA Reunion Committee Ad Hoc Director, Scott McCollum, called the meeting to order at 12:00 Eastern Time.
- In attendance were Scott McCollum, Greg Bules, Brett Robinette, Karen Maule, Blair Smith, Frank Vigil, Bob Lewis, Mark Hall, and Mark Hendricks.
- The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

**Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

- The Reunion Committee Meeting Minutes of 3/14/2026, were published and received no comments.
- The Reunion Committee posted a 2027 reunion survey and received positive results.

**Old Business**

- The Special Reunion patches/memorabilia/challenge coins were discussed.
  - Brett Robinette volunteered to be the Point of Contact (POC) for developing the reunion patch.
    - The patch has been designed based on the current VSA logo.
    - The discussion on the patch and reunion years as scrolls underneath for each reunion.
    - A discussion on whether the patches should be sold or included in the goody bag for all reunion attendees was conducted.
    - It was approved to give out in reunion goody bags and for sale for those not attending who wish to buy. Cost will be discussed at a later date.
  - Mark Hendricks designed and elicited approval from the Board of Directors for the reunion challenge coins.
    - The coins were ordered from All About Challenge Coins on 3/31/2026, and are currently in production and are planned to be shipped on 4/29/2026.
    - The initial order is for 300 coins.
    - A discussion on whether the coins should be sold or included in the goody bag for all reunion attendees was conducted.

- Coins will be included in the reunion goody bag and sold at \$10.00 per coin for those who want one and cannot attend the reunion. The Committee approved of the cost.
- Viking SENSO Memorial Plaque/Special Recognition Presentations. Need Board approval to procure memorial plaque presentation gifts.
- VSA member survey to obtain reunion attendee numbers. Survey results indicate 60 members will attend and another 17 may attend. Spouse/guest numbers are incomplete (14) at this time, as Facebook survey question did not include spouses.
- The site survey regarding the NAS Pensacola CPO Club was conducted.

## **New Business**

- Review Pensacola site survey results:
  - Host hotel – Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach and Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Airport/Medical Center.
    - HIR provided an outstanding example and nice features to serve as host hotel of the reunion. \$199.00/night on the Sound side. \$224.00/night on Gulf side.
    - HGI provided a less than stellar example of serving our members as host reunion hotel. \$139.00/night.
    - Scott recommended that the reunion be held at the HIR. A vote was taken and approved to hold the reunion at the Holiday Inn Resort.
  - National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) for plaque dedication, wreath ceremony, and catered lunch, plus adding Aircrew Wings to front of museum building.
    - S-3 photo, dedication ceremony, wreath event and luncheon.
    - NNAM has everything we need to hold our ceremonies.
    - We would have to perform the setup and operate the equipment.
    - A \$250 service fee is required at booking.
    - 1230 for group photo with S-3, 1300 to 1400 for the plaque dedication and wreath ceremony, and 1400 to 1500 for the catered luncheon including equipment breakdown to be out of the museum by 1600.
    - Catering can be done through the list of the catering companies on the museum catering form that may include a Sonny's BBQ style of simple catering.
    - Scott and Greg spoke to the Museum Director regarding having Aircrew Wings put on the exterior front building wall. The discussion was not received favorably for that issue.

- Scott and Greg also spoke about a Viking SENSO plaque for the museum's Legacy Wall and the aircrew wing issue with the President and CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Rear Admiral (Ret) Kyle Cozad, who favorably agreed to champion the aircrew wing issue on our behalf.
- AWA1 School for plaque presentation, briefings, and memory lane photo hallway.
  - Scott and Greg met with Instructors from the AWA1 School.
  - A replica of the plaque that will be mounted at the NNAM will be presented to the AWA1 School.
  - Mark Hendricks to be the Lead Event Planner/Point of Contact for the AWA1 School and NACCS ceremonies.
  - The plan for the ceremony is to muster those involved in the parking lot and all enter the facility together.
- Naval Aircrewman Candidate School for plaque presentation.
  - NACCS building condemned. NACCS moved to another old building. The building is not conducive for a plaque ceremony. It was discussed and agreed to hold the NACCS ceremony at the AWA1 School facility.
  - It was discussed and approved to present a framed plaque similar to the Mount Soledad plaque to the NACCS.
- Mustin Beach Club for catered luncheon.
  - This site did not present a good example of using the facility for a catered luncheon.
  - It was voted on to remove this location for consideration.
- NAS Golf Course Oaks Restaurant/Topside for catered lunch.
  - This location was recently remodeled, has a new manager, and was considered highly suitable for the luncheon.
  - This location is right down the street from the AWA1 School, and right near the main gate exit.
  - It was voted on to use this location for the catered luncheon.
- NAS CPO Club for catered lunch.
  - Mac McDougall graciously provided liaison with the CPO Club Manager. The facility has a bar only, is not associated with MWR, and does not have a functional kitchen. It does have a beach area and Tiki Hut behind the building available for use.
  - Any type of food event would have to be catered, and the Club Manager provided a couple of options.
  - There would be set up work required and the bar would remain open for business for local Chief Petty Officers.

- Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park for wreath ceremony.
  - Scott and Greg visited this location for a potential wreath ceremony.
  - The limitation to the outdoor area was limited parking, no restroom facility, and exposed to the elements.
  - The museum is the recommended venue for the wreath ceremony.

### **Trustee/Program Manager/Committee Member Reports**

- Nothing to report at this time.

### **Action Items**

- Investigate NNAM Approved Caterers.
  - Mark Hall is researching the different catering venues to offer the best choices that will not be duplicated between events.
- Procure Mt Soledad Memorial Plaque enlarged image boards for memorial plaque presentation events – McCollum
  - Committee/Board approved to have one large, blown up plaque for the events, and one small framed plaque to present to NACCS.
- Special Reunion patches/memorabilia/challenge coins. Challenge coins action completed by Mark Hendricks. Reunion patches action POC is Brett Robinette.
- Selected host hotel – Holiday Inn Resort Pensacola Beach for reunion.
  - Notify host hotel of selection and take actions to proceed – McCollum
- Submit NNAM DAYTIME Event Request Form to NNAM Special Events Coordinator, Catherine Hajcak – McCollum
- Selected venue for Thursday luncheon - Oaks Topside Restaurant
  - Notify host hotel of selection and take actions to proceed – McCollum
- Initiate fundraising effort to obtain large Legacy Wall Plaque (\$10k) at NNAM – Blair Smith
- Submit order form for large Legacy Wall Plaque to NNAM after obtaining necessary funds - Bules
- Treasurer Monthly financial report – Reunion Committee funds available?
  - Report not available at this time
- Secretary VSA POC List - 101 members, 53 associate members, and 57 Life members.
  - Facebook group number now up to 302.
- Next month's meeting we need to look at manpower requirements to support each reunion event and assign event planners/volunteers as necessary.

- Assign photographer for reunion events – Marty Nielsen volunteered his wife Tina to serve as photographer.

### **Calendar**

- Next Zoom call meeting – 1200 EDT 16 May 2026.
- 2027 Reunion dates: April 21 (Wednesday travel day - arrive), 22, 23, 24, 25 (Sunday travel day - depart).

### **Adjournment**

- The motion to adjourn was presented, seconded and approved.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 1308 EDT.

Minutes approved by:

*Scott McCollum*

Director, Reunion Committee, Viking SENSO Association