

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 04, 2014**

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

The following members were present:

Russell Shrader	Ed & Pam Parnell	Jack Hopkins
Rick Coleman	Dean Wilson	Ray Holmes
Sarah & "Y" Villarreal		

Absent..... SGT-AT-ARMS – Bob Hogue

Invocation..... Rick led us in prayer

Pledge of Allegiance..... Dean led us in the Pledge

Guest/s..... No guest/s

Guest Speaker/s..... Ed Parnell – Presentation of "The History of the Aircraft Carrier"

September Birthdays:

Carlos Uresti – 12th

Mary Byrnes-Wilson – 12th

Rick Coleman – 21st

Minutes:

Due to the length of today's forty-eight (48) minute Speaker Program video presentation Pres. Coleman waived the scheduled reading of the August 28, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. After inquiring if all members present had received and read their emailed copy of said minutes and receiving a yes from all, called for a motion to approve said minutes. Ed Parnell responded as such and with a second by Vice-Pres Jack Hopkins, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor:

In keeping with the Coleman newly instituted "Groaner Humor" category, namely *a horse walked into a bar and the bartender asked: "why the long face?"* also *after eating some clowns one cannibal said to another: "You know....that tasted funny!"*, Jack Hopkins added: *"A pair of battery jumper cables walked into a bar and the bartender immediately said "Don't you two try to start anything in here!!"* You are really missing some special fellowship if you don't attend these meetings.

Fines....were collected by Acting Sgt-at-Arms, Tres. Russell Shrader

Announcements:

Rick brought the assembly up to date on wife Kimberly resting at home after successful knee surgery performed on Tuesday September 02, 2014. Kim hopes to be back to work in a week's time.

Rick reminds all Club members of the Club Officers Installation Banquet still scheduled for September 25, 2014 at the FSH Golf Club.

Another reminder was that Tres. Shrader has mailed out the annual Club Member Dues invoices for 2014-15.

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Foundation Pres. Jack Hopkins has postponed the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 09, 2014, due to out of town business scheduling.

Guest Speaker Program:

At this time the floor was turned over to Ed Parnell who presented a fantastic video presentation on the "History of the Aircraft Carrier" that literally had all eyes riveted on the screen.

The program starting out with the Wright Brothers era aircraft and the US Navy's understanding of the ways that aircraft of that time can be used successfully against an enemy's mighty battleships of that era and mainly solving the problems of providing a safe surface for the launching and landing of aircraft along with adequate space for the logistics; crew and provisions associated with an aircraft carrier at sea.

The video takes you from the earliest types of carriers of the war years on up to the monstrous Nimitz Class Nuclear Carriers of today that can stay afloat for twenty years before having their reactors refitted. Although these carriers do have supporting ships above and below the surface, they are, you can say, impervious to any threat presented to them.

The Club wants to thank Ed Parnell; John Urda and Jack Hopkins for their collaboration in piecing this presentation together for the Club's, and I mean it, enjoyment.

We hope to have more of these types of presentations in the near future.

If any Club member has a program of this sort and would like to present or have it presented please contact:

Club Secretary Dean Wilson:

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Kitty Drawing:

Ray Holmes drew Rick's number for a win of \$8.00.

Certificate of Appreciation:

Pres. Coleman presented Ed Parnell with the Club's Certificate of Appreciation as Jack Hopkins archived the event with a scrapbook photograph.

Optimist Creed:

At this time, with all said and all done, winner of this week's Kitty Pres. Rick Coleman lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was struck to adjournment at 1:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14