

UNTDA Board Meeting - June 13, 2017

Archives Report

We are keeping track of a number of historic and current parameters of 8,350 people, of which 8,117 are NavRes Officer Cadets.

The balance of 223 people are Founders, Honoraries, Staff and Associates with varying degrees of directness.

Of the 8,117 Cadets:

7,130 are UNTDs (87.8%) and 987 (12.2%) are ROUTH+.

924 Cadets in total are deceased (11.4%). 914 UNTDs (12.8%) and 10 ROUTH+ (1.0%).

621 in total are "VIPs": 556 UNTDs (89.5%) + 65 ROUTH+ (10.5%).

In all cases these numbers are understated.

There should be closer to 8,000 UNTDs and closer to 3,000 ROUTH+.

Deceased numbers for UNTDs should be at least doubled.

"VIP" numbers will probably always be understated.

The term "VIP" has been troubling from the get-go (2011), as all UNTD/ROUTH+ are by definition VIPs. As it was very quickly defined back then, it implies having held a "Command" position, in either and/or the military or civilian context, or have achieved other types of high office or rank with major responsibilities. That would be things like Flag Rank, elected or appointed political office or significant and thus rare, awards or other honours.

It is paradoxical if not downright ironic, that information on the older folks is much more readily available than it is for newer or currently serving folks.

The explosion of information technology has in certain areas been trumped (no pun intended) by the current state of political correctness and privacy/security issues.

At least that's the opinion of all of the staff here at Newsletter and Archives Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

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