

ST. AUGUSTINE-PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council met at St. Johns Emergency Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Patrick McCormack.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sally Watson, Patrick McCormack, Claude Caviness, Bob Quinney, Joe Giamannco, Lee Figliuolo, Bill Dudley, Rick Myers, Luc Lausier, John Leslie, Lee Spancake, Larry & Sherryl Mull, Doug Lileks, Garry Cohn, Ian Pollitt, Dave & Jane Singleton, Stan Gilewicz, Fr. David Allert, and Jared Whetstone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Patrick McCormack led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Patrick McCormack gave the invocation.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Jared Whetstone was introduced. He is the new Liaison of the Maria Bray. When he was active duty in the Coast Guard, he served of the Maria Bray. He is currently pursuing joining the Coast Guard Reserve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, Bill Dudley reported that we have taken in \$1,255 from dues in the first quarter. Expenses for the quarter were \$3,937.45. The Administrative account has \$9,812.36. The Bobbitt account has \$31,341.37. Bill reported that he received an e-mail that we should be receiving a membership rebate of around \$348 from National Navy League. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019. Motion carried.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Ian Pollitt and liaisons reported on their units.

USS HUE CITY - February 28 - SOQ and SOY were completed.

USCGC VALIANT - March 20 - Family Day Cruise (which due to weather became a ship tour) followed by SOQ and SOY presentations and a picnic.

USS SULLIVANS - March 25 - Garry Cohn presented awards that were overdue since they were deployed and also SOY.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

USS FARRAGUT - SOQ/SOY to catch up from deployment

HITRON - May 6 is the tentative date for awards

COAST GUARD SMALL UNIT AWARDS - Due to renovations at Flagler College, we will be unable to use the solarium for our awards ceremony. The awards will be presented at the Coast Guard Station where the ships are docked. The date and time to be determined.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION - They wanted to set up a Unit Coin Program. We voted to give them \$500 to help them get their program started. The Coast Guard Legal Department reviewed the matter and wouldn't consent. An alternative way was found to allow us to donate the money.

YOUTH AFFAIRS - Joe Giammanco reported that JROTC Banquet/Ball was held at St. Francis Barracks.

Sea Cadets - May 26 from 2-4 pm the Sea Cadets will have their graduation and awards at the Sheriff's Office Complex. Due to space, the number of Navy League members will be limited. They are looking into a trip to NASA in September and it may be open to Navy League members. Last weekend they held an overnight trip. The cadets also have participated in a number of color guard events and are looking forward to more. Currently there are 54 cadets.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Manson, a former member, is rejoining. Claude is recruiting two more former members.

COMMUNICATIONS - Lee Figliuolo said the Bosun's Locker went out. Lee gave a shout out to Ava Pumphrey, Sea Cadet member, who wrote one of the best written articles he has received. Patrick McCormack thanked Lee for the great job he always does with the Bosun's Locker and all the communications.

MEMBER COMMENTS - John Leslie thanked the **Sea Cadets** for their participation at the Viet Nam 50th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony. Patrick McCormack asked all who served during the Viet Nam era to please raise their hands to be recognized. The dates of the war are November 1955 - May 15, 1975. The members present were Claude Caviness, Bill Dudley, Lee Figliuolo, and John Leslie.

Stan Gilewicz reminded everyone that **Blount Island Command** will have the NCO of the year award on May 3 at 11am at Clyde Lassen Veteran's Home. That will suffice as the May meeting.

PRESENTATION - Linda Stoughton, Director of St. Johns County Emergency Management center addressed the group with the assistance of Jeff Alexander, Deputy Director, and Tim Connor, Emergency Management Planner. They each shared information on the various aspects of the organization and provided us with a tour of the facility.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the tour at approximately 7PM.

Sally Watson, Secretary
St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council