

MINUTES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council was held at Christ the King Anglican Church. The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Bill Dudley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bill Dudley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Mike Zollar gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Mike Zollar, Bob Price, Ian Pollitt, Patrick Shoemaker, Bill Hamm, Dee Hamm, George Grech, Dave & Jane Singleton, Jerry Cameron, Stan Gilewicz, Jaime Sawczyn, Paul Kimmel, Lee Figliuolo, Ken Moffa, Garry Cohn, Steve & Christine Rodenbaugh, Dave Sullivan.

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE: Jarod Mitchell who introduced John Ward who is running for Congress in the Sixth District. John addressed the group for less than a minute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jaime Sawczyn gave the Treasurer's Report. The Administration account has a balance of \$6,794.08. The Bobbitt account has a balance of \$32,906.22. We have collected \$854 in council dues and \$125 was donated to the Youth Support and Sea Cadets. Jaime thanked Bob Price for helping her transition into the Treasurer's position. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORT: Ian Pollitt asked each liaison to report on their unit.

USS SULLIVANS - March 23rd is the date of the SOY and SOQ awards. Garry Cohn is requesting a good turnout and he will request a tour of the ship and lunch if possible. **(since the meeting, the date has been changed to March 21, not to cause any confusion with the minutes)**

USCGC MARIA BRAY - Jerry Cameron reported that the SOY and SOQ presentation will be February 20th, at 1PM with lunch. The new CO will be starting SOQ awards which hasn't been done in the past.

VR58 - Claude Caviness was reporting for Gene Finck. Saturday, February 3rd, Claude will be handing out awards for Gene.

USCG ANT - Claude reported May 18 there will be a Change of Command and the new CO will be a female. He would like a nice size delegation to show up and promised we would enjoy seeing their facilities.

USCGC Ridley - Dave Singleton reported SOY has been identified and the award will take place in June at Flagler College when we have the Small Unit Awards.

HITRON - Paul Kimmel thanked Ian Pollitt for filling in at the HITRON awards. He also thanked the council for our financial contribution to the foundation to find a cure for his daughter's cancer.

Past Events: Ian Pollitt reported that:

January 18 the USS Farragut had their awards ceremony and lunch.

February 5th HITRON had their awards and those present got a tour of the facility. When the weather gets warm, they will be welcoming members to go out on the fast boats while the helicopters train. Jerry Cameron asked about helicopter rides and Claude about shooting the sniper rifles. Paul will look into it.

March 12 Navy League Member Meeting, Capt. Todd Weimer will be addressing the group.

Surfron 14 will be giving us a date for their SOY presentation. Still looking for a liaison.

June 11th is the tentative date for Small Unit Awards at Flagler.

Hue City needs a new liaison. If interested talk to Ian.

Ian still hasn't been able to find a hotel partner for our SOY beni package. We've had a corporate donation that will help with that expense, but we are still looking for a partner.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Christine Rodenbaugh has switched positions at the newspaper. Claude has volunteered to get the information to Christine so she can write articles.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Claude handed out membership applications and brochures to members to recruit new members. Claude promised Bill Dudley that we will have 150 members by Labor Day not the previous goal of the end of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Lee reported that the deadline for the Bosun's Locker is March 24th. He needs any articles and photos. Golf tournament is October 29th at Grand Haven. Lee and his daughter have updated the website and there is a calendar with dates of upcoming events. Bill requested that Joe Giammanco get with Lee and give him an article about the growth of the Sea Cadets.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dave Sullivan reported that last resolution passed by congress will finally end sequestration. The military will have to decide how to spend the money, but it will allow more ships to be built and build up the size of the troops. The bad news is how to pay for it.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Mike Zollar has a committee consisting of Mike and Linda Zollar, Bob and Barbara Price, Ian Pollitt and Claude Caviness to create more opportunities for the members to socialize outside of our meetings. Mike requested that everyone keep him up to date with our schedule of military events. The first event will be Happy Hour at the Officer's Club at St. Francis Barracks on February 23rd. We'd like to alternate meetings with social events. It hasn't worked out the first three months this year. But they'd like to have Happy Hour and Dinner at the American Legion downtown. In April, they are working on a one day trip to the Seal Museum in Ft. Pierce. In May we have the Marine Corps awards at Clyde Lassen Veteran's Home. June we have the small unit awards, July 3rd we have a picnic at the St. Augustine Yacht Club, September movie and pizza, November we have the Blue Angels, and December our Christmas party. We are trying to have events that tie into the military. Possibly an overnight trip to the Naval Museum in Pensacola with dinner at the Officer's Club. More Happy Hours at the Officer's Club will be planned.

Bob Price noted that the same people always show up, but we need to find a way to get more of our members to participate.

Stan Gilewicz wondered if we couldn't find opportunities to visit military installations around the state. Bill Dudley said he would keep his ears open to any opportunities when he is meeting with the task force.

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES: March 3rd the Boomers and Seniors Expo will be held at the Outlet Mall and Navy League will set up a table. Bill Dudley also encouraged more members to attend the Regional Meeting on February 24th at the Renaissance Hotel.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: NO REPORT

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM. Following the adjournment Lee Figliuolo, Dave Sullivan, Christine Rodenbaugh and Bill Dudley were sworn in for the 2018 year.

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