

# ST. AUGUSTINE-PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council met at Christ the King Anglican Church. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Patrick McCormack.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Lee Figliuolo, Patrick McCormack, Joe Giammanco, Claude Caviness, Jim Golomb, Rick Myers, Stan Gilewicz, Larry & Sherry Mull, Dave & Jane Singleton, Clarence Hesser, John Leslie, Patrick Shoemaker, Bill and Dee Hamm, Paul Kimmel, Jose Marrero, Doug Lileks, Dave Sullivan and Garry Cohn.

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

**INVOCATION:** Bill Dudley gave the invocation.

**NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:** Jose Marrero and Doug Lileks were presented with membership certificates and name tags.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Patrick McCormack reported that all bills have been paid. In the Operating Account we have \$9,226.61 and the Bobbitt account has \$33,539.97. Approximately \$1,000 has been collected in local dues to date.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS:** Ian Pollitt was absent. Garry Cohn gave the report on completed and upcoming events.

## Completed events:

**USCGC VALIANT** - Returned home January 31st.

**HITRON** - February 4, EPOY and Perchard Award ceremony was held. February 7 was the NCO lunch.

**USCGC RIDLEY** - invited the Singletons to lunch today. In two weeks they will exchange their ship for the USCGC TARPON.

## Upcoming Events:

**USS HUE CITY**- Feb 28 will have an awards ceremony. Garry Cohn will serve as liaison that day.

**USS SULLIVANS** - Garry Cohn is awaiting the date for their awards ceremony in late March.

**USCGC SAWFISH** - In September their cutter will be replaced by the USCGC HERON.

**HITRON** - March 4 will be another awards ceremony.

**USCGC MARIA BRAY** - no report

**USMC BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND** - Stan Gilewicz reported that his contact has changed to 1st Sgt Ian Gragg. Sgt Gragg wants to be more involved with Navy League. He also wants to see the Marines involved with Community Service projects. If anyone has suggestions on where they might volunteer, please let Stan know. Colonel Bergen also has invited us to tour a transport before the end of March that is currently docked at Blount Island awaiting maintenance. They have a Change of Command scheduled for July. Colonel Bergen is also available to speak at a meeting.

**GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN** - Bill Dudley reported that there was an excellent response for money and supplies to support the Coast Guard families during the government shutdown. He said the Coast Guard was so appreciative of the overwhelming response. Paul Kimmel discussed that the senior members at HITRON contributed money for the enlisted members to purchase gas to get to work. Claude Caviness reported that Kay Jones from ANT thanked him for the support given to the Coast Guard during this period. It was a difficult situation but the generosity of the community made the situation better.

**YOUTH AFFAIRS** - Joe Giammanco reported that he received a letter from Nease High School ROTC thanking Navy League for our recent \$300 donation. Joe will let us know the dates when the Cadets will be getting awards so members can attend. We currently have 52 Sea Cadets.

**MEMBERSHIP** - No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Lee Figliuolo reminded members the Bosun's Locker is due at the end of March.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Lee Figliuolo reported that Grand Haven has increased their price for our golf tournament by 80%. Currently it is not profitable for us to use Grand Haven. Slammer and Squire is too expensive, and Ocean course at Hammock is more than we paid this past year. Lee is in talks with other courses and trying to negotiate a better price with Grand Haven. Plantation Bay is reasonable with \$45 per civilian and military play free same as Grand Haven this past year. If Grand Haven can't get the price down, Lee will move the tournament to Plantation Bay.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS** - No Report

**MILITARY BALL** - Claude Caviness reported the Ball was a success and passed around pictures of the event. Bill Dudley said that Forward March was decommissioned and this was the last Ball.

**NEW BUSINESS** -

CDR Matthew Waldron from the USCGC VALIANT will address the Council at the March meeting.

St. Johns County Emergency Management Office has offered to have us come to their facility and give us a presentation or they will come to our meeting. It was agreed by the members that we go to their offices. That may be the April meeting.

Representative Michael Waltz or his District Director, Brig. General Ernie Audino are possibilities for future meetings.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**- Sally Watson inquired about Happy Hours. Claude reported that it is very difficult to get the Officer's Club at St Francis Barracks due to competing events. Sally Watson suggested gathering at a restaurant for Happy Hour and then if anyone wanted to stay for dinner they could. She suggested Commander's Shellfish Camp as a suggestion. No decisions were made.

**NAVY LEAGUE REGIONAL MEETING** - March 2 - Bill Dudley will be attending the meeting In Orlando.

Active Boomers and Seniors - March 2 - Sea Cadets and Navy League will have tables there. Volunteers are needed to be at the tables.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20PM.

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