

MINUTES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council was held at the St. John's County Library Southeast Branch. The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Bill Dudley.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: TO BE FILLED IN BY MEETING

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

INVOCATION: Mike Zollar gave the invocation.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Christine and Steven Rodenbaugh were welcomed and Christine has offered to take over Vice President Public Affairs. Joe and Shannon Giammanco introduced themselves. Joe has agreed to take over Youth Programs and their daughter is interested in becoming a Sea Cadet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. In Sally Watson's absence, Jaime Sawczyn is recording the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bob Price was absent. Bill Dudley recalled that there was around \$6,000 in the Operating Account and around \$22,000 in the Bobbitt Fund. The Council is in healthy financial condition.

LIAISON REPORT: Ian Pollitt gave his report to the Council.

Completed Events:

07/05 **BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND** had their Change of Command
VALIANT had their picnic and SOQ award.

07/29 Several members attended the Dunkirk showing and had a nice time.

08/01 **HITRON** had their SOQ and Perchard awards with the new leadership.

08/02 **USS SULLIVANS** had their SOQ awards. 08/04 Held their Change-of-Command.

Upcoming Events:

08/19 **VR58** will have their SOQ

08/30 **USS FARRAGUT** will have their SOQ for quarters 1 and 2

09/01 **USS FARRAGUT** will have their Change of Command

SURFRON 14 still looking for a Liaison

Golf Tournament has the most military teams signed up we've had. We need to work on finding a way to pay for the teams.

Bene Packages for our SOY are still short of hotels. Hoping to maybe get corporate sponsorship.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Bill Hamm will turn everything over to Joe Giammanco tonight. The Cadets have been training over the summer, but haven't had a drill yet. Bill Dudley has asked the Sea Cadet Lt. if the Sea Cadets would do the colors for the VietNam event on September 16 at Corazon Theater. He is waiting to hear back.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Claude has been relieved. Christine Rodenbaugh is taking over.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Claude Caviness reported he has one new member coming on board.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: In the last three months, Lee has sent out letters and e-mails to 60 plus golf courses for donations for prizes. To date he has received 12 donations. E-mail and letters went out to over 85 former hole sponsors. To date 5 cash donations of \$100 each and one in kind have been received. One person from Grand Haven has given a check to cover 4 military players. Four civilian foursomes have signed up. We have promises of the most military foursomes we've ever had, but no registration forms yet.

Mike Zollar, Roman Kopychuk and Bill Dudley are helping Lee approach hole sponsors. More help is needed. Mike has a list of 48 businesses that have been approached in the past. Last year \$3,700 was raised through this effort. A sponsorship is \$100. Bill suggested approaching doctors, car dealers, insurance companies and any business where you spend your money. Mike has letters and brochures explaining how this will benefit them. Please contact Mike Zollar if you'd like to help or would like more information.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dave Sullivan reminded everyone that has state or Veterans affairs issues that the committees should be contacted now. It will be November to get anything done and the session starts in January.' On a personal note, when Dave was in D.C., he was reminded of how important the military is in Washington. Whether at the White House or WWII Memorial, they have a large presence everywhere and nothing would get done without them. He doesn't think the country as a whole realizes the significance of the military.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Dudley mentioned upcoming events that our available to our members:

09/16 Veterans Council will be showing a preview of the Ken Burns documentary on Viet Nam. Rep. Paul Renner will be the speaker and there will be 5 panelists that served in country with Q&A. Free event.

10/21 Navy Ball at Renaissance Hotel WGV Speaker Admiral Moran

11/11 11AM - Veterans Day Parade Hoping for flyover from Air National Guard of two F-15's. Bill already has two civilian organizations that will perform a flyover as well.

Speaker - Mark Rutledge, Security Specialist gave a talk to the group about how to keep ourselves and families safe.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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