

**MINUTES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE
COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: MARCH 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: Nick Marziani gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Figliuolo, Jim Golomb, Ken Moffa, Bill Hamm, Dee Hamm, George and Ellie Grech, Claude Caviness, Paul Kimmel, Garry Cohn, Patrick Shoemaker, Jerry Cameron, Mike Zollar, Bob Price, George Costa, Nick Marziani, Patrick McCormack, Stan Gilewicz, Roman Kopychuk, Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Ian Pollitt, and Dave & Jane Singleton.

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Kimmel (Paul's brother), Anita Profitt (former Secretary to our council) and granddaughter Hailey, John Shulten, and Jerry Cameron's co-worker Mark McAteer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: In the absence of Jaime Sawczyn, Bob Price gave the Treasurer's Report. Administrative account has \$8,104.28 and the Bobbitt account has \$31,306.22. This year we have spent \$800 on sea services and \$1,600 on youth services.

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

VR58 - Claude Caviness reported that they are having a Change of Command on March 16 at 1300 if anyone would like to attend.

USCGC Ridley/USCGC Sawfish - Dave Singleton had nothing to report.

USS SULLIVANS - Garry Cohn - March 21, 10AM is the date of the SOY and SOQ awards.

USCGC VALIANT - Sally Watson reported they left on patrol the previous week. They return on Monday, April 16. She would like to have a large contingent of members attend their homecoming. An e-mail with the time will go out as soon as that is known. This is the last patrol for the CO and XO. There will be a Change of Command around July 19th for both. VALIANT goes into dry dock on May 3.

USCGC MARIA BRAY - Jerry Cameron reported they had a good number of Navy League members for the SOY and SOQ presentation. There were Congressional representatives that attended also.

HITRON - Paul Kimmel reported that this is the season for getting out on the boat rides. Anyone that is interested, let Paul know. May 7, they will have their SOQ awards. Claude was interested in a demonstration of the sniper rifles. Paul will get with Claude to arrange that in May.

BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND - Stan Gilewicz, Bill Dudley and Ian Pollitt will meet with Col. Bergen and Major Clements on March 16 to discuss their relationship with SA-PC Navy League Council. Non-Comm of the year will be coming up in May.

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We still need a liaisons for SURFRON 14, USCGC Hammer and USS Hue City.

Ian reported that the VR-58 awards went well with Claude Caviness doing the honors. March 23rd there was a successful Happy Hour at St. Francis Barracks and we will be doing that quarterly.

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: NO REPORT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Claude reported that St. Augustine Mayor, Nancy Shaver will be joining Navy League. SPAR Marion Barnett was recruited at the last Happy Hour and her son and daughter have also joined. Sally Watson said her daughter, Debbie Sawczyn has joined. Claude had membership applications available. Joe Giammanco has recruited two members.

COMMUNICATIONS: Lee reported that the Bosun's Locker will be out March 24th. He needs any articles and photos ASAP. He will be leaving on a well earned cruise with Diana on 3/26 and returning on 4/22. The annual Golf tournament is October 29th at Grand Haven. Lee requested and received \$200 approved by the Board for the First Tee Golf Tournament. Navy League will have several opportunities to advertise our group and possibly recruit more members and players for our golf tournament. Our brochure will be placed in each player's gift bag.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: NO REPORT

SOCIAL EVENTS: Ian Pollitt reported that we have a trip planned to the Navy Seal Museum in Ft. Pierce on April 25th. Mark your calendar. Mike Zollar reported that he is giving a list of events to Lee Figliuolo to put on the website calendar. Be sure and check the calendar for upcoming events. Our next Happy Hour will be March 29 at St. Francis Barracks with dinner following at Hamblen House at the American Legion. On July 3rd we will have an Independence Day party at the St. Augustine Yacht Club. We are planning a tour of Camp Blanding. In September we are trying to get an overnight trip to the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum set up. We'd like to find a new location for our Christmas Party, possibly Grand Haven or the Palm Coast Yacht Club. Ian mentioned that we would be supporting the Coast Guard Birthday Party in August and some members will be attending.

Bill Dudley mentioned that The Veterans Council is working with the County Commission to declare St. Johns County a Purple Heart County. At 7:30AM, May 15th, there will be an

MIA/POW flag raised with the American flag over the County Administration Building and the Health and Human Services Bldg. The Veterans Council will donate the flags and maintain them. Following the flag raising, there will be a reception and then during the County Commission meeting there will be a proclamation read stating that St. Johns County is a Purple Heart County. If anyone knows a Purple Heart Recipient, please let Bill know so they can be recognized. They will get a certificate and pin.

Bill introduced Captain Todd Wiemer, who addressed our members.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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