

**MINUTES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE
COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: APRIL 9, 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: Fr. Nick Marziani gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Jerry Cameron, Claude Caviness, Ian Pollitt, Jaime Sawczyn, Bob Price, Nick Marziani, Patrick McCormack, Dave and Jane Singleton, Garry Cohn, Dee Hamm, Bill Hamm, Lee Spancake, Paul Kimmel, Patrick Shoemaker, George Grech, Stan Gilewicz, Roman Kopychuk, Ken Moffa, and John Leslie.

GUESTS: Dave Singleton introduced Clarence Hesser who spent 20 years in the Navy and will be 100 on May 20. Joe Giammanco introduced Bob Quinney retired from National Guard and now works for the county.

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Jaime Sawczyn gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$8,095.73 in the operating account and \$31,144.22 in the Bobbitt Account for our projects. Totaling \$39,239.95.

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

Completed events:

March 15 - VR58 Change of Command
March 16 - Meeting with Blount Island Command to meet with new leadership
March 21 - Sullivans had SOQ and SOY awards
March 29 - Happy Hour at St. Francis Barracks

Upcoming events:

USCGC RIDLEY - Change of Command June 21 or 23
Dave & Jane took some crew members shooting April 6

USCGC SAWFISH - Dave & Jane were taking some of the crew shooting, but that had to be postponed.

ANT - Claude reported that May 24th there is a Change of Command, and they will have their first female in charge.

USS SULLIVANS - Garry reported they have a family day coming up before they deploy - date to be determined.

BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND - NCO of the year, June 1 at Lassen Veterans Home

HITRON - Paul Kimmel said May 7 they will have SOQ awards. Dates will be announced shortly for shooting and boating.

USCGC VALIANT - Sally Watson reported they are returning April 16, time to be announced. She is hoping to have enough members to welcome them home dockside. The ship goes into dry dock on May 3.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Joe Giammanco reported he will be giving awards to the two JROTC units. Sea Cadets are having a Battlethon at the Fair Grounds on Saturday, April 14 all day if anyone wants to attend. They are at 37 Sea Cadet members currently and their goal is 40 by June.

TRIP TO SEAL MUSEUM - Ian went over the itinerary. At the current time we do not have enough members for the trip to take place. The deadline has been extended two more days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill reminded everyone that there will be a flag dedication ceremony at 7:30am May 15, 2018 at the County Building. The MIA-POW flag will be presented to the county. Everyone will move inside for refreshments and then at 9am the County Commissioners will begin their meeting and read a proclamation making St. Johns County a Purple Heart County. Purple Heart recipients will be presented with a pin. Bill would like to have a good turnout that morning.

Judge Howard McGillin of the Veterans Treatment Court addressed our members explaining how the court works and their success rate that they have keeping our veterans out of the prison system.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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