

**MINUTES OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE
COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 8, 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.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Claude Caviness, Mike Zollar, Nick Marziani, Patrick McCormack, Bob Price, Ian Pollitt, Patrick Shoemaker, Bill Hamm, Dee Hamm, Joe Giammanco, Lee Spancake, George Grech, Dave & Jane Singleton, Jerry Cameron, Stan Gilewicz, Bill Dudley, Jaime Sawczyn, Pete Sawczyn.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS: Sherry Roushey, Navy veteran, guest of Jaime Sawczyn is a prospective new member.

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

INVOCATION: Fr. Nick Marziani gave the invocation.

REVIEW OF 2017: Bill Dudley gave a quick review of 2017 saying we had a good year. The Christmas party was a success. Our membership has increased. Our goals for 2018 are to increase our membership and work on our retention. We'd like to have more social events. The regional Navy League council meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel late in February on a Saturday. He encouraged anyone who wants to learn more about the Navy League operations at regional and national level to attend. A flyer will be sent out with more information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bob Price gave his last Treasurer's report. Bob will be turning over the Treasurer position to Jaime Sawczyn. At the beginning of the year, the administrative fund was around \$4,200 and we end the year around \$6,491.46. We try to make that account pay for itself. The local dues of \$25 and rebate from national office is where the money comes from. The dues were increased last year so that increased the administrative account. We took in close to \$22,000 for the golf tournament and after expenses of around \$8,000 we had a net profit of \$13,900.14. That total was then transferred to the Bobbitt Account which pays for our Sea Services and Youth Programs. We started the year with around \$29,000 and we end the year with approximately \$33,000. We took in approximately \$15,000 for the Bobbitt Fund and the money we spent was around \$11,000. The Sea Services spent about \$5,700. The Youth Program including 4 JROTC programs and Sea Cadets, spent about \$5,000.

Every January we collect our local dues of \$25. Bob asked that members present pick up a letter tonight with information to pay the local dues. An e-mail will be going out to the membership asking them to remit their local dues.

The council dues are in addition to our National Dues of \$25 for an E-membership, or \$55 for a regular membership. The National Dues are due on your anniversary date of joining the Navy League. It is best to pay your National Dues online. For some reason, checks aren't handled very well by National. Bill Dudley, Bob Price, Jaime Sawczyn and Gary Karsner will be getting together to work on a budget for 2018.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORT: Ian Pollitt gave his report

USCGC VALIANT - November 20, 2017 - Two SOQ were awarded plaques. They got underway following the ceremony. They have a short patrol coming up in March returning in April. They will go into dry dock May/June.

USCGC RIDLEY - December 21 had a SAR event and rescued two boaters.

USCGC SAWFISH - was called out for a SAR event on the same boaters. They had accidentally activated their emergency signal. They were escorted back to port after finding that some of their safety gear was substandard.

USS FARRAGUT - January 18 will have their awards ceremony

VR 58 - February 10 they will have SOQ for three quarters and SOY.

USS SULLIVANS - waiting on a date for their awards

HITRON - February 5 will have SOQ, SOY and Perchard award

BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND - in March Bill Dudley, Stan Gilewicz and Ian Pollitt will meet with the Command and discuss the relationship with our council. They are sponsored by two councils.

Bene Package - Ian is still working on finding a hotel to work with us when the SOY redeems their weekend.

SURFRON 14 - still has an opening for Liaison

HITRON - Paul Kimmel will temporarily be unavailable to be the liaison. Ian is filling in for now, but if any member would like to take the assignment until Paul can resume his activities, speak to Ian.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Joe Giammanco reported that he was up to Nease High School for their Pass in Review event. It was very impressive. Sea Cadets have their master drill schedule if anyone would like it. The Cadets are growing in numbers and will be needing more uniforms. They will be making a request for financial assistance. The goal has been set for 40 cadets by the end of June.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Claude told members that we are all recruiters. He had membership materials for everyone to take.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESENTATION: LTJG Eric Johnson has been with our Sea Cadets since 2010. He is leaving to take a regional job with the Sea Cadets. Bill Dudley presented him a plaque in appreciation of his service. His wife, Sherry, was also recognized for her hard work and support.

Bill Hamm was presented with the Navy League Scroll of Honor. Bill was in charge of our Youth Programs for fourteen years. Bill Dudley recognized his hard work and dedication to the JROTC units and Sea Cadets. His wife Dee was always by his side and they were present at JROTC competitions and events throughout the fourteen years.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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