

**MINUTES OF THE  
ST. AUGUSTINE - PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: MAY 14, 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:** Pres. Bill Dudley gave the invocation.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Bill Dudley, Sally Watson, Jerry Cameron, Claude Caviness, Sally Nichols, Ian Pollitt, Bob Price, Jim Golumb, John Leslie, Lee Figliuolo, Dave and Jane Singleton, Garry Cohn, Joe Giammanco, David Allert, Lee Spancake, Paul Kimmel, Patrick Shoemaker, Stan Gilewicz, and Brian Foy.

**GUESTS:** Alex Gilewicz, Bob Quinney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In Jaime's absence, Bob Price reported we have \$8,513.25 in the operating account. There is \$27,337.13 in the Bobbitt account. Bob spent about \$100 in postage to mail out reminders that council dues were owed. He received about \$400 from the notices and said that most everyone has paid. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

**LIAISON REPORT:** The liaisons reported on their units.

**ANT** - Claude Caviness reported that there is a Change of Command on Friday, April 13th. If anyone is interested, please contact Claude.

**USCGC VALIANT** - Sally Watson reported that VALIANT went into dry dock. XO Chris Davis was leaving for Naples, Italy. Change of Command is scheduled for July 19 and CO Tim Cronin will be departing. VALIANT will participate in the CG Small Unit Awards to recognize their SOY.

**USS SULLIVANS** - Garry Cohn reported that May 11, SULLIVANS had their family day event. May 26th at 10AM the SULLIVANS will deploy and he is hoping that members will come out to see them off.

**USCGC MARIA BRAY** - Jerry Cameron had kudos for Joe & Shannon Giammanco. They have worked hard with the Youth Programs and the Sea Cadet program has

grown tremendously. Joe has arranged for the Sea Cadets to tour the Maria Bray on April 14th.

**USCGC RIDLEY** - Dave Singleton reported Change of Command will be June 21. Small Unit Awards will be June 11 at Flagler Solarium for RIDLEY

**BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND** - NCO of the year, is 11 am on June 1 at Lassen Veterans Home. There is no charge for lunch, but we will collect \$10 per person to donate back to Lassen.

**HITRON** - Paul Kimmel reported they had SOQ awards this afternoon. June 6, 9 am there will be a shooting demonstration and we need more people signed up. Boat rides are available so see Paul to sign up.

**USS FARRAGUT** - Ian reported the ship has deployed and the SOQ and SOY have been identified. We will be mailing the plaques out to the ship for them to present.

**BENE PACKAGES** - Ian reported that several SOYs redeemed their trip to St. Augustine. The Ponce Hotel has been kind enough to comp rooms, but in the future we will be getting a discounted rate.

**USS HUE CITY** - We need a liaison. If you are interested, talk to Ian.

**USCG SMALL UNIT AWARDS** - Dave Singleton said that so far 40 people have signed up for the event. It will be held on June 11 at the Flagler Solarium.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS** - Joe Giammanco reported that Sea Cadets had a Battlethon with over 100 cadets participating. St Augustine Sea Cadets won the competition. On Recruitment Day, 10 young people signed up, so the goal has been raised from 40 to 50 Cadets in the unit. May 20th will be the awards ceremony at 1PM at the St. Augustine Lighthouse. All are welcome. The JROTC units have had their year end awards.

Bill Dudley recognized Joe & Shannon for the excellent job they have done with the units in their first year.

With an increase in Sea Cadet members, there is a need for uniforms. Joe will be making a presentation at an upcoming meeting for ideas.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Claude would like some help getting Lee Geanuleas and wife Debbie to rejoin our council.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Lee had gotten the new members on the mailing list and sent out welcome letters. Our council is the "scorecard sponsor" for the First Tee of North Florida golf tournament. Our name was on the scorecard. Each goody bag contained a NL brochure and a flyer about our golf tournament sponsor. Lee will invite a foursome of 4 teens from First Tee to play in the Navy League golf tournament.

Bosun's locker will go out the end of June. Get your information in for him.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS** - No Report

**MERITORIOUS COUNCIL** - Bill Dudley said that for the second year in a row we have been awarded Meritorious Council. Since Bill has been in this council this is the fourth time. We have been an Outstanding Council twice. For a council this size, we are to commended for what we do. Only 14 are chosen out of 214 councils worldwide and we are one of them.

**JULY 3RD PARTY** - Bob Price announced that we will have our party at the St. Augustine Yacht Club across from the lighthouse. We are hoping to have 75-80 people, but we need 50 to make it cost effective. Jerry Cameron will give a presentation of interesting facts about the Revolution.

**NEW MEMBERS** - We handed out new member certificates and name tags to Fr. David Allert, John Leslie, Brian Foy.

**REMINDER** - 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. Forty-five of our Purple Heart veterans will be presented with a pin. Bill would like to have a good turnout that morning.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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