

## **NAVY LEAGUE SA-PC COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM** – President Bill Dudley presiding with member attendees: Lee Figliuolo, Paul Kimmel, Jana Teehan, Bill Hamm, Garry Cohn, Sally Watson, George Costa, Ramon Kopychuk, Thomas Jackson, Ian Pollitt, Lee Spancake, George Grech, Dave Sullivan, Bob Price, Barbara Price and Claude Caviness. Andy Apel was also present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER** – Sally Watson was introduced as a new member. Sally has an extensive family background with the military.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Bob Price reported that the balance in the Administrative Account is \$6416.59 and the Bobbitt Account balance is \$14,745.54. Year to date the Council has spent more than we have taken in because our annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser is in October. The report was approved as presented.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – No report.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS** – Ian reported two recent events; USS The Sullivans returned on September 4 and a small group of members met the ship, and on September 10 VR58 held Sailor of the Quarter presentations for Q1 and Q2. Upcoming events include Hue City SOQ presentations for Q1 and Q2 on September 20. USS The Sullivans will hold SOQ presentation the week of September 26. Active duty have been invited to the October 10 Golf Tournament. The date for the Valiant's Family Day Cruise has not been determined yet but 10 of our members can join them. On November 4, the USCGC Maria Bray will be taking part in the Blue Angels Airshow Practice Day and 30 of our members can attend. Barbara Price will have the sign up list. Details have not been completed as yet. It is in the works for the Sea Cadets to tour one or two ships. Ian stated that two liaison positions are still vacant. Sally Watson volunteered for the Valiant so that leaves the SURFRON 14 open. HITRON Liaison Paul Kimmel gave a report on HITRON. On August 1, our Council awarded Q1 EPOQ to AMT1 Bobby Acree and Q2 EPOQ to GM1 Angel Rios. The first half 2016 Perchard Award winner was awarded to AMT2 Darryl Blackall at an all hands meeting where the HITRON Commander, Captain Kevin Gavin officiated and recognized other HITRON members as well for various achievements. HITRON has a new CMC. He is Master Chief David Rauch, AMT CM who replaced MC Eric Kalita on August 1. Master Chief Kalita retired at a ceremony in the HITRON hangar on August 10. Several Navy League members attended along with first year Coast Guard Cadet Mike Frick. Paul spoke on behalf of the Navy League and awarded a congratulatory plaque to MC Eric Kalita. Drug interdiction efforts have been very active and have collected millions of dollars of drugs.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS** – Bill Hamm reported that all are invited to Nease High School where the NJROTC is hosting the Chief McFarland Regional Drill Meet. Bill will be presenting some of the trophies on behalf of the SAPC Navy League as he does every year. It will start about 0700 and trophies will be presented about 1530 hours. Bill reported on the St. Augustine Naval Sea Cadet Battalion. On September 10 they just completed a weekend co-drill with Daytona Division at Camp Blanding utilizing the base rappelling towers. On September 24/25 the Battalion is hosting the Mayport Division again at Camp Blanding since our Battalion has the trained skills and equipment they have extended rappelling skills to these other units. The Battalion will be volunteering to park cars at the St. Johns Fairgrounds again this year. The sponsors, the St. Johns Cattlemen’s Association, have offered a generous donation as they have every year. The climate controlled shared space offered by the Council is most welcome. The sensitive gear will be moved soon. The cost for the 15 x 15 unit is \$65. Tentative dates for the tour on USS The Sullivans could possibly be October 17 or January 4.

**MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION** – No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Lee reported that the deadline to submit information for the Bosuns Locker is the end of this month. Lee reported that he was able to negotiate a better rate this year for the Golf Tournament. There are 16 foursomes so far, including four military foursomes (Valiant, HITRON, Hammer and VR58) and one mixed. Claude says that ANT has a foursome also. There are 12 Palm Coast hole sponsors totaling \$1700 and 2 in kind. St. Augustine area has 8 hole sponsors for \$800. There are cash donations of \$3000. Lee has 26 golf certificates for foursomes for either the raffle or the blind auction, and 16 - \$25 restaurant gift cards. Lee has ordered hats and logo golf balls. Lee is inviting Ike Harris, who is a former NFL player and retired Chairman of Cigna. Jana is still working on BIC players and asked if they would play at no charge. Lee said that active duty have played for free in the past, and probably would this year, but if not there might be a small fee of \$15 - \$20 per player. Dave Sullivan should get the money from the St. Augustine Hyundai dealership on October 1 for the hole- in- one insurance.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: NE FLORIDA AREA** - Dave reported that there are big changes in the LCS design. Tri hulls will be on the west coast and mono hulls will be on the east coast. Mayport will get permanent modules. VR58 is out of money and has to wait until next year to fill some positions. Other areas are out of money as well and the new military budget cant get approved by October1.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Financial Oversight Committee recommended to the BOD and the Board approved to raise the local dues from \$17 to \$25 for member and spouse, to take effect January 1.

The BOD approved the Financial Oversight Committee to be the Nominating Committee and it has met twice. Bill Dudley has agreed to be president next year because no candidates were found.

The Tri-Base Navy Ball will be held on October 1. The Council has bought a 10 seat table. Bill is selling tickets. Admiral Tidd is the guest speaker and many Veterans are invited.

The October monthly meeting will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club following the Golf tournament.

The National Directors Meeting will be in Baltimore on November 9 and 10.

The Veterans Day Parade will kick off the Veterans Day Weekend which runs from November 11 – 13. The parade on Friday begins at 11:00 AM. The weekend includes a Veterans Films at the Corazon Cinema. Lee Greenwood will perform in a concert on Sunday at the Amphitheatre.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at Marsh Creek Country Club on December 8; social hour at 6:00 PM with dinner following. The Board will decide how many active duty that the liaisons can invite, but they must pay.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM.**