

ST. AUGUSTINE-PALM COAST NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council was held June 8, 2020 via a Zoom meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by President Patrick McCormack.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sally Watson, Patrick McCormack, Bill Dudley, Claude Caviness, Lee Figliuolo, Ian Pollitt, Joe Giammanco, and Rick Myer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Patrick McCormack led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Bill Dudley led the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bob Price was absent. Patrick reported that as of June 4, 2020 there is \$11,512.24 in the Administration Account. \$37,382.84 in the Bobbett Account. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

MILITARY AFFAIRS:

USCG VALIANT - Sally Watson reported that the VALIANT returns home June 22, but without a homecoming. Plaques for SOQ and SOY are ready and Ian will deliver them to the leadership for them to present. Change of Command is in July and will probably be virtual.

USCG ANT - Claude Caviness will have the plaques prepared for his unit, and they will be given to the leadership for presentation

BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND - On June 5, 2020, Doug Lileks, Sally Nichols, Claude Caviness, Garry Cohn, Fr. David Allert and Sally Watson went to Blount Island to present EPOY 2019. They were met by Col. Livingston and warmly welcomed.

USS SULLIVANS - Ian announced that the ship just returned SOY, SOQ 4th, SOQ 1st are due to be presented. Unsure if they can be presented in person. Change of Command is coming up. This will be a Facebook live event. We are not sure if any members can be present.

USS FARRAGUT - Ian Pollitt reported that they are working in the 4th Fleet area and will be returning shortly. We will need to catch their awards up.

VR58 - Ian reported that we need to catch their awards up.

Ian reported that he updated National on the units we support. Hue City has been taken out of service. He made sure CGC Tarpon was listed. Garry Cohn is working on getting plaques together. Bill Dudley asked Ian if he was aware of any monetary assistance that any of the Mayport families might need during this period. Ian said we could reach out to leadership of the units and see if there are any needs, but that can pose problems. Ian said there are mechanisms in place on base through Red Cross and other agencies to assist families in need. There needs to be a vetting process to see who has the greatest need. Bill said that in the past we donated to the USO.

Patrick McCormack asked Lee if we can let our golf sponsors know how we are helping our units. Lee stated that he does that with the letter asking for their support and also in the thank you letter he sends out.

YOUTH AFFAIRS - Joe Giammanco reported the scholarships went out to the JROTC units. None of the presentations were in person this year. He has some pictures he will share.

SEA CADETS - Three Sea Cadets graduated this year. One enlisted in the Coast Guard, one enlisted in the Army, and the third one will attend Flagler College. There will be a scholarship going to the Cadet attending Flagler College. They have videos prepared for each Cadet as well as shadow boxes. Joe said that Larry and Sherryl Mull are stepping down from Sea Cadets. Cassandra Peck will be stepping up to CO and there are other adult instructors coming into help. He asked that we reach out to anyone we know that might be willing to help out. They are also looking for adult supervision that have no connection to the Cadets. They will be reaching out to reservists and active duty people that can come help on the weekend.

MEMBERSHIP: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: Lee Figliuolo reminded everyone that articles need to be submitted for the next Bosun's Locker by June 25. He will look at the Firewatch Information and put it out on the website and something in the Bosun's Locker. There will be no Golf Tournament this year. Lee will be sending Patrick copies of the letters he will be sending to previous supporters asking for donations.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

LACK OF PARTICIPATION ON ZOOM - Patrick was asking if we had any suggestions to increase participation. We had excellent speakers tonight. Sally Watson suggested calling members to encourage them to participate. Ian also suggested it was a good opportunity to get members that don't come to join us online and hear our speakers.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

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