

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.

75th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

SHERATON TAMPA BRANDON HOTEL, TAMPA, FL.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

JOINT OPENING MINUTES

September, 2017

CALL TO ORDER by Cmdr. John **HILLYER**, III at 9:03AM.

Rap Gavel - *Officers, Delegates, Seabees, and Guests, please be seated.*

“AS NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE NAVY S.V.A., I CALL THIS 75th ANNUAL CONVENTION TO ORDER.”

OPENING PRAYER was given by NSVAA Chaplain Linda **HILLYER**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the American Flag was led by CMDR. John **HILLYER**, III.

PREAMBLE to the National Constitution by J.C. **HAMPTON**.

WELCOME by NSVAA President Nancy **STAPLES**;

Nancy welcomed all to the 75th Annual Convention and thanked Island X-11, Tampa for the wonderful Convention and invited all the Honeybee's to joint the Auxiliary in their meeting room when they are excused.

CMDR. John **HILLYER**, III invited Cinda **HUNTLEY**, Secretary of Island X-11 up to present Betty **NELSON** with a gift of appreciation.

Charlie **COFFIN** brought up topic next of the **2017-2018 NSVA Convention**. With no volunteers at this time the National may have to HOST the next Convention with help from the Auxiliary.

John **CUBIT**, New York stated he had just contacted Islands in Tonawanda and Buffalo, NY. about hosting the 17-18 Convention and is waiting to hear back from them.

IS THERE SEED MONEY AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS??? NO.

Ernie **NELSON** gave a breakdown for the cost of putting on the Convention. Discussion was held on prior convention cost.

Island X-3, Blairsville, GA. was recognized for being in attendance.

At this time the Auxiliary was excused and a short break was taken

Cmdr. John **HILLYER**, III regained order in his “Master Chiefs” voice and the meeting resumed.

REPORTS

Rules Committee:

The reading of the "Rules Governing the Convention" was waived with a brief summary given by Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**.

Credentials Committee:

David J. **BUCHANAN** Chairman, Mel **RAMIGE** Member reported that Delegate forms and money were sent in by;

Department of **FLORDIA**

Department of **ILLINOIS**

Department of **MASSACHUETTS**

Department of **New York**

Island X-5 West Valley, AZ.

Island X-7 Port Hueneme, CA.

Island X-1 St. Louis. MO.

Entitling 98 votes for the fee of \$490.00 dollars.

JC **HAMPTON** stated Department of NC. did not receive Delegate forms.

Donnie **DOUGLAS** has returned forms for the DONC. with no attendees and no money.

ROLL CALL by Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**; **names in yellow are new appointments**

CMDR.	John HILLYER, III	PRESENT
V. CMDR.	Jim FUREY	ABSENT
SECRETARY	Charlie COFFIN	PRESENT
TREASURER	Jerry SCHMUCK	ABSENT

DISTRICT COMMANDERS:

NE District	John CUBIT	PRESENT
SE District	John HILLYER, III	PRESENT
NC District	Danny WEST	ABSENT
SC District	Troy BRANCH	ABSENT
NW District	RALPH BEAN	ABSENT
SW District	KEN WARD	ABSENT

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS:

14-16	David J. BUCHANAN	PRESENT
12-14	Jerry LANDCASTLE	ABSENT
10-12	Carl BARRETT	ABSENT
08-10	Bear HOLLAND	ABSENT
06-08	David J. BUCHANAN	ABSENT
04-06	Jim WHITE	PRESENT
90-92	Norm HILL	ABSENT
89-90	Don CLAY	ABSENT
76-77	Dick GROVE	ABSENT
75-76	Jack WRIGHT	ABSENT

NATIONAL TRUSTEES:

1 YR –	John CUBIT ,	PRESENT
1 YR –	Nick MARSCHHAUSER ,	ABSENT

1 YR –	Joe MILLETTE,	PRESENT
2 YR –	Burt MOLLOHON,	ABSENT
2 YR –	Bob MAGIC,	ABSENT
	Doug BOWER	volunteered

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN –	Jim PEDONE,	ABSENT
	Patrick LYONS	volunteered
NATIONAL COUNSELORS:	David J. BUCHANAN,	PRESENT
	Roger MINER,	ABSENT
	Donnie DOUGLAS	ABSENT
NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER –	Dave PHILLIPS,	ABSENT
NATIONAL HISTORIAN –	Mel RAMIGE,	PRESENT
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN –	Walter MULLER,	ABSENT
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN –	Patrick LYONS, acting	PRESENT
NATIONAL MASTER at ARMS-REGISTERED AGENTS-	Joe DEZELAR,	PRESENT
	Dave RUDOLPH,	ABSENT
	Mel RAMIGE	assistant agent present

STANDING COMMITTEES:

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – Ernie NELSON PRESENT

FINANCE – Jerry SCHMUCK ABSENT

BUDGET COMMITTEE Report: Budget submitted for review by Treasurer Jerry SCHMUCK and Budget Committee reviewed by Secretary Charlie COFFIN. (SEE REPORTS)

INTERNET – Jon SCOTT OPEN ABSENT

(Jack TANGEN has volunteered for this position for 17-18)

Report: Report submitted

LIFE MEMBERSHIP –Joe SCOTT OPEN ABSENT

(John CUBIT volunteered for this position for 17-18)

Report: given by Secretary COFFIN in the absence of Life membership Chairman,

NATIONAL PUBLICITY –Joe LEAHY OPEN ABSENT

(Norman O. DUPUIS volunteered for this position for 17-18)

Report: Not in attendance no report submitted.

PUBLICATIONS –Carl BARRETT/Amy BRADLEY OPEN ABSENT

(Jack TANGEN volunteered for this position for 17-18) No report submitted

RESOLUTIONS –John CUBIT OPEN PRESENT

Report: 1. Resolution from the NSVA Auxiliary to “change the number of members needed to start an Island” in the NSVAA By-Laws.

2. Increase District Commanders allotment from \$750.00 dollars to \$850.00 dollars.

MEMBERSHIP – Danny WEST ABSENT

Report: MEMBERSHIP Report by Charlie COFFIN in Danny WEST’S absence:

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

FLORIDA –	John HILLYER, III,	PRESENT
ILLINOIS –	Ted BRODT	PRESENT
INDIANA –	Danny WEST,	ABSENT
MASSACHUSETTS –	Joe MILLETTE	PRESENT
NEW YORK -	John CUBIT	PRESENT
NORTH CAROLINA –	J. C. HAMPTON	PRESENT
OHIO –	Pat LEIHER,	ABSENT
WASHINGTON –	George DODGE	ABSENT
CONVENTION Chairman,	Ernie NELSON	PRESENT

DECLARE A QUORUM –

"As National Commander, I declare a quorum present and this National Convention of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America is duly authorized, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and National Constitution, to transact any business that may come before the Convention in session."

REPORTS;

FINANCIAL;

BUDGET REPORT by Charlie **COFFIN** in the absence of Treasurer Jerry **SCHMUCK**.

SEE ATTACHMENT

There was a Motion made by David J. **BUCHANAN** and seconded by Joe **DEZELAR** to accept the BUDGET report as given by Secretary Charlie **COFFIN** pending an official AUDIT.

By a voice vote ALL ayes NO nays. This motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the **Mid-Year** meeting of April 8th held in Chicago, ILL at Holiday inn express hotel and suites O'Hare, 6600 n. Mannheim road, Rosemont IL 60018

There was a Motion by David J. **BUCHANAN** and second by Ernie **NELSON**

To approve the Minutes as corrected. There were some spelling errors in the Minutes.

By a voice vote ALL ayes and NO nays. This motion was approved.

SEABEE MONUMENT in every NATIONAL CEMETERY Program report was given by David J. **BUCHANAN**.

REPORT;

An update was given for the Monument program with an invitation to sponsor a Monument at your nearest local National Cemetery. Report attached.

RESOLUTIONS

Report; at the meeting of the Executive Committee two (2) Resolutions were submitted by the National Auxiliary to make changes to their Constitution and By-laws. Neither will affect the NSVA National Constitution or By-laws.

Resolution # 1 "Change number of members required to start an Auxiliary from (5) to (3) members. After the discussion it was agreed to let the change be made"

Resolution # 2 "A request for various word changes throughout the Constitution and By-laws for clarification.

Both of the NSVA Auxiliary Resolutions were **PASSED**.

RESOLUTIONS;

A-2017 Resolution, submitted by John **CUBIT**, to increase the allotment from \$750.00 by \$100.00 \$850.00 dollars.

There was a MOTION by Joe **MILLETTE** and seconded by Patrick **LYONS** to adopt the A-2017 Resolution.

DISCUSSION;

Some District Commanders are doing a lot with their Islands and many are doing nothing at all. In the past few years only one District Commander has taken the allotment.

PROPOSAL;

Eliminate the individual allotments dedicated to the District Commanders and use the same line item funds (6 District Commanders times \$750.00 each equaling \$4500.00 per year) as a drawing fund for each District Commander to utilize up to a maximum of \$850.00 dollars per District Commander. If ALL District Commanders draw the full amounts allowed in a years' time additional funds would have to be taken from the Misc. line item in the budget

ACTION;

Joe **MILLETTE** withdrew his Motion and Patrick **LYONS** withdrew his second for RESOLUTION A-2017.

Commander **HILLYER** called for a 20 minute break at 10:10am to consult the NSVA Constitution and By-laws for actual wording for the District Commander's allotment.

Commander **HILLYER** called for the meeting to be reconvened at 10:30am in his Master Chief's voice.

There was a Motion by Doug **BOWER** and seconded by Joe **MILLETTE** to approve Resolution A-2017 as re-written eliminating the individual allotment to the (6) District Commanders and have a drawing fund of \$4500.00 with a maximum of \$850.00 dollar draw per District Commander.

Ernie **NELSON** questioned the procedure of announcing a Resolution change two times. This has not been done in the past because of the limited time frame of the meeting.

Norman O. **DUPUIS** asked when will the Treasury report be audited. Answer: the Audit will be held at the Mid-Year meeting.

Ernie **NELSON** "called for the question."

There was a voice vote taken, ALL ayes and NO nays, this Motion was approved and takes effect immediately.

The **MID-YEAR MEETING** will be held in Washington D.C. for 2018 on March 3rd. John talked about the honor of attending the SEABEE Ball.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

David J. **BUCHANAN**, Chairman, Jim **WHITE**, member.

There were **no** nominees for the National Commanders position.

There were **no** nominees for the National Vice Commanders position.

There were **no** nominees for the National Secretary's position.

There were **no** nominees for the National Treasurers position.

Commander **HILLYER** called three times and there were No nominations from the floor.

Island X-11 V. Commander Walt **SAUERS** stated that brochures should be sent to reserve center.

There was a Motion by Ernie **NELSON** moved and seconded by Phil **JUSTIN** that the Secretary be instructed to cast (1) Ballot for the slate given by the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018.

There was a voice vote ALL ayes and NO nays, this Motion was **approved**.

2017-2018 National ELECTED OFFICERS

National Commander -----John **HILLYER, III.**, Island X-11, Tampa, FL.

National Vice Commander-----Jim **FUREY**, Island X-2 Huntington, NY.

National Secretary- -----Charlie **COFFIN**, Island X-14 Hudson Falls, NY.

National Treasurer -----Jerry **SCHMUCK**, Island X-1 Gulfport, MS.

Norman O. **DUPUIS** volunteered for National Publicity Committee and asked to speak to the group.

John **LOWE** wanted to clarify what the Publicity Committee's drawing fund covers.

There was a Motion made by Ernie **NELSON** and seconded by Charlie **COFFIN** to appoint Norman O. **DUPUIS** as Publicity Chairman for the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a letter of introduction.

By a voice vote there were all ayes and no nays, this Motion was approved.

STANDING RULES, AMENDED 2004, UPDATED 2011

RULE 8: FINANCIAL

K. For the purpose of providing support to the National Publicity Committee, a Drawing Fund of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) shall be established that will allow reimbursement, with itemized, receipted amounts of expenses as allowed.

The books/records of this Fund are to be audited annually.
(Established 2003 inserted 2010 DJB)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commander **HILLYER** to Norman **DuPUIS** "*Empathize the fund raising is for your personal use, not for the use of the NSVA.*"

Ernie **NELSON** addressed the issue with the buses for the trip to Ybor city. Buses are over sold but all will get a ride to the trolley stop.

National Secretary Charlie **COFFIN** stated that immediately following this meeting there is a meeting for the "Time and Place" for 2018.

Chuck **DOUGE**, Island X-5 Ft. Lauderdale reminded all that Island X-5 had new brochures printed and they are for sale for \$0.15 each and if anyone here has a contact with Arlington Cemetery they would like to get brochures in there again. See Chuck **DOUGE** if you want brochures.

Gary **CHITWOOD** stated that Island X-5 would donate the brochures to Arlington Cemetery.

Cmdr. **HILLYER** noted that we have a liaison to the VDNC, Adam **MITTMAN**, whom he would contact to see about the brochures in Arlington Cemetery.

Secretary Charlie **COFFIN** “still needs Resolution Chairman”. No volunteers at this time.

Ernie **NELSON** gave a rundown of tomorrow’s event that includes the NSVA/DoFL Memorial Service and Post-Convention meeting in the Hotel and the dedication of the Monument in the Hillsborough County Veterans Park and the Banquet.

There was a Motion made by Ernie **NELSON** and seconded by J.C.**HAMPTON** to adjourn the meeting.

SALUTE THE COLORS called by Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**.

CLOSING PRAYER by Chaplain Patrick **LYONS**.

This convention was **ADJOURNED** at 11:46am.