

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

MID-YEAR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

ZOOM PLATFORM

031823

Invited attendees/ ROLL CALL, this form is attached at the end of these “Minutes”.

2023 MID-YEAR AGENDA

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Opening Ritual ALL: Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer & Preamble

Roll Call of Officers-COFFIN

Commanders Report-TANGEN

National Vice Commander At Large Report- HAMBORSKY

Approval of Minutes of Previous Conventions (as posted on NSVA website)

National Secretary-Coffin

National Treasurer-SCHMUCK

Past National Commanders-FUREY, BUCHANAN, *HILLYER (HOLLAND, WHITE MIA)

National District Commanders- CUBIT, BRANCH, WOOTEN, KISSINGER, BEAN,

*HILLYER

Budget & Finance-CHELINE

Constitution and By-Laws-BUCHANAN

Internet /Publications-TANGEN

Life Membership-Cubit

Membership-AMESQUITA

National Publicity-CHELINE

Ship Small store report-NELSONS

Report of Remaining Officers-

Resolutions-MILLETTE-BUCHANAN

- **Parliamentarian 2023-1**
- **Voting 2023-2a**
- **Natl. CMDR terms of office 2023-3**
- **Candidacy 2023-4**
- **Constitution By-laws Update, 2023-5**

Report of Remaining Committees (Trustees, Parliamentarian, Chaplin, Service Officer, Counselors, Historian, MA, Registered Agent)

New Business

National Offices open 2023 -TANGEN

- Nomination Committee-BUCHANAN, FUREY, *HILLYER (HOLLAND, WHITE MIA)
- Candidate Bio/Resume'
- Election

Ship Small Store financials and business plan

Garrison Caps-HAMBORSKY

Recruiting, update NSVA trifold handouts-CHELINE

Island updates and communications-COFFIN, TANGEN

NSVAA Anniversary pin-COFFIN

2023 convention update- AGUILLON

2024 convention review

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MINUTES

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All National titles are listed above for each position within the National Executive Committee and therefore will not be used throughout these Minutes unless specifically needed.

The meeting was opened by the Commander, Jack **TANGEN**, at 12:05pm.

Jack **TANGEN** gave a brief summary of the procedures that this meeting would be run by as this is the first use of the “**ZOOM**” platform for conducting this meeting.

Charlie **COFFIN**, being the moderator, will control the “**MUTE**” button allowing only one person to speak at a time eliminating confusion and background interference.

ALL report were requested to be submitted prior to the meeting for the purpose of conserving time and for those Officers who did not submit a written report, as requested, or has additional information that needs to be added to their report, will be given (2) two minutes to do so.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Charlie **COFFIN** for the **ROLL CALL of OFFICERS**.

The Roll Call indicated there was a **QUORUM** present and we can conduct business of the NSVA. The **ROLL CALL of OFFICERS** sheet is attached.

The next order of business was the “**Reports of National Officers**”:

COMMANDER’S report: Jack **TANGEN** gave a brief oral report and submitted a written report.

V. COMMANDER’S report: Dwight **HAMBORSKY** gave an oral report on the National Island at Large.

Approval of the last Convention “**MINUTES**”.

A **MOTION** was made by David J. **BUCHANAN** and seconded by Jerry **SCHMUCK** to waive the reading of the minutes as they were posted for ALL to read on the nsva.org website.

A vote taken by a show of hands showed the ALL were in favor of **APPROVING** the “**MINUTES**” as presented.

SECRETARY’S report: Charlie **COFFIN** gave an oral report stating his information will be spread throughout the minutes.

TREASURY report: Jerry **SCHMUCK** gave an oral report and submitted a written report to the Secretary.

A **MOTION** was made by James J. **FUREY** and seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented both orally and submitted.

A vote taken by a show of hands showed the ALL were in favor of **ACCEPTING THE REPORT** as presented.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER’S reports were submitted for:

James J. **FUREY**
David J. **BUCHANAN**
John J. **HILLYER, III**

DISTRICT CONMMANDER’S reports were submitted for:

NE--John **CUBIT**
SE--John J. **HILLYER, III**
NC-- Robert **WOOTEN**
SC--Troy **BRANCH**
NW--Ralph **BEAN**
SW--Gerald **KISSINGER**

BUDGET AND FINANCE report: Chris **CHELINE** gave an oral report and submitted a written report to the Secretary.

The Ship's Store was critiqued, and a decision was made to change from a "**Budgeted**" model to a "**Cash**" model allowing the Ship's Store to use the "profits" generated to finance the operation of the Ship's Store.

The Ship's Store will **NEVER** be allowed to perform at a loss or in a negative.

That will be sent to the General Membership in August for approval, until that approval is given the Ship's Store will operate within the budgeted amount previously set.

All of the Ship's Store dealings have been funneled Island X-11's books and the NSVA is in the process of working with the State of Illinois to get a "**Tax exemption status**" for the NSVA and run all transactions through the National Treasury.

Paperwork has been filed with the IRS, a 1099 form, covering the Secretaries position.

Income in Life membership dues are down significantly this year and should be monitored.

NSVA current Treasurer is retiring at the 2023 Convention and Reunion and we need to find a dedicated candidate for this important position.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND STANDING RULES given by David J. **BUCHANAN**, Chairman.

A report has been submitted and a brief oral report was given. After many man hours of meeting the Committee has updated the document, which has been on the NSVA.org web site for review and **recommend that it and the updated Procedures and Rituals Manual** be sent to the **General Membership in August to be approve**. The Committee of:

Jack **TANGEN**,
Charlie **COFFIN**,
Jerry **SCHMUCK**,
Mark **PEDERSEN**

were thanked for their time and efforts in this updating of the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

INTERNET AND PUBLICATION by Jack **TANGEN** was submitted and he gave a short oral report.

He stated it is a big job and he would accept any volunteer help.

The National Auxiliary has elected to be more active in their use of the **CAN DO** and the NSVA **website**.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP REPORT by John **CUBIT**; his report has been submitted.

John asked, "WHO is competing with?" he cannot talk over them.

Membership has been level and he requested a new membership spreadsheet from the Secretary. Charlie replied he would send it out in the morning.

A new form was created to request a NEW membership card, it is on the Website and is very helpful to the Life Membership committee.

David J. **BUCHANAN** gave an opinion that if a NEW request is not on the proper form return it to the requestee to be filled out correctly in the same manner that an improper Resolution is conducted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Anthony **AMESIQUITA** was oral.

Anthony reported on the "**GARRISON HAT**" that is being processed in Pa., it is good quality and seems to be the only vendor who is able to meet the NSVA's requirements. A sample of the new hat was displayed at this meeting.

Betty NELSON asked “where would you find the request for replacement or new Life membership cards?
It is on the NSVA .org site under forms for all to download.

Ernie NELSON started talking about a topic other than the reports at hand and was put on the agenda under **NEW BUSINESS** to complete his questions.

SHIP’S STORE report by manager Betty NELSON; a report was submitted, and Betty gave an oral report summary to all. The Store is going well.

REMAINING OFFICERS REPORTS.

RESOLUTIONS by David J. BUCHANAN Committee member,

Resolution 2023-1, Parliamentarian, elected instead of being appointed.

Author, Doug BOWER, spoke about the term of office in the Resolution being “FULL” time instead of a (2) year term.

David J. BUCHANAN pointed out the position, either appointed or elected, is Full time, on call as needed. There was some confusion between “FULL time “and a “Permanent” position.

Discussion was held.

Jerry SCHMUCK offered that the Parliamentarian is only as effective as the presiding National Commander allows them to be.

A **MOTION** by David J. BUCHANAN, **Committee Chairman**, and seconded by Gerald KISSINGER that **Resolution 2023-1** be sent to the General Membership with the recommendation to **DISAPPROVE**. The vote by a show of hands proved this Motion was **approved**.

Resolution 2023-2, Voting.

The Resolution was read by member David J. BUCHANAN, **Chairman**, as well as the opinion for the Resolution.

Charlie COFFIN explained his procedures for letting Islands and membership about candidates.

Discussion was held.

Jerry SCHMUCK noted this resolution was in conflict with the By-laws “calling for nominations from the floor”.

Dwight HAMBORSKY concurred with the complications and the newly proposed system would put on the Convention and Secretary.

A **MOTION** by David J. BUCHANAN, **Committee Chairman**, and seconded by Jerry SCHMUCK that **Resolution 2023-2** be sent to the General Membership with the recommendation to **DISAPPROVE**. The vote by a show of hands proved this Motion was **approved**.

Resolution, 2023-3, National Commander waiting time to be re-elected as National Commander.

Currently the Bylaws state that there must be a (3) year waiting period before a National Commander can be considered for re-election. This Resolution is to change that waiting period to a (2) year waiting period.

Discussion, no one offered any comments.

A **MOTION** by David J. BUCHANAN, **Committee Chairman**, and seconded by James FUREY that **Resolution 2023-2** be sent to the General Membership with the recommendation to **APPROVE**. The vote by a show of hands proved this Motion was **approved**.

Resolution, 2023-4, **Candidacy** for an elected position.

Discussion:

A **MOTION** by David J. **BUCHANAN, Committee Chairman**, and seconded by Dwight **HAMBORSKY** that **Resolution 2023-4** be sent to the General Membership with the recommendation to **DISAPPROVE**.

The vote by a show of hands proved this Motion was **approved. There was (1) nay.**

Resolution 2023-5 CONSTITUTION BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES UPDATE

Discussion, the document is on the web to be examined. John **CUBIT** stated that we need to do things uniformly.

Jerry **KISSINGER** wanted to know where the updated Constitution is located. Jack **TANGEN** showed ALL where to find the updated Constitution on the NSVA.org site.

A **MOTION** by David J. **BUCHANAN, Committee Chairman**, and seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** that **Resolution 2023-5** be sent to the General Membership with the recommendation to **APPROVE**.

The vote by a show of hands proved this Motion was **approved.**

Charlie **COFFIN** asked if there were any other reports that need to be presented.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, Chris **CHELINE** Chairperson, with 9 NSVA members in Ohio.

Facebook account was seen by 54,549 people. Need to share through the NSVA site.

Chris is seeking photos from ALL She has also submitted an article to the NAVFAC publication.

Chris has posted on ALL social media sites.

NEW BUSINESS, OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2023

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTIONS IN 2023		
Commander		
V. Commander		
TREASURER		
(6) District Commanders, by caucus		
(3) 2 year Trustees		
Budget and Finance Committee Chair		
Constitution, Bylaws and Standing		
Rules Committee, Chair		
Internet Committee Chair		
Convention Committee Chair		
Life Membership Committee Chair		
Membership Committee Chair		
Publications Committee Chair		
Publicity Committee Chair		
Resolution Committee Chair		
Ship's Store Committee Chair		
Department Executive Committeeman		
elected in 2022 for a 2 year term		
Florida		
Massachusetts		
New York		
Ohio		
Tennessee		
Washington		

The **South Central District** Commander will be stepping down for health issues so there will be (1) year left in that position. The South Central District will need to **caucus** for a replacement.

Charlie **COFFIN** announced that if you would like to be considered for any of the positions listed above contact anyone in the Nominating Committee with your resume' being James **FUREY**, John J. **HILLYER, III** or David J. **BUCHANAN** to be added to the list. There is also a short **questionnaire for a candidate for Treasurer**.

Chett **WINCHELL** asked if Troy **BRANCH** was still on. Troy **BRANCH** wishes to step down as South Central District Commander due to health issues. Troy will submit a letter of his retirement.

Chris **CHELINE** offered to build a form as a **questionnaire on-line** and will post it on the Web site.

Gerald **KISSINGER** asked if it could be sent out to the District Officers.

Chris **CHELINE** will make the information available to the Officers.

SHIP SMALL STORE FINANCIALS AND BUSINESS PLAN;

Jack TANGEN stated that a “**PROPOSED PLAN**” was submitted by Betty and Ernie NELSON to the operation of the Ship’s Store. Jack proposed a meeting between the Treasurer, Finance Officer, Charlie COFFIN, and himself to detail the proposal after this meeting. Betty NELSON agrees to holding another meeting.

GARRISON CAPS-

Betty NELSON acknowledged that Anthony AMESQUITA has been working to find a supplier for the NSVA “Garrison” cap and has found a vendor, “**KEYSTONE Uniform Caps**” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There is a sample that has been shipped around for the Officers to look over.

At this time there is a minimum order required, however in the future caps may be ordered individually.

Betty recommended taking “**AMERICAN HEROES**” off the website as a vendor to the NSVA as they have been very hard to communicate with.

Jerry SCHMUCK told ALL the hat was of excellent quality. Jerry also asked if the National **color scheme** is available. The response was yes! It is available in White, maroon, and blue.

John CUBIT asked, “**What style cap are they**” and gave a choice of 2 styles. “**Hancock**”, or “**Standard**”, the difference being a rounded end or the square end at the top.

David J. BUCHANAN asked the question that this new Garrison hat has **NOT** been approved and with everyone buying this new cap suggested this Board give “**tentative approve**” with a recommendation to the General membership to approve **KEYSTONE UNIFORM CAPS** as the “**OFFICIAL**” vendor for the NSVA Garrison Hats.

There was a motion by Jerry SCHMUCK and seconded by Chett WINCHELL TO “**Tentatively APPROVE**” the **Keystone Uniform Cap** as the “**Official Vendor**” for the NSVA with a recommendation to the General Membership to Approve it at the 2023 National Convention and reunion.

By a voice vote, Unanimously, approved to send to Convention recommendation to approve.

Dwight HAMBORSKY stated he was going to make this motion.

Gerald KISSINGER asked about the availability of the cap. Betty NELSON explained the process of the hats being filtered through the Ship’s Store and ALL patches are available from the Ship’s Store. **Hats are \$75.00 dollars** with all patches.

David J. BUCHANAN suggested we ALL thank Betty NELSON and Anthony AMESQUITA for their combined efforts in the project. There was a round of applause to them.

RECRUITING, UPDATE NSVA TRIFOLD HANDOUTS

Charlie COFFIN has made updated corrections to the existing form to make it current with an NSVA application on the reverse side.

Recruiting; this needs to be pursued more heavily by everyone. The use of the social media platforms is very helpful and Chris CHELINE is willing to help in getting the word out for anyone.

Charlie COFFIN spoke about the software that was purchased several years ago to work with the trifold.

Dwight HAMBORSKY asked about the Recommended by line on the application going to the NIAL.

A downloaded application cannot get a signature on from Recommended by for the NIAL

Chris CHELINE questioned the need for a “recommended by” line. Possibly changed to “referred by”.

Jim SORENSEN thought the recommended line was not needed.

Michael BONCHECK had to leave the meeting at this time 3:30pm and will not be here to do the closing prayer.

Ernie NELSON thought the DD214 was not needed, too much personal information. Charlie COFFIN **will remove the Recommended by line from the applications.**

ISLAND UPDATES AND COMMUNICATIONS-

Jack **TANGEN** stated that District Commanders need to keep in touch with their Islands and Departments.

Charlie **COFFIN** has mailed out 300+/- post cards as an address check and has many returned for bad address'.

David J. **BUCHANAN** questioned if for every card returned for a bad address represents a CAN DO that was thrown in the trash costing the NSVA money.

Several Islands in the NE are **deactivating**, and members are being transferred to other Islands or into the NIAL.

James **FUREY** is working with the Island in New Jersey to deactivate.

Doug **BOWER** announced about the Naval Reserve centers are closing down by September. Doug could not get any names to contact.

John **CUBIT** has had problems with the Island in Davisville, RI. about not allowing nonrated SEABEES.

Island X-1 Davisville, RI. has just elected a new slate of Officers for 2023.

Jack **TANGEN** recognized Chris **CHELINE** for her efforts in gaining members from SWARMS.

Chett **WINCHELL** told the SWARMS do not want to pay dues or have any structured meetings.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** spoke about not being able to manipulate the excel spreadsheet. Dwight might not have the excel program on his computer.

NSVAA ANNIVERSARY PIN-

The Anniversary pin as a gift from the NSVA to the Auxiliary members. Charlie **COFFIN** designed it and it is in production through the Ship's Store. Every active member of the NSVA Auxiliary will be presented with a pin as a "Thank You" for their support to the NSVA.

CONVENTION 2023 in Texas UPDATE

A lot of information is now on the NSVA web site. There are currently **19 registered** for this convention.

Rooms available under the SEABEE Convention from 15th-20th at the reduced pricing.

CONVENTION 2024 in Tennessee UPDATE

Chett **WINCHELL** has been working to find a venue, but ALL prices are too expensive for the NSVA members.

He is expanding his search parameters.

Charlie **COFFIN** asked Jim **SORENSEN** to send contact information for **MCB 7's Convention** in Nashville.

Ernie **NELSON**,

New Life Membership cards. Ernie has sent in a report about changing the Life Membership cards in terms of size and cost. Ernie wants to furnish ALL members with a Membership card which will be very expensive to the NSVA, postage being added to the cost.

Jack **TANGEN** stated he does not remember getting the information and would search for it and get back to Ernie.

Life Membership cards are laminated by the Life Membership Committee.

Charlie **COFFIN** will be placed as an "agenda item "for the Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug **BOWER** spoke about his efforts to get a SEABEE stamp. SEABEE Stamp will be issued in **2026**.

Elaine **COFFIN** suggested checking on the **city of release** for the Stamp so the SEABEE can have a presence there for support.

Jerry **KISSINGER** procedure for sending in a **Convention “AD”**.

Send the **Electronic copy to Roy AGUILLON’s e-mail address** on the form and with your **check going to the Island X-1 San ANTONIO Island address**.

Charlie **COFFIN** spoke about the **Military Vets Project**. This is a program through the VA to gather information on ALL Veterans.

With NO further business to come before this Board there was a **MOTION** by James **FUREY** and Seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to **ADJOURN** the 2023 Midyear meeting.

Jack **TANGEN** read the **CLOSING PRAYER**.

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 3:34pm.

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2023 MID YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

OFFICER'S ROLL CALL

OFFICER		NAME		
COMMANDER	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT	
VICE COMMANDER-AT- LARGE	DWIGHT	HAMBORSKY	PRESENT	
SECRETARY	CHARLES	COFFIN	PRESENT	
TREASURER	JERRY	SCHMUCK	PRESENT	
DISTRICT COMMANDERS				
NORTH EAST	JOHN	CUBIT	PRESENT	
NORTH CENTRAL	ROBERT	WOOTEN	PRESENT	
NORTH WEST	RALPH	BEAN	PRESENT	
SOUTH EAST	JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	ABSENT	
SOUTH CENTRAL	TROY	BRANCH	PRESENT	
SOUTH WEST	GERALD	KISSINGER	PRESENT	
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS:				
21-23				
18-21 (COVID)	JAMES J.	FUREY	PRESENT	
16-18	JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	ABSENT	EXCUSED
14-16	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT	
08-10	BEAR	HOLLAND	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
06-08	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT	
2004-06	JAMES J.	WHITE	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
NATIONAL TRUSTEES:				
1 YEAR	JAMES J.	FUREY	PRESENT	
	JOSEPH	LEAHY	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
NATIONAL TRUSTEES: 2 YEAR	ROGER	JACOBSEN	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
	PATRICK	REINARD	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
	CHETT	WINCHELL	PRESENT	
STANDING COMMITTEES:				
BUDGET / FINANCE	CHRIS	CHELINE	PRESENT	
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT	
CONVENTION COMMITTEE	CHARLES/ ELAINE A.	COFFIN	PRESENT	

INTERNET	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	JOHN	CUBIT	PRESENT	
MEMBERSHIP	ANTHONY	AMESQUITA, JR.	PRESENT	
PUBLICATIONS	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT	
PUBLICITY	CHRIS	CHELINE	PRESENT	
RESOLUTIONS	JOSEPH	MILLETTE	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
SHIP'S STORE	BETTY	NELSON, Manager	PRESENT	
	ERNIE	NELSON	PRESENT	
APPOINTED POSITIONS				
CHAPLAIN	MICHAEL	BONCHECK	PRESENT	
COUNSELORS (2)	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT	
	JAMES J.	SORENSEN	PRESENT	
HISTORIAN	TEDDY	MONTOURI	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
MASTER AT ARMS	AMANDA	TEMPLETON	PRESENT	
PARLIAMENTARIAN	DWIGHT	HAMBORSKY	PRESENT	
REGISTERED				
AGENT	STEVE	DEVEREAUX	PRESENT	
SERVICE OFFICER	THERESA	BRANDES	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:				
FLORIDA	DWIGHT	HAMBORSKY	PRESENT	
MASSACHUSETTS	JOSEPH	MILLETTE	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
NEW YORK	JOHN	CUBIT	PRESENT	
OHIO	PATRICK	LEIHER	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
TENNESSEE	CHETT	WINCHELL	PRESENT	
WASHINGTON	RALPH	BEAN	PRESENT	
77th CONVENTION				
CO-HOST	ROY	AGUILLON,	ABSENT	Invited, did not attend
MEMBER	DOUG	BOWER	PRESENT	