

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, Inc.



2025

CONVENTION and REUNION

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

AUGUST 21-24, 2025

**COURTYARD by MARRIOTT
BUENA VISTA at VISTA CENTRE
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ORLANDO, FLORIDA, 32836,
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CONVENTION MINUTES

- 1. PRE-CONVENTION MINUTES**
- 2. JOINT-CONVENTION MINUTES**
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DWIGHT HAMBORSKY
NATIONAL COMMANDER

CHARLES COFFIN
NATIONAL SECRETARY

PRE-CONVENTION MINUTES

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** by Charles **COFFIN** at 10:01AM.

Colors Posted prior to meeting by D. **BUCHANAN**

Commander **HAMBORSKY** led the meeting in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Commander **HAMBORSKY** called for the **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** but was quickly corrected as he omitted the **OPENING PRAYER** and the **PREAMBLE**.

In the absence of the National Chaplain, **South Central District Commander, C. WINCHELL**, gave an **OPENING PRAYER**.

The members attending this meeting recited the **PREAMBLE** to the **NSVA Constitution**.

Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**; **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**
Roll Call of Officers list is **attached to these minutes**.

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
*Declared a **QUORUM** is present and the body is authorized to transact any business in accordance with constitution, by-laws, and standing rules.*

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
asked for a **motion to accept minutes** taken at the **MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** meeting held via a zoom meeting on **MARCH 15, 2025**, posted on the **NSVA website** for all to read.

MOTION, 01-PRE-25 by C. **WINCHELL**

Second by J. **HILLYER, III**, to **accept minutes** taken at the **MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** meeting held via a zoom meeting on **MARCH 15, 2025**.
by a voice vote **ALL** Ayes and NO Nays, the Motion is **approved**.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Report of Principal Officers

National **COMMANDER**,
Commander **HAMBORSKY** gave a brief **oral report**.
National Vice **COMMANDER** at Large gave a brief **oral report**.

National **SECRETARY** – Charlie **COFFIN**

The NSVA has **FULLY DEACTIVATED** 9 Islands in 2025, being

Island X-2 **Lakeland**, Fl.,

Island X-3 **Sarasota**, Fl.,

Island X-8 **Lee Co.**, Fl.,

Island X-14 **Leesburg**, FL.

Island X-1 **Baton Rouge**, La.,

Island X-2 **Mobile**, La.,

Island X-4 **Alexandria**, La.,

Island X-6 **Shreveport**, La.,

Island X-7 **New Iberia**, La.

C. **COFFIN** credited D. **BUCHANAN** for doing most of the legwork of completely closing down these Islands and relocating their members.

As of this meeting there are currently **106 members in the NIAL**, almost doubling the membership from 2024.

Islands currently in the process of **DEACTIATING** are:

Island X-7, **Port Hueneme, Ca.**,

Island X-1 **Red Banks, N J.**,

Island X- 3 **Medford, NJ.**

C. **COFFIN** is monitoring Islands in:

Las Vegas, N V.,

Alsip, IL.,

Peoria, IL.,

Kankakee, IL.

Other Islands that have not communicated with the National Organization for several years are:

Davenport, IA.,

Dubuque, IA.

The **total membership** as of this meeting is at **3885**.

This number represents **3570 Life Members** and **46 paid to date annual members**, leaving **269 annual members** owing their dues right now.

There are currently **102** members in jeopardy of being dropped from the NSVA roster due to lack of communications with the member.

C.**COFFIN** has had many telephone conversations on many subjects from reporting Deceased SEABEES to request for Island information or other queries.

C. **COFFIN** also spoke about the various members' e-mails being hacked into asking for money to be sent to the Treasurer or the National Commander.

The NSVA will not ask you for money in an e-mail except for your dues.

Please check the incoming e-mails for authenticity.

National TREASURER/ BUDGET REPORT – Gerald KISSINGER

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. had income and deposits in the amount of **\$23,871.53** from EIGHT line item sources during the period of 09/01/2024 to 08/10/2025.

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. had expenses and debits in the amount of **\$60,112.91** from EIGHTEEN-line item sources during the period of 09/01/2023 to 08/10/2025.

Results are a **\$36,241.38 loss.**

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. have an investment portfolio, through Edward Jones Investing, containing **THREE** accounts amounting to **\$473,421.86** total.

The value of the portfolio **one year ago** was **\$410,899.10.**

The results are a gain in value in the twelve months of **\$62,522.76** or a 13.21% increase.

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. have a **Navy Federal Credit Union Checking Account** for the day to day business for deposits and expenses.

The beginning balance on 09/01/2024 was **\$45,523.56.**

The ending balance on 08/10/2025 was **\$14,825.79.** The net change in value in the checking account balance, during the twelve months, is a **\$30,697.77 loss,** which included the **\$28,061.26** transfer to EJ Investments.

Submitted, Gerald (Jerry) A. Kissinger Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. National Treasurer.

G. **KISSINGER** also addressed the issue of holding on to returned checks and after a **two year time period** the checks are **rolled over into the National Treasury** and he made the statement that it is **first** the responsibility of the **Island Secretary's**, then the **Department Secretary's**, and then the **District Commanders**, and finally the **National Treasurer** and the **National Secretary** to track Islands whose checks are returned.

There was a **MOTION, 02-PRE-25** made by J. **FUREY** with a

Second, by S. **DEVEREAUX** to **accept the Treasurer's reports as given.**

By a show of hands vote **ALL** ayes and NO nays, this motion was **APPROVED.**

D. **MALIN** asked,” where are the **National Cemetery in Illinois**, and is the **National Cemetery** chosen for this Monument.

Rock Island Confederate Cemetery, no Monument slated

Rock Island, IL 61299

Burial Space: Closed

North Alton Confederate Cemetery, no Monument slated

Alton, IL 62002

Burial Space: Closed

Confederate Mound, no Monument slated

Oak Woods Cemetery

Chicago, IL 60637

Burial Space: Closed

Rock Island National Cemetery, existing Monument by MCB 25

Rock Island Arsenal, Bldg 118

Burial Space: Open

Quincy National Cemetery

36th and Maine St

Burial Space: Closed

Mound City National Cemetery, Island X-5 Cape Girardeau, Mo. 2015, Donated by SVA National Auxiliary,

Mound City, IL 62963

Burial Space: Open

Fort Sheridan National Cemetery

Vattman Rd

Fort Sheridan, IL 60037

Burial Space: Cremation Only

Danville National Cemetery

Danville, IL 61832

Burial Space: Open

Camp Butler National Cemetery, installed 2013, X-4 Peoria

Springfield, IL 62707

Burial Space: Open

Alton National Cemetery

Alton, IL 62002

Burial Space: Closed

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, X-4 Peoria/DoIL, 2019

Elwood, IL 60421

Burial Space: Open

D. **MALIN** asked if the treasurer is a paid position? **NO!**

J. **DEZELAR** asked for a “**spec**” for the Monument, and he will check in Minnesota for a supplier. D. **BUCHANAN** will send him the specs.

COMMANDER HAMBORSKY;

asked if there is any officer present that has any matter that requires action of this body only, and that cannot or should not be taken care of under regular order of business at convention.

B. **NELSON** was in attendance and gave an oral report on the **Ship's Store**.

E. **NELSON** submitted a hard copy of the report.

New change for ordering caps

There are some new changes in the committee that will affect the way Garrison hats are ordered. The manufacturer will now **ONLY** take orders for the hats in September and March. The manufacturer is projecting a **4-5 week turnaround time** for the hats. There is also a **\$5.00 dollar increase** in the cost of each hat.

F. **SAUSEDA** asked if there are any “**NEW**” items in the Ship's Store. The reply was **NO**, nothing new at this time.

The Committee informed the meeting they are thinking something along the lines of a “**RED**” shirt for the **80th anniversary** of the NSVA.

This body needs to develop a **LOGO** for the 80th anniversary Convention and Reunion.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES by Commander **HAMBORSKY**,

Note: All Departments should be represented (minimum of 3, less than equal representation requires a 2/3 vote). See National By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1., Paragraph B., C., & D.)

RULES: This is usually the function of the **PARLIAMENTARIAN**.

KARL DOUGE', Chairman

CREDENTIALS: This is for this Convention only to help the Secretary determine who has paid their delegate fees and is eligible to vote. This is done from the Secretary's spreadsheet, and duties are terminated at the end of the Pre-Convention meeting.

R. **EASTMAN**, Chairman

G. **KISSINGER**, Member

F. **SAUSEDA**, Member

AUDITING (NATIONAL TRUSTEES): This committee audits the National Treasurer and all committees handling NSVA money.

C. **WINCHELL**

J. **TANGEN**

J. **FUREY**

S. **DEVEREAUX**

R. **JACOBSON**

MEMBERSHIP

This committee aids the Secretary with the membership associated with the Convention and duties are terminated at the end of the Convention and Reunion.

_____, Chairman

_____,

_____,

CONVENTION COMMITTEE; This Committee does all the legwork looking for a Convention and Reunion venue in the absence of a Convention and Reunion host.

C. **COFFIN**, Chairman

COMMANDER **HAMBORSKY** ask;

Is there any SEABEE or Delegate desiring to be a working member of any of the above Committees, contact the National Secretary and/or Appointed Committee Chairman.

NOMINATING Committee; Traditionally made up of Past National Commanders attending the Convention and Reunion.

JACK **TANGEN**, active

JAMES **FUREY**, active

JOHN **HILLYER, III**, active

DAVID J. **BUCHANAN**, active

WAVERLY "BEAR" HOLLAND, inactive

DAVID J. **BUCHANAN**, active

JIM WHITE, inactive

COMMANDER **HAMBORSKY**;

IF THERE ANYONE PRESENT WHO WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL OFFICE, MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. INVESTMENT POLICY

G. **KISSINGER** reviewed the timeline of the development of the **Investment Policy** that has been on the website since the Mid-Year meeting. The Committee was made up of,

The NSVA's **EDWARD JONES** advisor,
G. **KISSINGER**
C. **CHELINE**, Chair,
J. **TANGEN**,
J. **SCHMUCK**,
J. **CUBIT**,
A. **AMESQUITA**,
C. **LOMBARDI**, replacement Chair

Commander D. **HAMBORSKY** called for a short relief **RECESS** at **11:05am** giving an opportunity for anyone that needed extra time to look over the Investment Policy.

Commander **HAMBORSKY RECONVENED** the meeting at **11:20am**.

The floor was again opened for comments regarding the Investment Policy.

E. **NELSON** shared his opinion on how this Policy excludes digital currency (asset) as an investment option. G. **KISSINGER** explained the policies' intent is investing in low risk investments and not speculation using the NSVA money.

After a lengthy discussion period, D. **BUCHANAN** "Called the question" bringing the issue to a vote.

Following the discussion there was a **MOTION, 03-PRE-25** by J. **SORENSEN**, with a Second by C. **WINCHELL** to approve the National Investment Policy as posted and send forward to the General Membership with a **recommendation for adoption**. By a hand vote, there were **13 "YEA's"** votes and **5 "NAY's"** votes. This Motion was approved to **send the Policy to the General Membership**.

G. **KISSINGER** asked "where in the NSVA Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules should the Investment Policy be placed.

Standing Rule 8, Financial, paragraph K, "Investment Policy"

RESOLUTIONS, F. SAUSEDA, Chairman

2025-1, Legacy Membership

Pyramid style program offering tiers for membership.

C. **COFFIN** explained the process he had to go through to get this Resolution in proper format to present.

The Resolution Committee proposes that **Resolution, 2025-1**, be sent to the General Membership with a **recommendation** for **NON-APPROVAL**.

2025-2, Federal Charter

C. **COFFIN** explained the process needed to acquire the Federal Charter, the qualifications, the eligibility requirements and reported that except in extreme cases the Federal Charter is **not issued**.

The Resolution Committee proposes that **Resolution, 2025-2**, be sent to the General Membership with a **recommendation** for **NON-APPROVAL**.

F. **SAUSEDA** talked about the need for the Membership processing and and formatting.

The forms on the website need some tweaking to make them more clear about joining as a Life Member or an Annual member.

The Islands shoulder the responsibility for pro-rating NEW annual members.

All this information is defined in **Standing Rules 7, Financial, Sub-section (a)**.

During this meeting it was established that Island X-1 San Antonio was disregarding the NSVA process and doing things their own way which breaks down the communication with the National Organization.

D. **MALIN** volunteered to fill the **Publicity position** but upon learning that C. **CHELINE** had requested to remain in the position D. **MALIN withdrew his offer** but asked “Why I she not here? A question that could not be answered by the convention attendees.

E. **NELSON** asked what it cost to procure the DoD vendors certificate. C. **COFFIN** replied **\$599.00**.

C. **COFFIN** stated that at the main body we will set up a feasibility committee to look into the **DoD licensing**.

There was a **MOTION, 04-PRE-25** by J. **HILLYER,III**

Second, by J. **FUREY** to appoint a committee for the purpose on investigating the feasibility of pursuing a **DoD vendor license**.

By a show of hands vote, **ALL “AYEs”** and **NO “NAYs”**. This motion was **approved**.

C. **COFFIN** announced we are still looking for a **Membership Committee Chair** and a **Budget and Financial Committee chair**, two very important **Chairs of the NSVA**.

The **CAN DO Committee** needs a Chair and the **Publicity Committee Chair**.

Patrick **REINHARD**, of Colorado, has been approached and has committed to hold the office of **CAN DO** Editor.

During this meeting G. **KISSINGER** made a phone call to P. **REINHARD** and while on the phone he **confirmed he would fill the position if elected or appointed**.

COMMANDER **HAMBORSKY** called for a **SALUTE to the FLAG**.

COMMANDER **HAMBORSKY** **ADJOURNED** THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING @ **12:44pm**.

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, Inc.

2025 PRE- CONVENTION ROLL CALL

OFFICE		NAME	PRESENT
COMMANDER	DWIGHT	HAMBORSKY	PRESENT
VICE COMMANDER-			
AT-LARGE	Eric	TREECE	PRESENT
SECRETARY	CHARLES	COFFIN	PRESENT
TREASURER	GERALD	KISSINGER	PRESENT
DISTRICT			
COMMANDERS			
NORTH EAST		OPEN	OPEN
NORTH CENTRAL	Roger	JABOBSON	PRESENT
NORTH WEST	RALPH	BEAN	ABSENT
SOUTH EAST	JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	PRESENT
SOUTH CENTRAL	CHETT	WINCHELL	PRESENT
SOUTH WEST	GERALD	KISSINGER	PRESENT

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS:

21-23	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT
18-21 (COVID)	JAMES J.	FUREY	PRESENT
16-18	JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	PRESENT
14-16	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT
06-08	BEAR	HOLLAND	ABSENT
2004-06	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT
2002-2004	JAMES J.	WHITE	ABSENT

TRUSTEES: 1 YEAR	CHETT	WINCHELL	PRESENT	PRESENT
	AMANDA	TEMPLETON	ABSENT	

TRUSTEES: 2 YEAR	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT
	ROGER	JACOBSON	PRESENT
	STEVE	DEVEREAUX	PRESENT

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET / FINANCE		OPEN	OPEN
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT
CONVENTION COMMITTEE	CHARLES/ ELAINE A.	COFFIN	PRESENT

INTERNET	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	CHUCK	LOMBARDI	ABSENT	
MEMBERSHIP		OPEN	OPEN	
PUBLICATIONS	JACK	TANGEN	PRESENT	
PUBLICITY	CHRIS	CHELINE	ABSENT	OPEN
RESOLUTIONS	FEDDIE	SAUSEDA	PRESENT	
SHIP'S STORE	ERNIE	NELSON	ABSENT	

APPOINTED POSITIONS

CHAPLAIN	MICHAEL	BONCHECK	ABSENT
COUNSELORS (2)	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	PRESENT
	JAMES J.	SORENSEN	PRESENT
HISTORIAN	TEDDY	MONTOURI	PRESENT
MASTER AT ARMS	AMANDA	TEMPLETON	ABSENT
PARLIAMENTARIAN	KARL	DOUGE'	PRESENT
REGISTERED AGENT	STEVE	DEVEREAUX	PRESENT
SERVICE OFFICER	THERESA	BRANDES	ABSENT
SHIP' STORE			
MANAGER	BETTY	NELSON	ABSENT

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:

FLORIDA	TEDDY	MONTOURI	PRESENT
INDIANA	ROBERT	WOOTEN	ABSENT
MASSACHUSETTS	JIM	PEDONE	ABSENT
NEW YORK	JOHN	CUBIT	ABSENT
OHIO	PATRICK	LEIHER	ABSENT
TENNESSEE	CHETT	WINCHELL	PRESENT
WASHINGTON	RALPH	BEAN	ABSENT
79th CONVENTION			
CO-HOST	KARL	DOUGE'	PRESENT

28
PRESENT
17 ABSENT

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SIGN-IN SHEET			
Date:	Pre-Convention	MEMBERSHIP	
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