

**Navy League of the United States, Sarasota - Manatee Council
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

November 6, 4:00 PM (60 minutes) Via Zoom

Call the Meeting to Order

Gene

Called to order at 04:01pm.

Motion by Doung Crowder with second by Bob McChesney. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2024 Meeting

Don—via email

Motion to accept by Doug Crowder with second by Al Burda. Motion passed.

Approved – Official Copies Filed. Fathom transcripts and video available for reference.

Financial Report

Jerry—via email

An update on the hurricane relief fund will be reported under Coast Guard by Jerry. His submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Coast Guard

Jerry/Marsha—via email

Jerry reported on the funds which were collected specifically for individual needs. The Board has been informed of some needs, but no specific formal requests have been received. Jerry will follow up with the Coast Guard, to clarify with the leadership, on specific personnel needs that we could help address.

Marsha will be forwarding the emails containing details of the damage to the Coast Guard Stations to the Board Members.

Membership and Retention

Joe – via email

An update provided by Joe Hayden and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Government Affairs

Gene

National/Regional/Area

With the election just having occurred, Gene gave a verbal report. When that dust settles, most likely after a few days, Gene will send out a short update on government affairs.

Youth Programs

Steve Bartek—via email

Update provided by Steve and his submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

We will have two units participating in the Veterans Day parade.

Old Business

Update Engagement subcommittee

Lorna/Bob

Update provided by Lorna and Bob. Clear coverage of the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and the overall Engagement Process was provided.

Update on endowment / investment options

Bo/Gene

Update given on the review of different Investment Policy Statements. The plan is to have a draft statement at the December meeting. The legal governing document will also need to be updated.

Veterans Day

Gene

A table, containing Council engagement materials, will be setup at the end of the parade route. It will be staffed by various members of the Board.

New Business (asterisk indicates intent to vote)

Nominating Committee for 2025 slate

VADM Crowder

Update provided by Doug Crowder and the committee report is attached to the official minutes.

Annual luncheon meeting will be held on 12/05/2024 at the Lake Club at Lakewood Ranch.

Next Meeting: 12/09/2024 04:00 PM (60 Minutes)

Selby Library. Zoom available, invite to be sent separately.

ADJORN

Motion to Adjourn – made by Roger Betts and seconded by Doug Crowder.

- Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 05:15pm.

Adjourn

Financial Report October 2024

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Income:

| | |
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| Donations for Sept. Event | \$153.51 |
| Sylvia Barber Membership | \$25.00 |
| USCG Hurricane Relief | \$3261.47 |
| Orr Partnership | \$970.70 |
| Maloney Partnership | \$485.20 |
| Member Rebates from NLUS | \$418.00 |

Total Income \$5313.88

Expenses:

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| Two SOQs at Cortez | \$200.00 |
| Deposit for April Luncheon at Plantation | \$500.00 |
| Sylvia Barber Membership to NLUS | \$25.00 |
| October Navy Dinner | \$302.34 |
| Two nights dinner for Cortez staff | \$146.29 |

Total Expenses: \$1173.63

Check Book Balance October 31, 2024 \$29,291.91

Endowment Balance September 30, 2024 \$204,926.64

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry St. Germain
Treasurer



Navy League of the United States-Sarasota Manatee Council

Mr. Gene Moran
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Fund Statement September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

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|--|---------------------|
| Fund Balance as of September 1, 2024 | \$200,739.84 |
| Contributions | 0.00 |
| Investment Activity: | |
| Interest and Dividends | 720.64 |
| Realized Gains/(Losses) | 202.45 |
| Unrealized Gains/(Losses) | 3,275.27 |
| Investment Fees | (11.56) |
| Disbursements: | |
| Grants and Scholarships | (0.00) |
| Administrative Fees | (0.00) |
| Fund Balance as of September 30, 2024 | \$204,926.64 |

Please help keep our records current by sending us a list of your Officers when there is a change.

For questions concerning your Fund Statement, please contact the Philanthropy Team at 941-955-3000.

There were no grants during this statement period.

**Navy League of the United States
Sarasota-Manatee Council
November 5, 2024**

Dear Fellow Board Members:

As of November 4, 2024 the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS) has 104 active members per the official roster posted on the NLUS national website. This reflects a net loss of 8 members. It should be noted that there have been numerous difficulties with the "National" website and rosters and so this number is based on the best available data.

New Members

None

Renewed/Lapsed/Expiring/Dropped as of November 4, 2024

The following is the estimated status of our Lapsed/Expiring chapter members per the national roster spreadsheet:

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| Dropped: | 9 (James Brengle, George Hoffman, Frances St. Germain, Robert Harlan, Rodney Heard, Hal Perdew, Richard Plager, Paul Soentgen, Alaina Stonestreet) |
| Renewed: | 4 (Sylvia Barber, Marsha Grogan, Gerard St. Germain, Matthew Wooddall) |
| Lapsed: | It appears that NLUS no longer keeps members on the roster whose membership has expired |
| 30 day expiring | 5 (Steven Fineman, Robert Harrigan, Donald Philbrick, George Rusch, Jeannine Rusch) |
| 60 day expiring | 1 (Jared Sweetser) |
| 90 day expiring | 1 (Robert McChesney) |

I will continue to monitor the NLUS website for updates on membership as they resolve their database issues. Hopefully next month's report will have more fidelity.

Best regards,
Joe Hayden

Youth Groups Activities

October/November 2024

1 MCJROTC - VHS

1 CGJROTC - PPHS

4 NJROTC - (NPBS, LBHS, PCHS, CHS)

2 YOUNG MARINES (VMS, ISNP)

1 SEA CADET

9 TOTAL

NJROTC Distinguished Units for SY 23/24: 3 Units have achieved this: NPBS/CHS/PCHS. Plus PPHS for CGJROTC 'BZI'

ISNP: Oct Imagine School survived the storm. Recruit Training this coming weekend if we do not get another hurricane. We have 30 recruits from Imagine School, 6 from West Palm Beach, 4 from Naples and 1 from Mid Florida. This I believe is the highest numbers of recruits I seen here.

VMS YM:

- Hundreds of hours of community service involving hurricane clean-up
- Kick off Wreaths Across America Campaign this first weekend of November at area locations and within the unit and community.
- 1st Quarter event with competitions between platoons and team building within the unit
- Multiple Color Guard coming up with local organizations with Veteran's Day celebrations
- Preparing for the upcoming Sarasota Veteran's Day Parade

Sea Cadets: Oct LT Tina Brown

05OCT25 - 0800 – 1500 Mandatory Drill, South Brohard Beach Paw Park, 1900 Harbor Dr., Venice FL 34285, Boater Safety Course Coast Guard Auxiliary 1000 - 1200, then Bagged Lunch at the Beach.

02NOV24 0700 – 1300 Stand Down, Manatee County Fair Grounds, 1402 17th Street West, Palmetto, FL Gate 3, Parking across the street at Palmetto High School

14DEC24 0700 – 1300 Wreaths Across America Sarasota National Cemetery

11JAN25 0800 – 1500 Mandatory Drill Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL

01FEB25 0800 – 1500 Mandatory Drill More information to come

00MAR25 0800-1500 Mandatory Drill, Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL. Dress Whites Inspection

00APR25 Saturday 0800 – Sunday 1300 Marksmanship Training and Camp Out with Sun Coast Sea Cadets

03MAY25 0800 – 1500 Mandatory Drill PRT and Family Picnic at Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto, FL. Suncoast Sea Cadets and their families will be invited to attend.

June and July Sea Cadets Training

02Aug25 0800 – 1500 Mandatory Drill Manatee School of the Arts, 700 Haben BLVD, Palmetto FL

ANNUAL INSPECTION - Our annual inspection will be conducted 23MAR25

VHS MCJROTC: OCTOBER

1st week in Oct was HOMECOMING.

1 Oct – Color Guard for Venice Volleyball Game

4 Oct – Football Game against IMG – we did parking, smoke, cannon, horns, side-by-side and siren. 40+ Cadets involved

5 Oct – SMA Raider Competition was cancelled

2nd week in Oct was scheduled to be a CAREER WEEK with all Recruiters Presenting.

7-14 Oct – Hurricane Milton – everything was CX'd

8 Oct – Booster Meeting / Parent Night – CX

10 Oct - Volleyball CG – CX

11 Oct – Movie Night - CX

3rd week in Oct – Rescheduled CAREER WEEK for 4th week

14 Oct – Off Hurricane

17 Oct – Regional Director Scheduled to Visit – CX

18 Oct – Professional Day

4th week in Oct – CAREER WEEK

22 Oct – US Navy

23 Oct – USAF

24 Oct – USCG – CX & rescheduled

25 Oct – SENIOR NIGHT

25 Oct – Football game against Sarasota - we did parking, smoke, cannon, horns, side-by-side and siren. 40+ Cadets involved - Additionally, we did our Senior Night for MCJROTC Cadets at Halftime.

5th week in Oct – CAREER WEEK CONT.'

28 Oct – USCG

29 Oct – USMC

30 Oct – Submit APAN order

31 Oct – Regional Director Command Visit

NOVEMBER:

5 Nov – Conduct Fitness Assessment for Military Academy Applicant – Sydney Pablo

7 Nov – Color Guard at Venetian

8 Nov – USMC Birthday Celebration during School day

9 Nov – Sarasota Marksmanship Competition

9 Nov – Venice Yacht Club Color Guard

11 Nov- 5 Different Color Guards throughout the day

12 Nov – Booster Meeting

13 Nov – Navy League Marine Corps Ball @ Geckos

15 Nov – 1st Playoff Football Game at home - we will do parking, smoke, cannon, horns, side-by-side and siren. 40+ Cadets involved

22 Nov – 2nd Playoff Football Game at home - we will do parking, smoke, cannon, horns, side-by-side and siren. 40+ Cadets involved

23 Nov – Turkey Trot 5K for the TWIG – Parking Detail

25-29 Nov – THANKSGIVING BREAK

29 Nov – 3rd Playoff Football Game at home - we will do parking, smoke, cannon, horns, side-by-side and siren. 40+ Cadets involved

NPHS: Awarded Distinguished Unit, with Honors for SY 23/24.

North Port NJROTC has been extremely busy since our Navy League Color Guard back in the beginning of October. (NL Navy Birthday luncheon.)

Since then, here is what Bobcat NJROTC has accomplished.

-Hosted Brain Brawl for schools around the Tampa Area to our local area (Sarasota/Charlotte County)

-Assisted with Hurricane Milton Community Service assisting residents with clean-up.

-Assist with Tri-County Cross Country Event with more than 24 schools in attendance.

-Executed 4 Color Guard Events for Local Organizations

-Marksmanship Team has competed in Scopos National Air Rifle League...current record is 3-1.

-Cyber Patriot Season Kicked-Off and have had 2 teams participated.

-Participated in 6 different community service events recording over 100 hours.

Thank you and Navy League for your support of all the JROTC units in the area!

03 OCT: CG provided for the Navy League's Navy Birthday luncheon.

PPHS – CGJROTC

Pinellas Park achievements in the last month:

2 November, we competed at JROTC Raider Nationals in Molena, GA, we placed 7th out of 22 teams from all over the U.S.

26 October Hudson HS Raider meet we placed 1st overall! We also won 5 other trophies for top 3 in 5 events

6 November we will hold our Unit inspection and pass in review.

We have conducted 6 color guards for football games and a DAR event.

Rifle team competed in 2 Postal competitions.

Received our **Distinguished Unit award for last school year 2023-2024.**

CHS: - Oct Thankfully CHS weathered the storm well and we will be heading back to school on Monday.

Charlotte High School has been very active and we have a full schedule for the month of October into November.

October 5th will be our second brain brawl competition at North Port High School.

October 12th we will be heading up to Central High School and competing in the annual Iron Bear competition which we are very excited about. This competition is a fun one where we compete in a truck pull, tug-a-war, obstacle courses, Izzy dizzy, and many more!

October 26th will be our first orienteering competition at Fort DeSoto Park and I have new cadets who can't wait to participate.

I also have a long-term substitute teacher who we are excited to welcome! CWO4 Scott Kaphingst!

- Our cadets put in some work in the community by helping out members who were greatly impacted by flooding and assisted in pulling debris to the road so it could be picked up.
- Our cadets participated in Prana Farms Fall Festival/Haunted Walk by volunteering over 40 hours in the month of October.
- October 28th we participated in our first year of trunk or treat at Charlotte High School.

November

- November 4th is our annual military inspection
- November 16th is our first orienteering competition
- November 18th trip to Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach
- November 23rd is Iron Bear

Just a side note: **CHS was earned the Distinguished Unit award for 2024.** I am hoping we can do it again this year with me at the helm 😊

LBHS.

Steve, I'm in my first month on the job. I think like most schools, we have been recovering from the hurricanes. Since school started, we have attended three academic competitions, but several of our community events and competitions were cancelled. We will be supporting the community on Veteran's Day (along with the local VFW post), the Englewood Beach Waterfest "block party" parade, and our local Englewood Wreaths Across America in December.

Very Respectfully, Darren Glaser Captain, U.S. Navy (retired)

PCHS: Yes, Cadets have been busy with post storm cleanup, Academic competitions, and fundraising. PCHS NJROTC has raised enough money for a trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. Cadets will spend three days learning about life as a Marine Corps recruit in February. We are very excited about this trip.

Color Guards for our events: NPHS/Navy Birthday 03OCT24

Funding note: Included in the budget are funds for 2024 have been expended. The Budget for 2025 which may contain changes in Unit Support, NFA and Scholarships has not been released.

Unit Direct Support - \$7,500

NFA scholarships (3) for \$4,000

Academic Scholarships (2) for \$10,000

VMS request to support trip to Costa Rica summer of '24 - \$1,200 - complete

Medals and awards meals - \$1,000

USNA/ROTC/USCG awards recognition expenses - \$300

Total Youth Support Budget: \$23,500

From: crowderwd@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Gene Moran; Jerry St Germain; Steve Bartek; Jay Plager; Donald Roser; Joe Hayden; Robert McChesney; Marsha Grogan; Steve Black; Evans, Wade (CIV); Bo Hamrick; Roger Betts; Al Burda; George Hofmann; Jared Sweetser; Lorna Ow-Elroy AsiaLink; Cindy; Andy Morabe
Cc: Renee LaTour; DOUG CROWDER
Subject: Nomination Committee Report

Fellow Board Members,

The duly constituted nomination committee has met on a number of occasions (Zoom, phone, email) to discuss nominating Sarasota Manatee Council officers for 2025.

Committee Membership:

Doug Crowder (chair), Jay Plager, Bob McChesney, Dick Petruska, Cindy Dickson
Overarching Goal: Balancing new "blood" (age/background/perspectives) with experience.

2025 Officer Nominations:

President: Gene Moran*

Ist Vice President: Lorna Ow-Elroy

Vice President, Youth Programs: Steve Bartek (new officer position)

Secretary: Jerry St. Germain

Treasurer: Jared Sweetser

Judge Advocate: Jay Plager*

* Designates incumbent

The result is two incumbent officers are nominated (Gene Moran & Jay Plager). Two previous officers are nominated for new positions (Steve Bartek & Jerry St. Germain). Two new officers are also nominated (Lorna Ow-Elroy & Jared Sweetser).

Of note, VP, Youth Programs is recommended as a new officer position. Our by-laws allow the board to establish additional VP positions for specific purposes.

All of these nominated officers have agreed to serve in these positions for 2025.

Cheers,

Doug Crowder

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