

## **Meeting minutes 1/13/2025**

### **ZOOM Meeting**

The session began with the approval of the December minutes, which were moved by Cindy Dickson and seconded by Marsha Grogan, receiving unanimous support. The focus then shifted to the voting of a slate of directors, including Lorna Ow-Elroy as 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Steve Bartek VP for Youth Programs, VADM Crowder, Cindy Dickson, Marsha Grogan, Bo Hamrick, Joe Hayden, Andhy Morabe, Don Roser and Robert McChesney. Jared Sweetser motioned for the approval of the slate, which was seconded and subsequently approved by all present officers.

Jared provided an overview of the budget, setting a fundraising target of \$32,000 to support scholarships and active duty Coast Guard units. Concerns were raised by Gene Moran and Robert McChesney regarding the absence of match funding from the previous year, which impacted financial goals. The discussion included the shipmate partnership initiative as a potential solution to address funding gaps.

Jared reported a cash on hand of approximately \$29,000, highlighting the organization's current financial status. The necessity of cultivating partnerships for stable funding, especially during summer months, was emphasized, alongside discussions about reduced funding for youth programs and the need for clarity in scholarship obligations.

The board deliberated on scholarship fund allocation, with Cindy advocating for prioritizing military-associated candidates. Gene stressed the importance of finalizing the budget to ensure timely communication with schools about scholarship offerings. After discussions, the board agreed to allocate \$5,000 for scholarships, with plans to revisit the distribution process later. Joseph Hayden moved to approve the budget, which was approved with one abstention.

Marsha Grogan reported on the ongoing repairs at the station, noting the lack of flooring and the challenges in selecting contractors. Gene Moran shared that the council was spotlighted on LinkedIn for their hurricane relief efforts, with Robert McChesney elaborating on the recognition and its significance for the council's community impact.

Cindy Dickson discussed strategies to engage 44 members with expiring memberships, proposing events such as a cocktail party and suggesting that members participate in one volunteer activity and one social event each year. Gene Moran acknowledged the plan's viability and noted previous outreach efforts to lapsed members. Jerry St. Germain provided an update on the membership roster, highlighting those whose memberships have lapsed.

Gene provided an update on old business, highlighting the new shipmate level of partnership that facilitates smaller monthly contributions. Robert added that they are actively working on multiple fronts to enhance community engagement and visibility. He expressed confidence in their ability to meet and exceed their goals for 2025.

Jay Plager discussed the Navy League manual, highlighting its complexity and the need for updated bylaws for their organization. Gene Moran described the current bylaws as an outdated document that is treated with undue reverence. Jay asked Gene to resend an email with pertinent information, while Robert McChesney offered to assist in locating articles of incorporation.

Robert McChesney suggested a membership survey to assess how to improve relationships and offerings, aiming for about 15 questions. Joseph Hayden emphasized the need for feedback, while Marsha Grogan highlighted the importance of cross-training team members for event planning. They also discussed the potential for combining the Sea Service Heroes event with a Navy event, considering logistical challenges and timing.

The meeting concluded with discussions on bylaws, the importance of community presence, and the need for a membership survey to enhance engagement, alongside planning for upcoming events and potential collaborations.

**Motion to adjourn from Jay Plager.**

**Action Items:**

Cindy to distribute membership expiration list to entire board for review and input

Bob to develop and distribute member survey within 30 days

Admiral Crowder to coordinate with Jay and Cindy for Nomination Committee meeting

Continue planning for potential Navy Birthday event in October

Jay to continue work on bylaws revision, with Gene to resend relevant materials

Jared Sweetser will share the budget document with the team.

Marsha Grogan will prepare a report on the Coast Guard's MWR items and their impact.

Robert McChesney will coordinate with the engagement committee to secure corporate sponsorships for upcoming events.

Cindy Dickson will reach out to lapsed members and propose an engagement event.

Gene Moran will distribute the NDAA summary to the board.

Steve Bartek will provide updates on the Sea Cadet unit and ensure communication with the assistant principal regarding the flag visit

## Financial Report December 2024

7 January 2025

### Income:

Donations for Dec Event	\$63.95
INK Card Cash Back	\$204.40
Sweetser Partnership	\$1000.00
Roser Partnership	\$250.00
McChesney Partnership	\$485.20

Total Income \$2003.55

### Expenses:

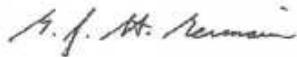
December Event	\$97.36
TR Medals	\$143.44*
5% Contribution to Endowment	\$342.64
Suncoast CPOA-Hellene Relief	\$3600.00
Eli Paver Scholarship 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	\$2500.00
Misc items for Cortez MWR	\$953.08

Total Expenses: \$7636.52

Check Book Balance December 31, 2024 \$29,070.90

Endowment Balance November 30, 2024 \$206,659.30

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry St. Germain  
Treasurer

### Comments

The December event at the Lake Club cost us \$97.36. However, we had donations of \$63.95 for a net cost of \$33.41. We will carry over to 2025 about \$29,000 but included in last year's expenses are \$500 deposits for Bird Key in January and \$500 at Plantation for our April event so we have in effect paid ahead \$1000 toward next year's expense. \* Also included in this year's expenses were the TR medals for next year at \$143.44.



## Navy League of the United States-Sarasota Manatee Council

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### Fund Statement November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024

<b>Fund Balance as of November 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$200,293.50</b>
Contributions	0.00
Investment Activity:	
Interest and Dividends	188.01
Realized Gains/(Losses)	( 71.29)
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	6,260.71
Investment Fees	( 11.63)
Disbursements:	
Grants and Scholarships	(0.00)
Administrative Fees	(0.00)
<b>Fund Balance as of November 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$206,659.30</b>

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**



## **USCG Hurricane Damage**

**P1 CS3 (RESOLUTE):** took on 4 feet of water in the house during Hurricane Helene, lost pretty much everything, including inventory from her previous business, car, and then was burglarized while on leave. Had estimate of \$30k of contents within home lost/stolen.

**P1 Two MK3s (VENTUROUS):** both MK3s lived together, the roof and a wall were ripped off during Hurricane MILTON, causing a great deal of their personal items to be damaged. Immediately following the storm, while we were waiting to return to port, their destroyed apartment was looted, and many valuable items were stolen from them.

**P1 SN (VENTUROUS):** reported to VENTUROUS the day before we sortied to avoid Hurricane MILTON, bringing wife and child in an RV camper. They set up the camper in a mobile home park and wife and child evacuated to a family member's house in Tennessee, while mbr got underway. MILTON destroyed their RV camper and left them without a home until they could find something suitable, with a non-rate income.

**P1 AET1 (AIRSTA):** moving between couches and hotels with his two children (single father). Once D7 stops the emergency funding, he will be left paying for a mortgage and rent out of his own pocket.

**P2 AET1 (AIRSTA):** living with family right now with his dependents

**P2 SN (RESOLUTE):** upon reporting to St. Pete from boot camp, left his personal vehicle on the pier with all personal belongings and flew out to meet CGC RESOLUTE on patrol. During Helene, vehicle and all personal belongings were destroyed by storm surge. Still working through insurance claim to get a new car but lost everything he was planning on using in his new residence.

**P2 EO (RESOLUTE):** house flooded by 4 feet of storm surge during Hurricane Helene, requiring complete renovation, re-wiring, etc. The house is still not livable and EO is doing all the renovation work on his free time.

**P2 MK2 (STA CORTEZ):** home sustained significant damage and mbr has an extremely high insurance deductible.

**P1 -  $\$500 \times 5 = \$2500$**

**P2 -  $\$275 \times 4 = \$1100$**

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<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>2025</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
<b>Revenue In</b>		<b>Actual 2024 (T)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2025</b>	
	NL Member Rebates	\$578.28	\$650.00	
	Investment Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Donations	\$2,549.70	\$1,500.00	
	Tiered Partnerships	\$6,852.90	\$25,000.00	
	Shipmate Partnerships (35 ea avg \$15/mo)	\$0.00	\$6,300.00	
	Giving Challenge	\$12,441.67	\$0.00	
	Sarasota Fair Fundraising	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Ink Card Rewards	\$204.40	\$250.00	
	Rebate from Comm. Affiliate Memberships	\$230.00	\$230.00	
	Donna Russel Martin pledge for NFA	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Challenge Coin Sales	\$28.00	\$0.00	
	Wreaths across America	\$485.58	\$500.00	
	Community Foundation of Sarasota	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
	Hellene Relief for USCG	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$35,970.53</b>	<b>\$39,430.00</b>	
	Transfer to Endowment	\$1,214.72	\$1,565.00	
	<b>Total Revenue for Mission &amp; Operating Exp.</b>	<b>\$34,755.81</b>	<b>\$37,865.00</b>	

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<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Actual 2024 (T)</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2025</u>	
FL Dept. of AG Registration	\$0.00	\$80.00	
FL Dept of State Registration	\$61.25	\$61.25	
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Nametags	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Scroll of Honor/Recognition	\$75.00	\$200.00	
Postage and PO Box Rental	\$192.35	\$200.00	
Engagement Committee Expenses	\$308.57	\$2,900.00	(Coins - \$1K, Printing - \$1K, Pins - \$400, Koozies - \$250, Table Skirt - \$250)
Pipedrive CRM Cost		\$840.00	
Quickbooks		\$0.00	
WIX monthly costs		\$0.00	
Finance costs for wix transactions	\$633.02	average 4.2%	\$1,500.00
<b>Operating Expense Totals</b>	<b>\$1,270.19</b>	<b>\$6,081.25</b>	

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<b>MISSION EXPENSES (Includes USCG, Youth Programs &amp; Other Mission Expenses)</b>				
<b>USCG</b>		<b>Actual 2024 (T)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2025</b>	
	Station Cortez	\$1,099.37	\$1,000.00	
	Cortez SOQ	\$300.00	\$400.00	
	Resolute Support	\$1,723.41	\$1,300.00	
	Resolute SOQ	\$100.00	\$400.00	
	Adoption of Venturous WMEC 625		\$50.00	
	Venturous Support		\$500.00	
	Venturous SOQ		\$400.00	
	Hellene Relief	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	
	<b>USCG Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,822.78</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>	
<b>Youth Programs</b>				
<b>JROTCs</b>		<b>Actual 2024 (T)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2025</b>	
	JROTC Pinellas Park	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Venice	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC North Port	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Charlotte	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Port Charlotte	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Lemon Bay	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Dinner Costs	\$970.00	\$1,000.00	
	JROTC Youth Medals	\$610.96	\$600.00	
	<b>JROTC Total</b>	<b>\$7,580.96</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>	
<b>Sea Cadets</b>				
	Sea Cadets	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	*\$500 Given (\$500 in Reserve for Special Need)
	Sea Cadet Commissioning	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>Sea Cadet Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
<b>Young Marines</b>				
	Venice Middle	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00	
	Imagine School	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
	<b>Total Young Marines</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>Scholarships</b>				
	1st Year x 2 (1 yr scholarships @\$2.5K/yr)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	2 at \$2500... 1 year only
	2nd Year x 2 (2nd installment of \$2.5K)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Second Year Scholarships
	<b>Scholarships Total</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
<b>National Flight Academy</b>				
	3 Students	\$4,500.00	\$3,400.00	2 @ \$1700pp
	<b>Youth Programs Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,280.96</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	



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<u>Other Mission Expenses</u>		<u>Actual 2024 (T)</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2025</u>
	Blackthorn Memorial	\$237.49	\$250.00
	Wreath for Maritime Day	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Website	\$103.28	\$100.00
	Sector St. Pete Support for Jr enlisted	\$0.00	\$0.00
	June Luncheon for Academies/ROTC	\$325.00	\$325.00
	Heroes Recognition	\$1,121.23	\$2,000.00
	Challenge Coins	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Adoption Expenses	\$73.72	\$100.00
	Dinner Costs Above Collections	\$2,893.94	\$0.00
	Speaker Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Other Mission Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$4,754.66</b>	<b>\$3,275.00</b>
<b>Total Mission Expenses (Incl. USCG, Youth Programs &amp; Other Msn Exp)</b>		<b>\$37,858.40</b>	<b>\$31,325.00</b>
<u>Summary</u>		<u>Actual 2024 (T)</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2025</u>
<b>Total of All Operating and Mission Expenses</b>		<b>\$39,128.59</b>	<b>\$37,406.25</b>
<b>Revenue/Anticipated Revenue (net of Endowment Goal)</b>		<b>\$34,755.81</b>	<b>\$37,865.00</b>
<b>Surplus (Defecit) for the Year</b>		<b>\$ (4,372.78)</b>	<b>\$ 458.75</b>
<b>Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>2024 (T)</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>2025 \$29,458.75</b>

1 CGJROTC – PPHS

1 MCJROTC - VHS

4 NJROTC - (CHS, LBHS NPHS, PCHS)

1 SEA CADET

2 YOUNG MARINES (VMS, ISNP)

9 TOTAL

**NJROTC Distinguished Units for SY 23/24: 3 Units have achieved this:  
NPHS -with Honors-/CHS/PCHS. Plus PPHS for CGJROTC 'BZI'**

**PPHS – CGJROTC (No Jan input)**

Pinellas Park achievements in the last month:

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

26 October Hudson HS Raider meet we placed 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**VHS MCJROTC: + for Jan**

Venice HS MCJROTC:

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! We hit the ground running in 2025 so here are some of the details:

Orienteering Practice and Air Rifle will be on Tues., Wed, Thur. from 2:30 to 4:00

Air Rifle Competition at Sarasota Military Academy on Wed. Jan. 15th @ 3:00pm.

Orienteering Comp. @ Radine Preserve on Sat. Jan. 18th

Booster Meeting - Tues. Jan. 21st @ 6:00pm in MCJROTC [Classroom](#)

Orienteering Comp. @ Tom Bennett Park on Sat. Jan. 25th

Community Service Event @ Pelican Point on Sat. Jan. 25th - details TBD

Student Parent Information Night - SPIN - Thur. Feb. 6th

North Port Orienteering Comp - Sat. Feb. 8th

Venice Yacht Club Charity Bike Ride - Sun. Feb. 16th

Silver Spring Orienteering - Sat. Feb. 22nd

T. Mabry Carlton Orienteering - Sat. Mar. 1st

Corvette Club Flag Raising - Sun. Mar. 16th

SPRING BREAK 17-23 Mar

We will have a few more pop up events throughout the next couple months so more details to come.

Thanks for your support.....see you at our next event.

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## **NJROTCs**

**CHS:** - (Jan +)

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

Throughout the month of December the cadets volunteered more than 60 hours with the Wreaths Across America and the Botanical Gardens helping with the holiday season.

December 7th - Field Meet Competition at Gaither High School. We placed 5<sup>th</sup> in academics and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in unarmed exhibition.

December 20th - Christmas Party at Bowland which was a resounding success!

In January we have planned an orienteering trip up to Brooksville on the 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the Golden Apple Awards which our Color Guard will be presenting Colors at. On January 18<sup>th</sup> we have a Cypress Creek Drill Meet and on the 25<sup>th</sup> is brain brawl states which will be taking one or possibly two teams.

Very exciting New Year upon us here at Charlotte High School.

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.** (No Jan rpt)

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)

**NPHS:** Awarded Distinguished Unit, with Honors for SY 23/24. (No Jan rpt)

**PCHS:** (No Jan rpt)

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.

**Sea Cadets:** LT Tina Brown

14DEC24 0700 – 1300 Wreaths Across America Sarasota National Cemetery

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

ANNUAL INSPECTION - Our annual inspection will be conducted 23MAR25

**YM - ISNP: (Jan+)**

January 8th visit lower campus to recruit 5th & 6th graders to join Young Marines and attend Recruit Training in February 2025.

January 18th our monthly visit to spend time with Veterans at Gallery of North Port. 10-1pm. 4 Young Marines will attend to play games then enjoy lunch with them.

January 25th 2nd Annual North Port Fire Rescue Open House. 7:30-13:30pm. Need at least 15 Young Marines to help set up and with parking!

February 17th. North Port Police Department Fishing Tournament! 6:45 - 14:00pm. We will take school bus to Skyway bridge fishing pier. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish caught, most fish caught and best overall catch.

March 1st. Military Heritage Museum followed by a tour of Punta Gorda Airport. 8:30am -13:00pm. Bring lunch and drinks and snacks will be provided by staff.

**VMS YM: (+ Jan)**

- 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.

A return to routine and procedures for the VMYM following a two-week winter break.

- YMs sent a four-man to the North Port JROTC Shoulder to Shoulder (Air rifle) Competition, where four young ladies took home 3rd place (This occurred in December but was decided after the previous highlights for month.)
- Currently, YMs are preparing to start archery, while working on their advancement.
- VMYM will present colors at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Lightning vs Islander hockey game.
- We are also preparing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter event, which is an overnight at Kennedy Space Center, where the unit will sleep under Saturn VI/Atlantis. *\*We are looking for sponsorships to provide scholarships for YMs in need. (The cost for the trip per YM is \$140.00 and the Young Marine team are providing funding for 3 55-passanger busses.)*
- Planning has begun for the 2025 VMYM Casino Night, coming up this April. *\*More information to follow- stay tuned.*

***Jennifer Blanchard***

Color Guards for our events:

20 FEB (VADM Wolfe)

TBD MAR or APR RADM Mattingly) – INSP volunteering for this.

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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

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Funding note for proposed 2025 Budget

Unit Direct Support – 9 Units -	\$9,000
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NFA scholarships (2)	\$3,400
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Academic Scholarships (2), each \$2,500	\$5,000
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Part II of previous scholarships	\$5,000
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Awards, Youth

Medals (actual \$337.84)	\$600
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Meals	\$1,000
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USNA/ROTC/USCGA awards recognition	\$ 325
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Total Youth Budget -	\$24,325
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