

Navy League of the United States, Sarasota - Manatee Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 10, 4:00 PM (60 minutes) Zoom Meeting
(link attached in the invitation)

Call the Meeting to Order

Gene

Called to order at 04:02pm.

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

Approval of Minutes, May 7, 2024 Meeting Don—via email

Motion to accept by Al Burda second by Gene Moran. Motion passed.

Approved – Official Copies Filed.

Financial Report

Jerry-via email

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

Jerry noted the Giving Challenge details are being finalized.

Coast Guard

Jerry/Marsha-via email

Jerry-No report this month.

Update provided by Marsha and her submitted report is attached to the official minutes.

Gene Moran and Steve Bartek attended the USCGC Resolute Change of Command on 07/09/2024.

Membership and Retention

Joe-via email

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

Government Affairs

National/Regional/Area

Gene-via email

No report this month.

Gene Moran forwarded copies of the Defense Appropriations Act, 2025 and the National Defense Authorization Act for 2025, to the Board.

Youth Programs

Steve/Al-via email

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

Old Business

Giving Challenge Payout

Jerry

5% payment to endowment:

Jerry noted our 5% payment to the endowment for the Sarasota County Fair and the Giving Challenge will be made when he gets back to Sarasota from his current trip.

SOPs /POAMs / Train our reliefs

Bob

Bob has a place to store these on the NLUS Google Drive for update/reference.

New Business (asterisk indicates intent to vote)

Option for a Navy Ball / elevated event in October

Gene

Board will continue to actively consider events for the Navy Birthday.

Update on endowment options

Bo

Bo presented information on several different options. This will be pursued further in August 2024.

Bo submitted a report and this report is attached to the official minutes.

Council name discussion

Al

Details of the discussion can be reviewed in the transcript notes as needed.

Coast Guard Birthday

Gene

Event will be held on Wednesday August 21st at 06:00pm at the Gecko's on Fruitville Road.

Next Meeting: Monday 08/12/2024, 4 PM (90 minutes) Zoom Video Conference.

ADJORN

Motion to Adjourn – made by Doug Crowder and seconded by Bo Hamrick.

- Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 05:05pm.

Financial Report June 2024 Rev 1

2 July 2024

Income:

June Luncheon Donation USNAAA	\$155.00
Other Donations for Luncheon	\$100.58
Total Income	\$255.58

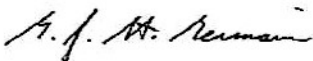
Expenses:

June Luncheon	\$20.26
Streaming Devices for Resolute	\$437.36
Troy Montgomery Scholarship to SCF	\$2500.00
Total Expenses:	\$2957.62

Check Book Balance June 30, 2024 \$17,630.58

Endowment Balance May 31, 2024 \$188,787.30

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry St. Germain
Treasurer

Comments

The June Luncheon cost us \$325.84 but we had donations of \$305.58, \$50 of which came in last month, so the net cost to us was only \$20.26. Included in this report is the endowment status report for May 2024. Looking ahead--in August we will owe \$4500 to the National Flight Academy and \$2500 to University of Tampa for Elizabeth Mopps scholarship. Also, in that time period we expect to disburse \$2500 for the second year of Eli Paver's scholarship to The Citadel. Not accounted for above is \$500 credit which we have at Bird Key Yacht Club because we canceled the May event. The check we wrote in April to the Sea Cadets for \$1000 remains uncashed.



Navy League of the United States-Sarasota Manatee Council

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Fund Statement May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024

Fund Balance as of May 1, 2024	\$182,170.26
Contributions	0.00
Investment Activity:	
Interest and Dividends	187.09
Realized Gains/(Losses)	(46.10)
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	6,486.86
Investment Fees	(10.81)
Disbursements:	
Grants and Scholarships	(0.00)
Administrative Fees	(0.00)
Fund Balance as of May 31, 2024	\$188,787.30

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.

From: tobeachtoo@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 10:33 AM
To: NLUS Board
Subject: BoD Meeting 7/10/24 Update USCG

Webmaster Request (Bob) for direct input by USCG Units to populate NLSM website with select activities of interest to our membership:

Spoke with CAPT Kahle and when we are ready to send out the request, he will coordinate with the units. Further discussion as necessary with Bob will ensue.

USCGC SHRIKE:

During my conversation with CAPT Kahle, inquired about a COC for the SHRIKE and it's status. There will be no ceremony, however CAPT Kahle will provide a local awards ceremony.

CDR DeMaio is heading to District Response Office, New Orleans along with his wife, also active duty, to Prevention. XPO Andy Mozley is heading to Hawaii.

USCGC RESOLUTE New CDR:

Jerry has been in touch with the oncoming Captain, CDR Ian Starr. He indicated to Jerry that he is committed to maintaining the excellent relationship that exists between us.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Grogan
706 897 2270

**Navy League of the United States
Sarasota-Manatee Council
June 23, 2024**

Dear Fellow Board Members:

As of June 23, 2024 the Sarasota-Manatee Council of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS) has 114 active members per the official roster posted on the NLUS national website. (This number is no net change from the previous 2 reports, I was reading the downloaded spreadsheet incorrectly) The National Website no longer provides a list of "New Members", "Dropped", "Lapsed" or those with impending membership expirations. I have been able to review the spreadsheet and data in it and can provide an estimate which is below.

New Members

None

Renewed/Lapsed/Expiring/Dropped as of July 1, 2024

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

Dropped:	Undetermined
Renewed:	7 (J. Allison Archbold, Jags Kandasamy, George Palmer, Steve Plager, Gayle Thompson, Dennis Turner, William Wheeler)
Lapsed:	6 (Larry Balok, Dean Krom, James Campion, Gary Brister, Giles Pearson, Ted Smith)
30 day expiring	5 (Michael Collis, Wade Evans, Joseph Gleason, Bo Hamrick, Katie Ward)
60 day expiring	3 (Sylvia Barber, Al Burda, Cynthia Dickson)
90 day expiring	4 (James Brengle, Marsha Grogan, Gerard and Frances St. Germain)

This report will be posted on the new Cloud Drive under membership, along with the spreadsheets downloaded from the National Website.

Best regards,
Joe Hayden

Youth Groups Activities

July 2024

1 MCJROTC

1 CGJROTC

4 NJROTC (NPHS, LBHS, PCHS, CHS)

2 YOUNG MARINES (VMS, ISNP)

1 SEA CADET

9 TOTAL

There has been almost no contact with the new Charlotte NJROTC Units. Their District shuts down the web site during the summer.

Venice High School Update: VHS MCJROTC (no update)

40 Cadets - Summer Leadership Trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC

24 – 28 July – this should be a real eye opener and hopefully help bond my Cadets together.

4 Cadets going to Summer Leadership Camp at Camp Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, PA

21-27 July – See attached description – it sounds amazing

4 Cadets going to a Staff Leadership Conference in Front Royal, VA

16-22 July – should set us up for success for next year

We'll start training over the summer for next year's Raider Competitions. Twice a week for the month of July.

We'll be working on the Obstacle Course over the Summer as we have to sand each obstacle, so we have a few days of sanding ahead of us. TBD

Capt Krom

Imagine School of North Port Young Marines. Nothing to report.

VMS YM:

Nothing to report, but they completed their trip to Costa Rica.

PPHS – CGJROTC Nothing to report.

Sea Cadets: LT Tina Brown

There will be no Drills during June and July because cadets will be participating in required Summer training. Drills will resume in August. In addition, Melinda Brown from the Maritime Eagles graduated from Recruit Training at Camp Blanding, FL. LT Tina Brown was an Escort at the Coast Guard in South Portland, ME. She leaves for Basic Airman Training Lemoore in California as an Escort.

NPHS: 6 graduates from Leadership Academy. (Most units are only authorized a quota of 2. I am pretty sure LCDR Barnes was an instructor at that week long AREA SEVEN event.

CHS: Major Rankin has departed as has her NSI Chief Williams. The new SNSI is LT Heather Bove, USCG (ret.) The NSI position remains open.

LBHS: Nothing to report.

PCHS: Nothing to report.

Color Guards for our events:

None Identified at this time.

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

Know your Council Area of Responsibility – Revision II

Prepared for the Sarasota-Manatee Navy League Council Board's Orientation

By G.B. Hamrick, Chairman, S.M.N.L. Money & Investment Subcommittee

Southwest Florida Regional Director, Naval War College Foundation

July 7, 2024

Federal Combined Statistical Area information (4 Counties):

North Port-Bradenton Combined Metropolitan Statistical Area information and statistics (comprised of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and DeSoto Counties):

North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Combined MSA map:

https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/econ/ec2012/csa/EC2012_330M200US412M.pdf

Sarasota Metropolitan Area Wikipedia Citation:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarasota_metropolitan_area

Note this excerpt:

“The North Port–Bradenton–Sarasota MSA is a component of the larger **North Port–Bradenton Combined Statistical Area**, a combined statistical area (CSA) consisting of the North Port–Bradenton–Sarasota MSA, the Punta Gorda, Florida MSA (Charlotte County), and the Arcadia, Florida, micropolitan statistical area (DeSoto County).^{[1]:140} At the 2020 census, the CSA had a population of 1,054,539.^[2] The Census Bureau estimates that its population was 1,129,384 in 2022.^[3]”

<https://www.gulfshorebusiness.com/charlotte-county-ranked-fifth-fastest-growing-region-in-the-nation/>

Excerpt - “The Punta Gorda Metropolitan Statistical Area, which encompasses all of Charlotte County, is ranked the fifth-largest area for population growth, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Business Insider, which analyzed Census Bureau population estimates for 384 metropolitan statistical areas, recently released data of the 10 areas experiencing the most growth in population. Charlotte County showed a 4% increase from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022. During that one-year period, the Punta Gorda Metropolitan Statistical Area went from a population of 194,934 to 202,661.”

Punta Gorda MSA Map with statistics as of July, 2023:

<https://florida.hometownlocator.com/cities/msa/msa,id,39460.cfm>

Short narrative description of Punta Gorda MSA noting that it is included in the North Port – Sarasota – Bradenton Combined MSA:

Boca Grande Men's Club
History of Speakers

Season	Speaker	Background
4/8/2024	R.P. Eddy	CEO of Ergo Global Intelligence
3/28/24	Dabo Swinney	Head Football Coach Clemson
3/12/2024	Colin Jackson	United States Naval War College
2/27/2024	General Michael Vickers	Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence
1/30/2024	Greg Brown	CEO of Motorola Solutions
1/24/2024	Vice Admiral Doug Crowder	Former Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
11/14/2023	David Malpass	American economic analyst
3/20/23	Gen. William C. Mayville	Deputy Commander, US Cyber Command
3/9/2023	Lt. General Charles Hooper (ret.)	Director of Defense Security Cooperation Agency
2/28/23	Adam Putman	CEO Ducks Unlimited/Farmer FL Commissioner of Agriculture
2/15/23	Gen. Phillip M. Breedlove	4 star General- Commander of US European Command
1/24/23	John Sherman	CEO Kansas City Royals
1/10/23	Brit Hume	Fox News
2021-2022	Howard Haug	Executive VP, Treasurer, CEO of Space Florida
	Mitch Daniels	Governor of Indiana, President Purdue University
	Colin Jackson	United States Naval War College
	Dr. Charles Edel	Center for Strategic and International Studies
2020-2021	No speakers due to Covid-19 outbreak	

<https://www.floridasmart.com/local/metro/puntagorda>

Punta Gorda Airport – Allegiant Airlines hub, home of the FL International Airshow:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punta_Gorda_Airport_\(Florida\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punta_Gorda_Airport_(Florida))

Excerpt noting opportunity for the Council, emphasis added in bold -

“Florida International Air Show

The airport has been home to the Florida International Air Show since 1981. The Florida International Air Show is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization operated wholly by several hundred volunteers that include airport staff.[20] **Each year, the Florida International Air Show donates proceeds to various local charities that provide their volunteers for the setup, operations, and breakdown of the event.**

Through November 2016, the Florida International Air Show has donated \$2.9 million to these local working charities throughout its history.[21]”

Gasparilla Island with town of Boca Grande; 1/3 Charlotte County, 2/3 Lee County -

Wikipedia citation: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boca_Grande,_Florida

Boca Grande is a high net worth island community (the wealthiest zip code in Florida). Winter residents include many national security minded and nationally prominent people. Presentations could be made at the Community Center’s 200 seat theater, the 300 seat Inn Beach Club, and on a smaller scale (50-100) at several other island venues. In support of the advocacy mission and gaining Council members with donative capacity. Examples (not comprehensive) of speakers in the past winter season; including VADM Crowder’s extremely well received remarks on China & deterrence:

SeaPort Manatee among Florida's 16 important ports; closest U.S. Port to the Panama Canal with \$5.1B annual revenue:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SeaPort_Manatee

<https://www.seaportmanatee.com/about-us/>

<https://flaports.org/about/the-florida-system-of-seaports/>

[https://www.fdot.gov/docs/default-source/seaport/pdfs/2016-Florida-Seaport-System-Profile-\(April-2017\).pdf](https://www.fdot.gov/docs/default-source/seaport/pdfs/2016-Florida-Seaport-System-Profile-(April-2017).pdf)

High economic impact major airports with many aviation related businesses nearby:

Sarasota-Bradenton -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarasota%E2%80%93Bradenton_International_Airport

<https://flysrq.com/airport-authority>

Punta Gorda –

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punta_Gorda_Airport_\(Florida\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punta_Gorda_Airport_(Florida))

National hub of Allegiant Airlines.

Charlotte County Airport Authority site - <https://www.flypgd.com/>

Airport related - Sunseeker Resort on Charlotte Harbor – owned by Allegiant Airlines, very high economic impact in Charlotte County and South Sarasota County:

<https://www.sunseekeresorts.com/>

The facility has a ballroom used for the major Military Heritage Museum Veterans Day event each year. As well as for other major community events.

Highlights of selected AOR cities and communities (not in any order of priority):

Bradenton - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bradenton,_Florida

Sarasota - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarasota,_Florida

Venice - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venice,_Florida

North Port - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Port,_Florida

Englewood (in both Sarasota and Charlotte Counties) -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Englewood,_Florida

Lakewood Ranch - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakewood_Ranch,_Florida

Long Boat Key (in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties) -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Longboat_Key,_Florida

Babcock Ranch – new city in eastern Charlotte County – planned community for 50,000, current 5,000 population, growing very fast. Completely solar powered, and hardened.

No damage, flooding, or loss of power during Hurricane Ian:

<https://www.businessobserverfl.com/news/2023/feb/17/new-kind-of-town-is-being-built-and-wired-on-ranchland-in-swfl/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babcock_Ranch,_Florida

<https://money.com/best-places-to-live/babcock-ranch-florida/>

Wellen Park planned community in North Port – Wikipedia citation:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wellen_Park,_Florida

Downtown Wellen Park -note Solis Hall purpose built event center* with capacity of ~200. 10 minutes off I-75 exit 191 River Road, videos are instructive:

<https://wellenpark.com/downtown-wellen/>

Braves Baseball Spring Training stadium in Wellen Park/North Port – very high economic impact:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CoolToday_Park

Other items of interest:

Military Heritage Museum with Gulf Theater in Punta Gorda. Site of successful Navy and Service Academies related events in the past. 5 minutes off I-75 –

<https://militaryheritagemuseum.org/>

The M.H.M.'s first class Gulf Theater seats 247.

Economic Development Councils –

<https://www.edcsarasotacounty.com/>

<https://bradentonareaedc.com/>

Chambers of Commerce: All of the cities and communities in the 4 county combined statistical area have vigorous chambers. With many business member prospects for business memberships.

AOR Event Venue Examples (not comprehensive or in any order of priority):

Gold Coast Event Center

Michael's on East

Solis Hall (noted above). *Catering for luncheon events is provided by the adjacent

Banyan House restaurant: <https://banyanhouserestaurant.com/>

Bird Key Yacht Club

Sarabay Country Club

Venice Yacht Club

Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda

Plantation Golf & Country Club

Gasparilla Island venues (noted above)