



## **DESTROYER LEADER ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SAN ANTONIO, TX – 9/15/2017**

Meeting called to order at 0934 by President Rossi

Flag Salute led by Gary Marchido, Invocation – Bill Svendsen

Parliamentarian presentation – Reminders from Curtis Hanson regards basic Roberts' Rules

**Minutes from Kissimmee meeting** – copies distributed, minutes paraphrased. Bill Svendsen moved, Sandy Sandoval 2<sup>nd</sup>  
-- Approved

**Correspondence** – None

**Ship's Store Report** – Bill Svendsen – Kissimmee and mail orders...\$1,724 had been received / \$1,490 expenses were incurred in restocking depleted items and adding new merchandise, for a profit of \$234. Sales at this reunion are going "real good."

**Treasurer's Report** – Mike Bugara -- review of income and expenses, both accounts.

Reunion fund expenses are \$10,480.66; some bills not in, (i.e., the barge tour bill.) Reunion fund bank balance is \$5,656.00 ... this will continue to deplete as hotel and other invoices are paid.

The general fund entries and balance were discussed... as of 9/15 the balance is \$6,329.06. Mike walked through each page of his printed report, with emphasis on the escrow account.

The Auction brought in \$1,199.00 to the general fund.

Mike reported on his practice of issuing receipts to donors of \$50.00 and more for tax accounting purposes.

Frank Graham moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bob Godas 2<sup>nd</sup> – Approved

**Reunion Planner's Report** – Frank Graham mentioned a comment he received about no bible in room – General conversation about the current reunion items as it winds up, and finding add'l attendees.

2018 at Virginia Beach, memorial at Norfolk bell, Nautica Center, USS Wisconsin, dinner cruise, Base tour, lunch at O club, visit Cole memorial. Sandy Sandoval - day-cruise? Larry Rossi - No, for dependents only. Bob Godas – concerns about interior sites/tours...inclement weather? Mike – still working on it. Bill Svendsen – later in week memorial service? Mike - can swap the dates. Sandy Sandoval – parking available at hotel? Mike – yes. General discussion re activities, lodging, parking, etc.

**Secretary's Report** – Report on finding piggy-back ships ... USS Coontz DLG 9 / DDG 40, interested, but much detail still needs to be addressed. Sandy Sandoval says the USS Cunningham, DDG-17 holding in San Antonio next week. Don Desmarais question re. partnership – currently not in bylaws. Mike adds detail about room counts, tours, etc. John Lair move to decide today to have piggyback. Sandy Sandoval 2<sup>nd</sup> – carried unanimously.

**Old Business** – Curtis Hanson presented the BoD-proposed deletions, changes, additions to language in the DLA Bylaws. Frank Graham moved, John Lair 2<sup>nd</sup> – changes ratified unanimously.

**New Business –**

2019 reunion – Notes from Sec’y as to where recent USS Coontz reunions have been held. Frank Graham ... suggests Boston, Constitution Hotel. / Don Desmarais – Boston, Fall River for ships. Portsmouth, NH / Bill Svendsen – Buffalo-Niagara Falls. / BoD suggestions = New Orleans, Colorado Springs, Branson, Muskegon. Discussion followed.

Initial Vote...Boston – 15, New Orleans – 3, Buffalo – 3, Muskegon – 1, Lancaster – 1.

Final vote...Boston – 16, which makes the Boston area the 2019 site. Some discussion re details.

For possible future site – Pittsburgh, PA (Jim Erisman)

**Ship Coordinators’ breakout session** President Rossi paused the meeting for 15 minutes for the Ship Coordinators to meet with their constituents.

Upon bringing the meeting back to order, President Rossi welcomed new members and called upon them to introduce themselves.

Betham, Rodric; DL-5, Roseville, CA

Maier, Paul; DL-3, Watauga, TX

Robert Swanson; DL-3, Bloomington, MN

Taylor, Bruce; DL-3, Grandbury TX

**Election of officers –** It was reported that Bob Godas, our nominator, had not identified any candidates other than the incumbents. The floor was opened to nominations for President and Secretary. There being none, Sandy Sandoval moved to re-elect Larry Rossi, President and Curtis Hanson, Secretary by acclamation, Bob Godas 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote was unanimous in favor. Election completed.

**Good of the order –**

Frank Graham - Blue water / Agent Orange/ vet’s benefits coming to an end.

Frank Graham - Banquet Seating list – info for Ship’s Coordinators

Larry Rossi - DD214 – important/essential to have, incl. for veterans’ funeral matters

Mike Bugara - Ship’s Coordinators – Frank Feichtner as publicity

Mike Bugara - PX eligibility -- [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com)

Curtis Hanson - chain of correspondence/information

Bill Svendsen - commended Mike Bugara for his years of good work as Reunion Planner ... Applause ensued.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn – approved. Meeting adjourned, 1107.

Resp’y

Curtis Hanson, Secretary

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