

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

78TH ANNUAL **PRE CONVENTION**

August 14-17, 2024

MINUTES

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
CALL TO ORDER at 10;16 am.

COMMANDER **HAMBORSKY**,
OPENING PRAYER in the interest of time waived until General Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, in the interest of time waived until General Session

Roll Call of Officers – by Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**. See attached form

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
DECLARE A QUORUM – *“As National Commander, I declare a quorum present and this National Convention of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America is duly authorized, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and National Constitution, to transact any business that may come before the Convention in Session.*

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Any other Delegate who wishes to do so may at this time get up and say their name to volunteer to serve on a committee. See Pre Convention Executive Committee Agenda for existing Committee Members).

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.

Jack **TANGEN**, Chairman

_____member

AUDITING (NATIONAL TRUSTEES):

Jack TANGEN, Chair

_____ Member

_____ Member

_____ Member

MEMBERSHIP

_____, Chairman

_____ Member

_____ Member

CONVENTION COMMITTEE; (FORMERLY TIME AND PLACE)

_____, Chairman

NOMINATING:

JACK TANGEN

JAMES FUREY

JOHN HILLYER, III

DAVID J. BUCHANAN

BEAR HOLLAND

JIM WHITE

Commander **HAMBORSKY** asked 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.

National Commander report:

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,

(Include Report of NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION.) Note: there may be a representative from NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION present at the Convention).

Commander Dwight **HAMBORSKY** gave his opening remarks.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS: (In Order)

RULES COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN: Karl **DOUGE**,

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: selected at the Pre convention Executive meeting:

Jack **TANGEN**, Chairman
Chett **WINCHELL**, member
Freddie **SAUSEDA**, member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the previous national convention held in **San Antonio, TX., August 2023.**

Motion by **No Motions were made, No action taken**

Second by _____

to accept the 2023, 77th Convention Minutes as read / mailed / corrected.

By a voice vote _____ ayes ___nays this motion is Approved / Disapproved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting:

POST CONVENTION meeting held August **2023** in San Antonio, Tx.

(Included with National Convention Minutes previously mailed)

Motion by **No Motions were made, No action taken**

Second by _____

to accept the Post Convention Minutes as read / mailed / corrected.

By a voice vote _____ ayes ___nays this motion is Approved / Disapproved.

MID YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING held in March 2024 on the Zoom platform.

(Previously mailed to all National Officers, Departments, and Islands).

Motion by John **HILLYER, III**,

Second by David J. **BUCHANAN** to accept the **Mid-year Executive Board minutes** as Posted. By a voice vote ALL ayes, this motion is **Approved**.

Commander **HAMBORSKY**,
DISPENSE WITH READING, but concur with action taken at the pre-convention executive committee meeting held AUGUST 15, 2024 AT Pittsburgh, PA. (Minutes not printed at this time) **No action was taken.**

COMMANDER HAMBORSKY,
CALLS FOR REPORT OF REMAINING OFFICERS:

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS (WHEN PRESENT):

21-23 JACK TANGEN	Submitted his report
18-21 JAMES FUREY	Submitted his report
16-18 JOHN J. HILLYER, III	Submitted his report
14-16 DAVID J. BUCHANAN	Submitted his report
12-14 JERRY LANDCASTLE	Historical value only
10-12 CARL BARRETT	Historical value only
08-10 BEAR HOLLAND	Not active, No report submitted
06-08 DAVE BUCHANAN	Submitted his report
04-06 JIM WHITE	Not active, No report submitted
96-98 ED JONES	Historical value only
90-92 NORM HILL	Historical value only
89-90 DON CLAY	Historical value only
85-87 DAVID YOUNGS	Historical value only
76-77 DICK GROVE	Historical value only
75-76 JACK WRIGHT	Historical value only

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE, ROY AGUILLON had **no report to present** to the General membership

NATIONAL SECRETARY, Charlie COFFIN

Charlie **COFFIN** reported that Island X-7 has partially deactivated their Island transferring 5 members to other Islands but still have 80+/- members still on the Island roster. They have sent in their charter to the National Secretary.

A question was asked about why they closed, G. **KISSINGER** explained his efforts in trying to deal with the Island and there seems to be **NO** interest in keeping the Island Active.

Charlie **COFFIN** will send out a **postcard** trying to establish contact with those members and get them transferred.

He also stated that Island X-8 Sacramento is doing well and looking to increase their membership.

C. **COFFIN** explained what we have done for the **two year budget** and brought up C. **CHELINE** to explain in depth. She has provided a handout with her report.

C. **CHELINE** read the numbers and opined it was a very conservative budget.

C. **COFFIN** asked if anyone at the meeting has a problem with the NSVA changing the **budget year** from **July1-June 30** to **September 1 through August 31?**

The consensus of the members was it makes more sense.

D. **MALIN** stated we should make a motion to change it. C. **COFFIN** said we would at the time we present it to the General Membership.

J. **CUBIT** stated he had NO notification of budget item changes. C. **COFFIN** responded that all information was posted to the website for prior perusal.

C. **CHELINE** stated that **J. CUBIT** was invited to the zoom meeting where this subject was addressed, unfortunately the address was incorrect, and he did not get the invitation.

Next, C. **CHELINE** explained the **“Rate of spending”** handout and the 5% drawdown spending program the NSVA is using at this time.

Ernie **NELSON** asked about the fees being charged by the NSVA investment broker (Edward Jones) and was told about **\$30.00 to \$40.00 a month.**

The next item to discuss was the **2024-2025 proposed budget** covering the period September 1 through August 31. C. **CHELINE** read the budget line by line.

G. **KISSINGER** explained the **Life Membership checks** that were returned or not cashed by an Island, would be returned to the National treasury.

A member from Texas (No name stated) asked about the availability of using **direct deposit** for Island to National business. He was told that the Wells Fargo bank does not offer this service.

G. **KISSINGER** explained a member to member transfer through Wells Fargo Bank.

C. **CUBIT** talked about not being able to track directly deposited checks to accounts.

D. **MALIN** asked what the NSVA phone number is. **203-814-5513**

C. **CHELINE** and G. **KISSINGER** and our **Edward Jones** investment representative are **developing an investment policy** for the NSVA.

NATIONAL TREASURER, Gerald KISSINGER

Motion by John **HILLYER, III,**

Second by James **FUREY** to **accept the Treasurer's report** as read and place on file pending an audit.

By a voice vote **ALL** ayes, this motion is **Approved.**

D. MALIN asked about the **Ship's Store inventory?** C. **Cheline** explained the way the Ship's Store budget works.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS:

NORTHEAST, John **CUBIT**

In attendance and submitted his Report

NORTH CENTRAL, Robert **WOOTEN**

Not in attendance and no report submitted

NORTHWEST, Ralph **BEAN**

Not in attendance and no report submitted

SOUTHEAST, John J. **HILLYER, III**

In attendance and submitted his Report

SOUTH CENTRAL, Chett **WINCHELL**

In attendance and submitted his Report

SOUTH WEST, Gerald **KISSINGER**

In attendance and submitted his Report

J. **CUBIT** asked about the District Commanders line item budget and was told for the **2024-2025** the line item is increased.

******* J. **CUBIT** also asked about the report on the Life Membership expenses stating he did not receive the reimbursement that was documented in the treasurer's report.

E. **NELSON** asked about the District Commanders attendance and asked if they ALL submitted reports? C. **COFFIN** replied **NO!** not all. Do the inactive District Commanders submit bills for reimbursements?

D. **HAMBORSKY** called for a short recess.

Before the recess C. **COFFIN** reminded all that we need volunteers for the Credentials Committee. He explained the Delegates fees will be accepted NOW.

D. **HAMBORSKY** stated that people on the Committee could not be Delegates and was **immediately corrected** by C. **COFFIN** saying anyone can be on the Committee.

J. **TANGEN** volunteered to be on the **Credentials Committee.**

C. **COFFIN** stated he needs the Money and forms at the start of the Convention.

Recess at 11:16 am

Reconvened at 11:55am

C. **COFFIN** announced the opening for the **3 Trustees, Life Membership Chairman** position is open as J. **CUBIT** is stepping down. **CAN DO editor** is stepping down in November.

R. **AGUILLION** had thought he would challenge Dwight **HAMBORSKY** for the National Commander's opposition but withdrew his challenge but when he found out he could not change the NSVA system of payment to on line payments.

J. **TANGEN** called a **Point of Order** to get back to the election business.

R. **AGUILLON** stated he would not stay on as National V. Commander as **“he had not done a damn thing this past year.”**

The position for **National V. Commander** is open.

Constitution and Bylaws, a report for the **NSVAA changes** to their Constitution on six different issues. D. **BUCHANAN** Constitution and Bylaws Chair, read the resolutions and recommended they **ALL be approved** as they are not in conflict with the NSVA Constitution and Bylaws.

D. **HAMBORSKY** asked if there was any discussion on this issue? There was none!

There was a **MOTION** by J. **SORENSEN**,

Seconded by C. **WINCHELL** to approve the NSVAA Constitution and Bylaws changes requested by the NSVAA as presented.

By a hand vote **ALL ayes** and NO nays, this motion was **approved**.

J. **TANGEN** was asked If he had anything further to say about the Internet and Publications? **NO**.

J. **CUBIT** was asked If he had anything further to say? **Nothing further to say**.

A. **AMESQUITA** was asked If he had anything further to say? He told C. **COFFIN** he had submitted his report and C. **COFFIN** found it.

C. **CHELINE** was asked If he had anything further to say? She spoke about a **new tri-fold** she and J. **TANGEN** have been working on and it is posted on the website for downloading.

Constitution recommendation updates and clarification, C. **COFFIN** explained the word changes and changes that have been made to bring the document up to date. The names of Committee have been identified.

D. **BUCHANAN** explained about the formation of the National Executive Board as an experiment using the zoom platform.

This new board takes the burden off of any one chairman.

A. **AMESQUITA** asked if we thought we were taking responsibility away from the individuals?

NO, this will be relieving a single person from having to make a critical decision.

C. **COFFIN** addressed the “**Allowable expenses.**”

The **2006 version** of the J. **WHITE** allowable expenses needs to be brought up to 2024 spending requirements.

E. **NELSON** questioned answering this question at this meeting.

G. **KISSINGER** spoke about the need to have the proposed changes.

D. **BUCHANAN** expressed an opinion that he hoped from this convention forward he hopes the membership will elect Officers that they can have confidence in to lead the Organization into the future.

C. **COFFIN** talked about **ACCEPTABLE EXPENSES.**

D. **HAMBORSKY** gave an overview of the Jim **WHITE** of 2006.

C. **WINCHELL** stated this is just a letter from a National Commander.

G. **KISSINGER** read several items from the letter.

D. **HAMBORSKY** stated this is 2024 and expenses are more today.

C. **WINCHELL** asked why the District Commanders allotment fell to \$750 for ALL District Commanders and D. **HAMBORSKY** stated that was a “**GRIEVOUS ERROR**” where C. **CHELINE** corrected him saying it was NOT a “grievous error” but a move to balance the budget.

J. **SCHMUCK** was on the budget committee at the time the allotments to the District Commanders and explained the thought process in doing so.

J. **CUBIT** mentioned an incident that happened several years age where he asked for money for his Office to buy a printer and it was denied and he thought it should have been

authorized. C. **COFFIN** explained any property bought by the NSVA remains the property of the NSVA and the treasury would not support other such request.

C. **CHELINE** asked about the amount that will be reimbursed and C. **COFFIN** answered only up to the budget line item.

C. **COFFIN** explained that if something **out of the ordinary** arises and is for the benefit of the NSVA, the National Executive **shall authorize the expense and take it from the appropriate line item the expense should have come from.**

His example was sending someone to attend a funeral of a past National Commander in an out of the way area. The NSVA would ask a District Commander or other representative of the NSVA to attend the funeral and would reimburse them for their expenses.

J. **SCHMUCK** explained that the letter is a guideline that helps the Treasurer determine if a check should be written or not.

OLD BUSINESS, none

NEW BUSINESS

990n Tax form, checking into a **third party to file** the 990n form.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** by G. **SORENSEN**

Seconded by C. **WINCHELL** to **adjourn this 2024 Pre Convention meeting.**

By a voice vote ALL ayes and NO nays, this Motion was **approved.**

C. **COFFIN** announced the check from X-2 Chicago for \$18,000+ was deposited directly into the investment account.

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC

2024 CONVENTION AND REUNION, August 14-17

PITTSBURG, PA.

PRE CONVENTION SIGN IN SHEET

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5	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST.	ZIP	ISLAND / LOCATION	
6	DAVID J. BUCHANAN	8491 N. DESERTROSE TER.	CRYSTAL RIVER	FL.	34428	X-23 CRYSTAL RIVER, FL	
7	DAVID J. BUCHANAN	17191 Charlotte Dr.	Gulfport	MS	39507	X-12 Roch. N.Y.	
8	Jenny Schuchack	3163 PAINT AVE	E. PROV	RI	02915	Coffport MS	
9	Frank Parker	4008 CLARENCE RD	BROOKLYN	NY	11203	DAVISVILLE RI	
10	JIM SORRELLS	1310A HIGHPOINT BLVD	X-5 St. Louis	MO	63103		
11	Teddy Monton	PO BOX 605 Von Army	Von Army	TX	78073	X-7 SAN ANTONIO TX	
12	John Roberts	2196 STRUMBERD SA TX	San Antonio	TX	78264	X-1 S.A. TX TX.	
13	Anthony Amescquita	19121 NE 25 Ave #0	Miami	FL	33180	X-5 Ft. Lauderdale FL	
14	Chuck Dauge	5142 Enderavour Ave	DOVER	FL	33527	X-11 TAMPA FL	
15	ERNE NELSON	4144 meadowlark Trail	Stow	OH	44224	X-5 Akron OH	
16	Chris Chelme	17332 Ipswich Way	LAKEVILLE	MA	01944	TWINCITIES MN	
17	ROGER JACOBSON						
18	Don MALIN						
19	John H. Iyer	7118 69th Terrace, Live Oak, FL	Live Oak, FL	FL	32060	X-11 Tampa FL	
20	Eusebio Soliz	1203 OHANA DR SA TX	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78251	X-1 SA TX	
21	ROY AGUILON	8695 W. FM. 976	POTTER, TX	TX	78065	X-1 SA TX	
22	Freddie Sausede	3503 Morning side St	Victoria, TX	TX	77901	X-1 SA TX	
23	Sire FUREY	34-27 34th St Astoria NY	Astoria NY	NY	11006	X-2 Huntington NY	
24	John Cubit	113 Kissingbury St	Rochester	NY	14613	X-12 Roch. NY	
25	Samuel Kissinger	511 Market Place	Longmont	CO	80504	X-4 Longmont CO	
26	Charles Coffin	2047 R. 100 Rd	Oneonta NY	NY	12004	X-14 Hillside NY	
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