

Louisiana Naval War Memorial Commission  
Minutes of Commission Meeting  
September 17, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

**Members present:**

Robert Hawthorne  
Roderick Wells  
Henson Moore  
John Wells  
Jerald Juneau  
Joe Jenkins  
Robert Schilling  
John Pugh  
Kyle Kennedy  
Karen St. Cyr  
Larry Muenzler  
C. J. Krueger (by Phone)  
Earnest Buckner (Joey Strickland designee)

**Members absent:**

H. Davis Cole  
Richard Brandt  
Jacob Perry  
Michael Vicari

**Others present:**

Carolyn Castel, Foundation Chairperson  
Leonard Sedlin  
Rosehn Gipe  
Todd Maulding  
Tim NesSmith

**Call to order:** At 4:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert Hawthorne, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Joe Jenkins.

**Agenda:** Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

**Determination of a Quorum:** Twelve Commission members were present therefore there was a quorum.

**Introduction of new members:** There was one new commissioner: Jerald Juneau. He said a few words about himself and was welcomed present, by the Commissioners.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to Commissioners and the Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none. On a motion by Commissioner John Wells and a second by Commissioner Robert Shilling, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer's report was given by Larry Muenzler with additional financial projections from Todd Maulding. Larry said based on the loss revenues this year because of Covid-19 the commission is behind budget. Todd explained to the commissioners that he was concerned about not having a steady stream of income. We probably will be okay until January 01, 2021. But we will need a busy season or we will be in dire straits. Our busy season starts in February and the months that immediately follow.

**Committee reports:**

Chairman Hawthorne asked if there were any committee reports. There were none.

**Staff reports:**

The Executive Director's report was emailed to all commissioners prior to the meeting. She asked if anyone had any specific questions about the report that covered July to September. A point of interest was the Lone Sailor Statue project, which is owned by the City of Baton Rouge. The city may demolish the flame tower (no cost to the museum) and replace it with the Lone Sailor statue.

Tim NesSmith's report was also emailed to all commissioners prior to the meeting. He shared with the commissioners his appreciation for the help the Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints have rendered. They have been a tremendous asset to the KIDD. Tim has managed to get different groups to volunteer on the KIDD through the end of the year.

**New Business:**

The Chairman called attention to the Internal Controls Policy that the KIDD and museum must follow and adhere to. The policy was emailed to the commissioners. The Chairman asked for a motion to adopt and approve the policy. A motion made by Commissioner John Pugh and seconded by Commissioner John Wells, the policy was unanimously adopted.

The USS KIDD DD 661 crew member William T. Barnhouse, the last surviving WWII officer, died on August 01, at the age of 97. Tim NesSmith drafted a wonderful narrative in his honor. A motion was made to adopt the narrative drafted by Tim. Motion was made by commissioner John Wells and seconded by Commissioner Kyle Kennedy. Motion was approved.

The KIDD foundation chairperson, Carolyn Castel, presented information on the foundation fundraiser scheduled for December 10, 2020 entitled, "Roaring on the River." It will be held at the USS KIDD Museum instead of a hotel as it was this past year. Chef John Folse will provide the food to feed approximately 200 guests. Sponsorships are needed for the event. They range from \$1500.00 to \$10,000.00. Tickets are \$75.00 each. The expected profit will be \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Leonard Sedlin was recognized by the commissioners for his 19 years of dedicated service to the USS KIDD. He recently retired as a commissioner. He was instrumental in putting together the USS KIDD and Museum Strategic Plan and Mr. Earnest Buckner Jr. Deputy Assistant Secretary/Benefits of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, was recognized as attending his first meeting as the designee of Commissioner Joey Strickland Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He will be attending the meetings regularly.

POW-MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 18, 2020. Commissioners were asked to remember them.

The chair asked for public comments to which there were none.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman asked if anyone had further business for the Commission. There was none so he adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

  
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Roderick Wells, Secretary