

# USS MULLINNIX DD944 ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 2012 Business Meeting

April 14, 2012

The 2012 Business Meeting of the USS Mullinnix DD944 Association was convened at 0834 hours in San Antonio, Texas with President Bob Houghton presiding.

All members in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by the Association Chaplain Jimmy Carter.

A moment of silence was held in honor of our deceased shipmates and our fallen U. S. military.

"Notice of Meeting" required by our Association By-Laws was duly provided as required in the 2012 Reunion Schedule of Events posted as page #5 in the Spring 2012 edition of the Mullinnix News. In addition, the Association has 135 active members. Our By-Laws require 25% of those active members to be present to establish a quorum. Said quorum was not established due to only 31 members being present. This was the 2nd straight year that a quorum wasn't met. It was suggested that maybe we should change the percentage requirement in our By-Laws in the not too distant future.

President Houghton extended a special welcome to the 6 new members. They are Dan Avila, Tony Durrett, Jose Garcia, Don McAllister, Phil Welsh and Dennis Wenske.

Secretary Neil Cendrosky read the minutes of the 2011 Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written, All members approved.

Association Treasurer Mike Tomes gave the treasury report. Members were given copies of the report as they entered the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as written. All members approved.

Reports of Committees:

By-Laws Committee; Chairman James C. Wonch reported no activity.

Nominating Committee; Chairman Mike Snoke reported via email that there was no activity.

Welcoming Committee; Chairman Jimmy Carter stated that he gladly welcomed our new members and he hoped that they continued to attend our reunions for many years to come.

Reunion Committee; Bob Houghton reported that the 2013 reunion would be held in Herndon Virginia in the Washington D. C. area. He also reported that the Executive Board decided that the 2014 reunion would be held in Columbus, Georgia. He also reported that the Reunion Committee is looking into Bowling Green, Kentucky, Nashville, Tennessee and Branson, Missouri as near future possibilities. He would like to hear from the membership on their ideas on where to go. There really hasn't been any response from the membership.

Unfinished Business: There wasn't any unfinished business to discuss.

New Business: Eddy Young made a motion to reimburse Bob Houghton for travel expenses incurred for reunion planning. It was seconded by Larry Soule. At this point Bob stood up to give his feelings on the subject. After his presentation he said he would leave the meeting so the membership could discuss it freely without him being present and turned the meeting over to Vice-President James Wonch. While Bob was out, there were several issues brought up about the idea that the membership was not aware of. After some discussion the afore mentioned motion was tabled, Bob was called back into the room and resumed control of the meeting. Mike Simmons made a motion for the Association to donate \$250 to Bay City Michigan to help in the restoration of the USS Edson DD946 which is coming to Bay City Michigan. The motion was seconded by Carl Wallace and was passed by the membership.

Election of Officers: There was no need for election of new officers and President Bob Houghton instructed Secretary Cendrosky to cast one (1) vote for the current slate of officers to serve in their current capacities until the 2013 Business Meeting. Secretary Cendrosky cast one (1) vote for the current slate of officers without prejudice.

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chaplain Jimmy Carter

Adjournment: The 2012 Business Meeting was adjourned at 0940 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil J. Cendrosky, secretary