

**USS CLAUDE V. RICKETTS DDG-5
USS BIDDLE DDG-5**

DDG-5 CREWMEMBERS ASSOCIATION
2012 REUNION BUSINESS MEETING

CROWNE PLAZA RIVERFRONT
1201 RIVERPLACE BOULEVARD
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

May 5, 2012
(50th Anniversary – USS Biddle Commissioning)

Executive Director --- Carl Slack
President: --- Glenn Johnson (absent)
Vice President: --- Danny Timm
Secretary: --- Jerry Kaufman (absent)
Treasurer: --- Michael Margeotes
Master at Arms: --- Chuck Ketteringham
Chaplain: --- Wayne Miller
Webmaster: --- Kirk Neuman

0900 CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Danny Timm calls the meeting to order with 21 members present. Members recite Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. VP Timm welcomes members and requests that each member stand and identify themselves and report what years they were onboard. Members comply and each report where they now reside.

0905 READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Danny passes out copies and makes available the minutes at the last crewmembers business meeting that was held on May 1, 2010 in Norfolk, Virginia. Danny calls for the reading of our last business meeting minutes.

A motion from the floor was made to dispense with reading of the minutes and was seconded. Call for the vote, and the motion was accepted and carried by unanimous vote.

Danny reminds members present that there will be a Memorial Service at the Lone Sailor statue on the Riverwalk at noon following the meeting.

0910 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Executive Director Carl Slack informs crewmembers present that President Glenn Johnson had an emergency with an unexpected death in the family. President Johnson had arrived in Jacksonville several days earlier and dropped off ships store articles and proceeded on to his destination to be with family. Carl Slack reports that Glenn and his wife should arrive back in Jacksonville in time for the banquet Saturday evening.

0915 TREASURERS REPORT:

Mike Margeotes reports that there is currently \$4,435.00 in our account with \$635 dedicated towards the Adams DDG-2 Hull Plate project. He reports \$3,348 remaining with deposits pending.

Carl Slack further reports why the Association funds are in the Navy Federal Credit Union. There is no charge for maintaining the account and the checks are free. However, Mike Margeotes is not a member of the Navy Federal and can not write checks. Carl further explains that is why he is the primary issuer of checks.

Captain Jerry Rapkin asks about seeking Tax Exempt status. A discussion is held and Carl Slack talks about incorporation for the Association and trying to limit member's liability. Further discussion was held about EIN numbers with Navy Federal and Federal Tax liability. There are no charges with Navy Federal.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers Report as written was. Call for the vote, and the motion was accepted with unanimous approval.

0920 CORRESPONDENCE:

Danny Timm reads a letter from former crewmember (BT2) Thomas Suchocki who has donated \$10,000 to the DDG-2 Adams Class Foundation in recognition of three recently deceased former Ricketts crewmembers.

Carl Slack reads several brief emails he has received from former crewmembers that could not make it to the reunion. They wish the reunion success.

0925 OLD BUSINESS:

Carl Slack updates members on the USS Adams DDG-2 hull plate status. DDG-5 Crewmembers Association had approved and allocated \$2,500 towards hull plate Starboard#5 at the last reunion. He hopes to send in the money shortly. An additional \$2,500 for hull plate Port#5 has been authorized raising funds by crew donations. Carl Slack reports he believes the Adams group needs \$1,500,000 for the move. We will learn more at the USS Biddle DDG-5 commissioning 50th anniversary ceremony this afternoon at the Adams Class Museum located at Jacksonville Landing. A reception and cake will be provided.

Danny Timm talks about problems Philadelphia has had trying to obtain the USS Olympia.

0935 NEW BUSINESS:

Danny Timm opens floor for location suggestions for the 2014 reunion. Carl Slack suggests Washington DC for the next reunion site and recommends dates around July 28, 2014, the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of the ship as the Claude V. Ricketts. Washington Naval Shipyard has the USS Barry open to the public and the Navy Museum that we can tour. He would like to get former NATO mixed-

manned crewmembers to attend as it would be easy to fly in Washington, DC without changing airports.

Question from the floor directed at Carl Slack asking if the Adams will be at Jacksonville by 2014. He does not believe it will be moved, open and ready by 2014. It has to be approved and repaired to be moved to the new site. Danny Timm concurs.

Carl Slack reports that July 28, 2014 is a Monday. He will research possible dates for the reunion that will include the 28th. He reports that the Crowne Plaza or Marriott might be good locations. The reunion committee will look into sites, prices and the best dates. Carl Slack recommends that the hotel should be near the Old Town Trolley line so we can move about and tour the city without having to schedule an expensive tour bus.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept Washington, DC for the next reunion. Danny Timm calls for the vote. It is accepted and carried.

A motion was made from the floor to make the date to include the last weekend in July 2014. Seconded, voted, accepted and carried.

0945 Newsletter Update: Carl Slack asks if there are any volunteers to be the DDG-5 Newsletter Editor. He is the current editor and wishes to continue using emails instead of US Postage for distribution. However, the newsletter will be mailed if anyone does not have email. Dan Rogers agrees to volunteer for the Newsletter Editor position.

0950 Kirk Neuman reports on the DDG-5 website. He will post photos of this reunion when he returns home. If anyone has images of the reunion on a flash card he can download them to his laptop before the reunion concludes.

Carl Slack talks about our ships store. Asks is there are any volunteers to maintain and operate the ships store. Kirk Neuman volunteers to be Ships Storekeeper.

Carl Slack informs members that a list of all attendees will be put on the web site but email addresses will not be displayed. If you have registered on the website and login, you will be able to send email to the attendees just as you can through the Crew Roster. Photos will be uploaded.

1000 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Danny Timm opens floor for nominations and advises members that Glenn Johnson has withdrawn his name for consideration as President or any other office.

President: Mike Margeotes nominates Jim Miller. The nomination was seconded. Jim said he accepts the nomination. Danny Timm calls for the vote, accepted and carried.

Vice President: Carl Slack nominates the current VP Danny Timm. The nomination was seconded. Danny said he accepts the nomination. Call for the vote, accepted and carried.

Secretary: Dan Rogers is nominated from the floor. The nomination was seconded. Dan said he accepts the nomination. Danny Timm calls for the vote, accepted and carried.

Treasurer: Danny Timm nominates our current Treasurer Mike Margeotes. The nomination was seconded. Mike said he accepts the nomination. Call for the vote, accepted and carried.

Carl Slack reports that the positions of Chaplain and Master at Arms are appointed and they will continue in their current positions.

Chaplain: Wayne Miller

Master-at-Arms: Chuck Ketteringham

1015 GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Today's schedule of events is discussed. The Crew Memorial ceremony is at noon at the Lone Sailor statue. It is suggested that members take the water taxi over to the Landing and the Adams museum for the 1400 Biddle 50th anniversary commission ceremony and presentation by Jacksonville Naval Historical Ship Association (JHNSA). Carl Slack reminds members that the banquet dinner is casual attire. The St. Augustine tour and Sunday departure is discussed.

Mike Margeotes reports on the Historical Book of USS Biddle/USS Claude V. Ricketts DDG-5. He would like more documentation and information. He is missing 1973 and 1987 information. He has nothing on 1987 and desires input from former crewmembers. He tried to contact Captain Donovan but got no info.

Raffle tickets are discussed for the dinner banquet. If a member draws the Traveling Ricketts Flag they must bring it to the next reunion. The original USS Claude V. Ricketts ribbons were donated to the USS Charles F. Adams Museum and are on display. Executive Director Slack reports that he believes a plaque identifies the ribbons at the museum.

1025 MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion is made from the floor to adjourn. The motion was seconded, voted and carried.

Carl Slack lastly reports that he just got a message from Past President Glenn Johnson informing us that he will arrive in Jacksonville at approximately 1730 and he will be at the Dinner Banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

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