



USS Lafayette Association

Business Meeting Minutes

Branson, MO, September 10, 2011

Call to order: The Lafayette Association business meeting was called to order at approximately 8:15 PM by Board Chairman Herb Wise.

Opening Prayer: by Thomas Tibbs.

Opening Comments: Mr. Wise welcomed everyone and then started a few reminiscences; Call for a show of hands for members with 2,3,4,5 and 6 years of service. Then Mr. Wise called for a show of hands of commissioning crew members and then de-commissioning crew members. Next was a show of hands of officer that served in Lafayette. Members were next asked to stand by Departments and divisions. Next was a show of hands of all “Flapper Valve Award” winners. Next was a show of hands of members that had been onBoard during a missile launch. Several crew members came forward to tell sea stories and jokes during a brief “open mic” period.

New Business; Mr. Wise explained that the Board had held an informal meeting earlier Saturday afternoon to hear general comments and discussions from members. The area of greatest concern is getting enough active members and candidates for the Association Officer positions to keep the organization running. Several suggestions were made to improve communications and increase attendance at future reunions.

Outgoing President Ed Knight was introduced and made a few brief comments. Ed will proceed on to become the Board Chairman.

Election of Officers: Mr. Wise presented the following list of candidates as nominees to the open Board positions:

President:	Dennis Lauze
Vice President:	Tom Tinney
Treasurer:	Joe Geiger
Secretary:	Bill Livingston

There were no nominations from the floor. By voice vote all nominees were elected with one Nay vote.

Two positions as elected Board members were open for election. Three members were nominated to the two Board member positions:

William “Spud” Woods
Lynn Watson
Bill Liles

By a show of hands vote, Lynn Watson and Bill Liles were elected to the Board.

Financial Report: The financial report from Treasurer Joe Geiger was given by Board Member Bill Fraser.

Balance	As of 09/01/2009	\$18,254
Credits	Dues, donations & late 2009 reunion deposits	2,742
Debits	2009 reunion payments	6,626
	Web site fee	340
	2011 reunion hotel deposit	500
Balance	As of 09/01/2011	\$13,530

Next Reunion: Based upon the input from the members at the afternoon meeting, there is considerable interest in having the next reunion in Groton Connecticut. The Board has the final decision for the location of reunions. The Board will seriously consider the Groton location for the next reunion. The 2013 reunion will also be the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of the Lafayette. The Board proposed allocating 50% of the available Association monies to set up the 2013 reunion as a discussion item. The new Board will make the decision on this.

The Board expects to rough out the next reunion schedule within the next 2 months and get it posted on the Association web site for input and comments from the members.

Several door prizes were given out to the members and the ladies.