

13 SEP 23 SENCLAND Board Meeting Minutes

1. Called to order at 10:18 by Pres. Joe Irrera. (Slides with agenda, etc. e-mailed prior)
2. PRESENT: Pres. Joe Irrera, 1st V/P Gary Green, 2nd V/P Doug Holdstein, Past Pres. Ken Klassen, USN Dir. Tom Welke, USAF Dir. Diane Jinwright (also PAO), USPFS Dir. Dave Renquist, Membership Chair Al Schroetel, Leg. Aff. Chair Barry Coyle, Outreach Chair Mike Apicella, Wellness Chair Leon Rooks, JROTC Chair LeeRoy Hanna, Veteran Scholarship Chair Chrissy Sanford, Newsletter Editor Allan Turner, Outreach committee member Hondo Davids, Webmaster Allen Allegretto, Treasurer Anna Marie Allegretto, E-Mail POC JoAnn Doleman, Sec'y Bob Doleman.
3. Sec'y reviewed-mailed revised minutes for 24 MAY meeting. **MSP** To accept.
4. Past Pres. Ken Klassen gave update on MOAA cruise in NOV.
5. Pres. Irrera noted the recent 5-Star MOAA awards (slide 2): Allen Allegretto (webmaster/IT) 5-Star Harris Communications award, Allan Turner (newsletter) 5-Star Harris Communications award; SENCLAND Chapter 5-Star Level of Excellence award.
6. Finances: Treasurer Anna Marie Allegretto (slides 4, 5 & 6) gave an update; 2023 income way above expenses due to a large individual donation; balance at \$32,852.
7. Membership: Chair Al Schroetel (slides 6 thru 9) noted that gains are good, personal contact is still the best recruiting method, NRT lists are getting smaller, are sent to service directors to work with. SENCLAND recruits the most members among NC chapters.
8. Nominations: Committee chair Ken Klassen (slides 10 & 11) presented a slate of nominees for the 2024 – 2026 service period (noting that Greg Cook is a new USN dir. Candidate, and the Barry Coyle and Mike Apicella will continue to serve as chairs of their committees (Leg. Aff. & Outreach): Pres: Allan Turner, 1st V/P Tom Welke, 2nd V/P Barry Coyle, 3rd V/P Mike Apicella, USA Dir. Thomas Jones, USN Dir, Greg Cook, USAF Dir. Dianne Jinwright, USMC Dir. Doug Holdstein, USCG Dir. Frank Roberts, USPHS Dir. Dave Renquist. **MSP** To accept this slate for presentation at the annual regular chapter meeting (2nd TUE in NOV).
9. Legislative Affairs: Chair Barry Coyle (slide 12): No action in Congress; expect no appropriations.
10. Special Events/Programs: Allan Turner (filing in for chair Irene Glaeser)(slides 13 thru 15) Noted a limit of 20 for the USCG tour at Oak Island on 20 Oct (details in newsletter); discussion on payment for guest meals; discussion on raising meal prices as Blue Water prices increase – no decision for now. Irene will attempt to find out what price increases BW will impose on us prior to new contract on 1/1/24. Rather than do multiple price increases to our members, we will do just one once that price can be accurately identified.
11. E-Mail Service: Allen Allegretto, IT Whiz, (slides 16 thru 18) discussed and recommended an “automated” e-mail/registration/notices system called “Constant Contact” that costs \$12 per month. He displayed formats, options, access, etc. He will send out a trial action and report results to the board. Lengthy discussions and explanations with Q & A. Pres. will lead the “beta tests.”
12. Wellness: Chair Leon Rooks (slides 19 & 20) reviewed his functions and recent activities.
13. Outreach: Chair Mike Apicella (slide 21) noted the two grants processed for the \$1,500 of budgeted funds.

14. Veteran Scholarships: Chair Chrissy Sanford (slide 22) noted the status of donated funds for the budgeted scholarships; also noted the VVA 885 had again donated \$3,000 for this year's program.
15. 2025 Honor Flight: Chrissy Sanford (slide 23) noted the flight for 20 APR 2024 and that 60 veterans had signed up so far; that chances to volunteer as guardian (requires \$535) and volunteer at the departure and arrival are available. See "honorflightcfa.org."
16. Around the Table (slide 29) NTR.
17. Pres. Irrera noted the next board meeting will be WED, 1 NOV, time and place TBA – to take place right before the NOV regular meeting, 7 NOV.
18. Adjourned at 12:17.

Respectfully Submitted: _____, 25 SEP 23 (rev 1 NOV 23)
Robert D. Doleman, Sec'y