

# U.S.S. Mullinnix *DD-944* Association



## Annual Meeting Minutes 2006

The annual Meeting of the USS Mullinnix Association was duly announced and called to order at 9:45 AM, Saturday, April 22, 2006, at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

President Bob Houghton called the meeting to order and the membership assembled stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thereafter Mike Simmons was asked to lead the prayer in the absence of our Chaplin.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Treasurer Skip Petras announced that the association funds amounted to \$22,309.00 with \$12,118.70 in outstanding invoices. On a motion by Mike Simmons, seconded by Ray Filewicz the membership voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary Joe Sprowls reported on the minutes of the previous (2005) which had heretofore been provided to the membership. On a motion by Charlie Robinson, seconded by Dan Chambers the minutes were accepted with a correction removing the "S" from Frank Wood's last name so now Frank has no "S".

President Bob Houghton mentioned the names of all new members who were in attendance which included Cecil Brown, Jeff Hathorn, Charles Kay, Joe Monagle, Jesse Newton, Paul Pisano, Dave Seidel and Carl Wallace.

A report was given by the President regarding Leonard Lollis' agreement to step in

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and take the reunion photographs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Bob Houghton as Reunion Planner also discussed briefly the yet unfinished plans for the Jacksonville 2007 Reunion. On a motion by Dave Seidel, seconded by Dick Pine the report of the Reunion Planner was accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frank Wood(no S) discussed the establishment of the Mullinnix's own website at [www.ussmullinnixassociation.com](http://www.ussmullinnixassociation.com) for a \$119 investment. Frank Wood would (I couldn't resist) provide IT assistance and design the website. On a motion by Ray Filewicz seconded by Dale Schultz the membership voted unanimously to authorize the new website as well as the appropriate funding.

**Site Selection 2008:** was discussed at length and some of the recommendations included Chicago, Ill and it was pointed out that the U505 WWII captured German submarine was at the Museum of Science and Industry and a visit could probably be arranged for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Milwaukee, WI. Some other suggestions included Grand Island; Niagra Falls and the Finger Lakes Region.

On a motion by Dave Ripple, seconded by Tony Sozio the site of Chicago, Ill was accepted for the 2008 Reunion.

Frank Wood (no "s") reported that the Destroyer Forrest Sherman would likely be in Baltimore by 2009 and Baltimore should be considered for the reunion site.

(I need some help here) **Ron Webster discussed amendment to the By-Laws but I have no further notes. No indication of what if anything was voted on or who may have made a motion etc.** (Please advise)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** On a motion by Dave Ripple, seconded by Tom Schmucker the membership was asked to consider keeping the entire 2006 slate of officers for a new term. Tony Sozio moved the vote to be by acclamation which passed unanimously. Bob Houghton reported that due to health considerations, Roger Ballard was resigning as Chaplin. On a motion by Jerry Kaufman, seconded by Dave Ripple and approved unanimously, Mike Simmons was selected as Chaplin.

**I have noted that Dave Ripple, Dick Pine, myself, Jerry Kauffman and Dan Chambers were selected to serve on a committee which I believe was one regarding Membership but my notes are unclear and my mind is fast slipping away. Please**

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advise.

Jim Carter was appointed (?) of the Welcoming Committee.

On a motion by Mike Simmons seconded by Dave Ripple, a donation by the Mullinnix Association in the amount of \$500.00 each was made to Tin Can Sailors and the Forrest Sherman Association. This motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business and without objection from the membership the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 on a motion by Mike Simmons seconded by Ray Filewicz