**KENNER NAVAL MUSEUM COMMISSION MEETING**

**JANUARY 26, 2016**

PRESENT: Tim, Claude, Stan, Woody, Cleve, David, Col. Frank and Doug

Meeting called to order. Minutes from August 19, 2015 meeting was handed out to members. After the minutes were read by the members a motion was put on the floor to approve the minutes by Stan and seconded by Tim. The financial report was read by Lynda. As of December 31, 2015 we have $4,659.37 in the bank. A motion was put on the floor to approve the financial report by Stan and seconded by Col. Frank.

Claude We have a quorum present. Asked Col. Frank if he has anything to report.

Col. Frank He took pictures of the aircraft in the Park for the loan recertification and Lynda will send it to Lenore Taylor at the Department of the Navy, National Naval Aviation Museum, as required per the loan agreement.

He asked her if they had any helicopters we could acquire. She told him they do not want to give any aircraft unless there is a historical connection. If they can find one no one else wants, then we could have it. He asked her about the ones that are being replaced and or are they going to the bone yard? He will check with the Marine Crop Museum. He will pursue possibilities. We will be looking for individual linkage. What about a meeting with him and Claude to visit Ms. Taylor after the 15th of February?

He will contact Dana Brignac, Senator Vitter’s assistant, and see if she can assist us. Senator Vitter will be in office until January of 2017. The only way we could get a tank is to be pushed up on the list that we have been on for three years. We would be asking if he can help us as one of his last things he can do in office.

Doug Has no further updates other than his wife died December 10th. He is also still Commander of his VFW post 6640.

Dave Wants to thank the group about getting him involved. He is Adjutant to American Legion Post 377. He will be here to help out with anything.

Cleve Joey Strickland is the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He needs to be notified of the meetings. Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser may want to come to our meeting.

Stan He will get with Jeff Bordelon of Southern Scrap, to see if they have a destroyer with a mast we can have for the park.

Claude Met with new Mayor Mike Sigur and briefed him about what we are trying to accomplish in the park. He also spoke with Mr. Wood regarding the mast of the Saratoga. He said right now they are in bankruptcy. He said to talk with him after the 15th of February. He will call him then.

Col. Frank In Biloxi they have a beautiful display of ships masts. That would really be a nice thing to have.

Claude We have a person that would go get and bring the mast to us for nothing. The Castanzas are the ones who have a scrap yard.

We might have the mast donated, but if not, the City will absorb the costs.

Hope next meeting we will have better news about the tank and helicopter.

If no further business, this meeting is adjourned.