



LOUISIANA NAVAL WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION

305 River Road S, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

4:00 PM

USS KIDD VETERANS MUSEUM

ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM. The Chairman confirmed existence of a quorum

Commission Members Present:

Leslie Nicholson - Chairman

Deborah Todd – Secretary

Roderick Wells

Robert Hawthorne

Keith Chappell

Katie Pryor

John Patirck Mulhearn

Timothy Credeur II

David Couvillion

Earnest Buckner

Angelique Bergeron

Ashley Taylor

	Chris Whittington
Excused:	Karen St Cyr
	Katie Pryor
Guests:	Parks Stephenson -Executive Director USS Kidd
	Tim NesSmith – Ship Superintendent USS Kidd
	Elijah Otto – Business Manager USS Kidd
	Gabrielle Fulton – Museum Curator USS Kid
	Greg Williams – Operations Manager
	Mikelyn Matthews - Collections Specialist
	Jamie Frowein – Guest of Deborah Todd
	David Rollins – Foundation Trustee
ITEM 2 -	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ITEM 3 -	INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Jamie Frowein, David Rollins
ITEM 4 - MEETING	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR November 20, 2025,
	 A draft of the minutes of the Commission meeting on November 20, 2025, had been previously distributed to the Commissioners along with the agenda for this meeting. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes, as approved, along with the agenda for this meeting is attached as Exhibit A.
ITEM 5 -	EXECUTIVE REPORT: The Executive Director presented his detailed report which had also been previously distributed to the Commissioners and answered various questions.. A copy of his report is attached as Exhibit B.
ITEM 6 -	FINANCIAL REPORT: Elijah Otto – Business Manager presented the museum’s financial report. Various modifications were discussed which were incorporated into the final report, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C.
ITEM 7 -	MODIFICATION OF COMMISSION’S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: Commissioner Tim Credeur presented a motion to amend the Commission’s Bylaws, which was duly seconded and approved after discussion. Commissioner Hawthorne will prepare a draft of the revised Bylaws to reflect the proposed changes which will be

circulated to the Commission prior to the next meeting, as required, for final approval.

ITEM 8 -
Nicholson:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE MUSEUM'S FUTURE-Les

The focus of his report was the Welcome Home Celebration scheduled for May 23 at 2PM: Chairman Nicholson identified the various entities represented on the celebration committee and described the activities being planned. The Committee is being assisted by Jay Hover, the organizer of Live at Five. His fees are being paid by the Louisiana Veterans Museum Foundation using funds donated by Celebration sponsors obtained by Commissioner Todd.

Celebration Committee Chairman Jay Dardenne and Chairman Les Nicholson met with WWII Museum representatives who want to help us in our efforts to redesign and repurpose the Museum. Chairman Nicholson has connected with the museum designers recommended by the WWII representatives. .

Bally's Casino wants to work with us and requested a letter of interest from the Commission. The Chairman was authorized by a motion duly made and seconded to submit an appropriate letter of interest.

ITEM 9 - Meeting was adjourned at 4:58PM

Respectively submitted.

Deborah Todd

Secretary