Meeting Minutes

DATE	04/18/2023	
CENTRAL LOUISIANA COA BRANCH		
ATTENDANCE	President: LCDR Sandra Pelto- present President Elect: LT Oluwaseun Foluke -present Secretary: LCDR Jennifer Curtis- present Treasurer: LT Joshua Mjolsness- present Current Roster: CDR Kianne D. Casper LCDR Jennifer N. Curtis- Present CDR Amy L. Strain CAPT Aurelia M. Thomas	
	LT Oluwaseun K. Foluke- Present LCDR Sandra J. Pelto- Present LT Joshua Mjolsness- Present LT Chigozie Udemgba- Present CDR Dan Fletcher LCDR William David Harris - Present CDR Penny M. Strother LCDR Shane L. Pennison LCDR Jennifer S. Huff -Present LCDR Willis Ryan Steortz -Present LCDR Jamie L. Martinez CDR Roger Ballard CDR Patrick Humphries LT Letaya Robinson LCDR DAVID RAY JACKSON LCDR Willie Vasquez LTJG Andrew Romaner- present	
AGENDA	 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Date: 2/8/2023 1st Motion: LT Mjolsness 2nd Motion: LT Chigozie Udemgba Approved 2022 Meeting Minutes were submitted to COF Reports: A. Treasurer: LT Mjolsness- First Federal Bank of Louisiana, Pelto, Mjolsness, Martinez are the account, Funds requested from National, a check issued, current balance unknown B. Awards Committee: LCDR Martinez- no update C. Outreach committee: CENLA COA website. https://www.cenlacoa.org/ 	

- **D.** Communications: LT Udemgba Newsletter to be created and shared on the website and by email.
- E. Retention and Recruitment: LCDR Steortz
- F. PHS upcoming events:
- March 18th Steel Magnolias fun run one officer represented the COA, other virtual. Natchitoches, LA 71457.
- 2. 4 Officers participated for the March 31st Breast cancer Run at Rapides : Still waiting to hear back if it qualifies.
- 3. Upcoming events

In person

- a. May 14: Run for Your LIFE (runningintheusa.com)
- b. May 28: Superheroes for Kids 5K and Fun Fest
- c. June 4th: Logger Jogger 5K Shreveport, LA

Virtual Events

- a. The 2023 Surgeon General's 5K will take place in Tulsa during the 2023 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium (May 8-11 in Tulsa, OK).
- b. National Nurses week: Saturday, May 6th, 2023
- 4. Criteria:

At least 5 officer participants OR

At least 10 total participants (with a minimum of 2 officers)

Other Scenario examples meeting the minimum (using the equation 3 civilians = 1 officer)

- c. 4 officers, 3 civilians
- d. 3 officers, 6 civilians

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2023 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium

May 8-11, 2023

Cox Business Convention Center

Tulsa Oklahoma

#USPHS2023

https://www.phscof.org/registration/

Funding pending from MQMU

Register by March 21, 2023 for early bird.

- **2. CDR Dan Fletcher is retirement dinner.** LCDR Curtis to provide details once date has been determined. Discuss gift, shadow box, plaque, gift card.
- 3. Did you know April is the Month of the Military Child?!? To celebrate, the National COA's Communications and Public Relations team is soliciting pictures of PHS officers in uniform with their child(ren). Since April is literally tomorrow, please begin collecting photos as soon as possible. You may send officer photos and any related questions to CDR Clara Stevens (Clara.Stevens@hhs.gov) or the COA Facebook team

	(coaphsfacebook@gmail.com). You can also send them any other branch highlights you'd like shared on social media.
OLD BUSINESS	See Below
PERSON	ACTION ITEMS
LCDR Martinez	Tablecloth received pending emblem
LT Mjolsness	Bank Account- completed.
LCDR Curtis	.Habitat for Humanity- https://www.rapideshabitatforhumanity.org ccooper.habitat@gmail.com (318) 449-9804 1320 Monroe St Alexandria, LA 71301-7144 LCDR Curtis reached out waiting on response.
LCDR Pelto	Fundraiser Event Guidelines: Any officer selling something while in uniform could be problematic because it will be perceived as being done while on duty. If the officer is wearing civilian clothing it should be ok. Also, if a family member or retiree could do it, that would be ideal. Please do not use government equipment or while on duty to fundraise. Candy Bars Option: World's Finest Chocolate \$30 a box \$30 profit. Start with 10 boxes.
NEW BUSINESS	Tour of the website, Need a logo or use the online national one
MOTION TO ADJOURN:	1 st : LCDR Curtis 2 nd : LT Mjolsness
Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 @ 11:00am CDT	