



THE CUSHING ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Meeting took place Sunday, 18 January 2026, 18:00hrs CST;

Board Members in attendance Shannon Mickens-President, Jon Moulton-Vice President, Cat Bartrug-Treasurer, Amy Laetzsch-Secretary, (Zach Trublood-Historian was not available), Alex Maitre-Head of the Ship Naming Subcommittee.

★ Naming of a new ship:

- Discussed the letter developed by Alex as head of the subcommittee, to be sent to Secretary of Navy (SECNAV). 4 out of 5 board members voted that the letter Alex created was well done and we are in full support of his efforts.
- Alex will mail a physical copy of the letter to all association board members once all suggestions and recommendations have been implemented.
- Responses to the letter will be sent to Shannon's address.

★ Reunion Planning:

- Board members are still discussing how to construct the Nashville reunion for optimal attendees and enjoyment.
- Surveys to be conducted as well as requests for all Cushing Veterans to give their input.

★ Monthly Financial Report:

- Cat is continuing to review the EIN rules as we work to get ours reinstated.
- 4 out of 5 board members voted that she uses her address as Board Treasurer.
- The board will supply Cat with Cushing letterhead which states inclusively that she is the Cushing Association Treasurer so that she is able to move forward in this process.

★ Website/Social Media:





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- Encourage all to go to the website as Zach has done a stellar job at updating it.
 - Photo of current board members to be updated soon.
 - Facebook Alumni page will have all members transferred to the Association page as we phase out the Alumni page.
 - Amy will reach out to Zach in support and backup of website duties.
- ★ Fundraising:
- Discussion of the usage of new designs or continuing to use the current ones. Facebook and Website surveys to come for all Cushing Veteran input.
 - Discussion to design a shirt specifically for the Nashville reunion.
- ★ Organization Documents:
- 4 out of 5 board members voted regarding the updates that Shannon made to the Charter and Bylaws (pdf).
- ★ Roundtable:
- The coordination of our reunion with other Navy ships.
- ★ Next Board Meeting: Sunday, 1 March 2026, 18:00hrs CST



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