

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council
Best Western Mainstay Inn
Newport RI

President: Michael Slein
Monday, 5 January 2009

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince
Belenger, Bob
Burke, Pat
Callahan, Roy
Carillo, Dave
DiLorenzo, Len
Fitzherbert, Roy
Hill, Shirley

Huot, Anne
Humphries, Keith
Johnson, Arne
Nannini, Al
O’Sullivan, Mike
Slein, Mike
Slavens, Gloria
Strausser, Joseph RADM (ret.)

Walsh, Ed “Knobby”
Wardwell, George
Wasowski, Walt
Webb, Edward

A. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. President’s Remarks:

- Mike welcomed our new 2008 members. In addition, he arranged for a social hour following the meeting.

- Patty Robertson, a Council member, reported on her trip to the Landsduhl Army Hospital in Germany. Our Council donated \$200 to assist with providing items for the U.S. servicemen and women there.

- The Council Annual Appeal Letter was mailed on 10 December. To date, more than \$1,200 has been received.

- RADM Wisecup was the guest speaker at the SEA graduation on 11 December. He made an excellent presentation on the importance of informal communication (CMDMC to Capt/Flag) to provide a pulse of the organization-especially negative input with constructive solutions. Master Chief Jim Ford will be retiring in February, and his relief is onboard. It was moved, seconded, and approved to allocate \$100 to obtain a gift for Master Chief Ford.

- Mike met with Newport County Chamber of Commerce 9 December in reference to 2009 membership partnership opportunities. The Chamber contributed to the Coast Guard luncheon with gift certificates and will continue to support this and other activities. In addition, they will sponsor a table at Military Appreciation Night/annual Dinner and will look at other partnership opportunities. All Newport Council NLUS members to receive 10-15% discount at local businesses. Per last board meeting, recommend annual membership for one year (\$315.00.), renewable upon review of success. Each Council Board Member will get a key chain tag that when presented at participating business, will provide a discount on a purchase. It was moved, seconded, and approve that our Council become a member of the Chamber.

- A Council Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to Mr. David Burns, Raytheon in December for his superb work in supporting the Annual Dinner.

An invitation has been forwarded to VADM Kevin McCoy (NAVSEA) to be our Annual Dinner Guest Speaker.

C. Council Reports

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports approved by the Board
- Membership Report. Anne Huot. Anne reported two new members for December plus one transfer to our Council. ASFT Corporate Affiliate membership application is in the mail.
- Shirley is continuing work on the Oct-December Newsletter.
- Sea Cadets. An updated status report will be provided by George at the February meeting. NewportFed contributed to the Sea Cadet Ball expenses. The RIROA provides \$900 to the three Sea Cadet units. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have George provide current Sea Cadet information. Is it desired that our Council support all three Rhode Island Sea Cadet units.
- Legislative Affairs Report – Mike Slein – 2009 shipbuilding budget and comments previously distributed. Shirley and Mike will have conference call with President Mike McGrath in January on New England plan. We should anticipate more Congressional Friday voting days in 2009 means our representatives will be spending considerably less time locally.

D. Old Business

- NWC 125th Reunion Social – Sunday 19 April, Atlantic Beach Club. Host is Rhode Island Reserve Officers Association (RIROA). This organization is seeking greater ties to the Sea Services. Currently, the RIROA has a small Navy membership. The Navy Band has been reserved for this event. RADM Wisecup is to be guest speaker. If sponsors are confirmed, event to be free of charge. If not, a minimal fee will be charged.
- SOQ presentations to USCGC Juniper, Willow and Ida Lewis; Castle Hill and NUWC were discussed. The question is that is it appropriate for the Council to provide a cash gift? It was considered to provide a \$50.00 gift certificate, or other gift (CNO reading program). Most ships currently give up to \$100.00 from morale fund. The cost per year for our Council would be approximately \$1000 and could be funded by Firehouse Theater fundraisers. This item is currently unbudgeted. An option brought forward was to present a credit card that could only be used for books from the CNO reading program. It was agreed to discuss this further at the February meeting.
- Adoption of the USS PROVIDENCE. The ship returned in December. Mike took the action to talk to the Commanding Officer, CDR Mike Holland on scheduling.
- Year Planner indicates growth in events: OCS Graduation Dinners (Thursday evening) - 3 per month; SEA dinners (Thurs evening) - bi-monthly; SWOS Dept Head graduations -bi-monthly. ODS graduations FRI AM.

E. New Business

- Raytheon CCS. Looking at sponsorship assistance for Sea Cadets.
- USCG Station Cape Cod-Sponsorship (MA Bay or Newport County Council?)
- Grant request for Sea Cadets from RIROA submitted (\$900)

E. Upcoming Events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
<i>January</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	5 Jan 1600	All
New Member/Corp. Affiliate Reception	5 Jan 1600	All
Martin Luther King Birthday	19 Jan	All
NSC Welcome Reception	21 Jan 1800	Sponsors
OCS (6-09) Graduation Dinner	22 Jan 1800	Len
NSC Class 74 Welcome Luncheon BW Mainstay	30 Jan 1200	Vince Arnold et all
<i>February</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	2 Feb 1600	All
OCS (7-09) Graduation Dinner	5 Feb 1800	Mike Slein
ODS Graduation Kay Hall	6 Feb 0800	Mike O’Sullivan
SWOS DH Class 200	12 Feb TBD	Mike Slein
OCS (08-09) Graduation Dinner	12 Feb 1800	Roy Callahan
SEA 09020 Graduation Dinner	12 Feb 1700	Mike Slein
Valentines Day	14 Feb	All
Presidents Day	16 Feb	All
OCS (09-09) Graduation Dinner	19 Feb 1800	Roy Callahan
Firehouse Theater Fundraiser	TBD	Vince Arnold

Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 4 February at 4:00 p.m.