

December 2009 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council

President: Mike Slein

Monday, 4 January 2010
Newport Harbor Hotel

Attendees:

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| Burke, Pat | Nannini, Albert |
| Callahan, Roy | Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel) |
| DelGiudice, Tim | Shaw, Eric |
| Fitzherbert, Roy | Slein, Mike |
| Huot, Anne | Strasser, Joseph RADM (retired) |
| Humphries, Keith | Wardwell, George |
| Johnson, Arne | Wasowski, Walt |
| Nolan, Roger RADM | Webb, Ed |

- A. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- B. By-Laws were ratified by the Board and accepted as received. Of 27 members, 18 responded with a “yes” vote to accept the by-laws as revised. There were zero “no” votes. Nine members did not respond. By-Laws accepted. My sincere thanks to Arne, Eric and Roy for their diligence in this important endeavor.
- C. New members’ reception on 7 December at the Newport Harbor hotel was a fine evening. Mike noted that CAPT Steve Shinego and his wife are truly fine ambassadors for the sea services. The honoring of Knobby Walsh and Chaplain Tony Moore was special. My thanks to Anne Huot and the Newport Harbor Hotel Richard, Debbie, Ann Marie and Sue for contributing to, and hosting of, the event. George mentioned that Knobby is at the John Clarke Nursing Home in Room No. 30.
- D. Mike gave appreciation to:
- Mike and Mary O’Sullivan for volunteering to host in their home a NAPS Petty Officer on Christmas Eve and Day;
 - George Wardwell for hosting Mr. John Power, Vice President Spanish Navy League Council at the recent Naval Order Dinner;
 - Len DiLorenzo and Al Nannini for standing in at OCS “Hi Moms” graduation dinner award ceremonies during December;
 - Tim DelGiudice for setting up the award ceremony at Raytheon
 - Pat Burke for arranging SENEDIA Corporate Affiliate plaque presentation.
- Mike gave a well done to all.
- E. Mike presented a Community Affiliate Plaque to SENEDIA President, Bob Mushen, at their 9 December Board meeting. He had received resounding feedback on the Capt. Shinego presentation at the new members’ reception! Pat Burke also in attendance.
- F. An Award Certificate of Thanks to was presented to Heather Bagwell and David Burns at Raytheon IDS for their sustained contributions to our annual dinner and all Officer/Enlisted of the Year ceremonies. RADM Tom Bush, Raytheon VP, joined Mike, George, Tony, Walt, Dave Carrillo and Tim DelGiudice at the presentation.
- G. Thank you letters sent to all who supported the Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year in Oct. - all donors and BA/CAs.

H. Mark Calendars:

- Coast Guard Officer/Enlisted of the Year Luncheon/Dinner Tuesday, 19 Jan 1200 at Atlantic Beach Club. This event will be co-hosted with Newport Rotary Club. Honoring LT Peter Bosma, Civil Engineering Unit, Providence and PO1 Patrick Garvey, USCGC Juniper. Dave Carrillo is coordinating this event. CAPT Ray Perry will attending and RADM Nimmich has been invited along with local commands. Mike noted that there will be some special guests joining the activity. Invitations mailed.
- The Naval Staff College (International Class – 6 months)) Welcome Luncheon will be held on Friday, 29 Jan at 1200 Best Western Mainstay. Invitations to be mailed this week. Vince Arnold coordinating the activity.

g. Annual Dinner 2010 (Spring): invitation sent to CG Commandant, ADM Thad Allen. We are awaiting response from him.

I. Council Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke –on web site.
- b. Treasurer's Report and annual appeal update –Walt Wasowski. Walt noted that we have raised approximately \$3500 from our annual appeal (about \$1,000 of this figure is revenue received post 31 December 2008). Also noted that we are under projected income from programs and projects.
- c. Membership Report - Anne Huot. Anne noted we currently have 391 active members (up 7 from earlier in year), 11 Corporate Affiliates, and one Business Affiliate. We currently have 121 Life Members and 24 Husband/Wife members.

Sea Cadets Report – George Wardwell. George stated that the Fallon Sea Cadet Division has been non-responsive in regards to communications to him. The Quonset Point Division appears to be doing quite well both in membership and activities.

- d. Legislative Report – Mike noted he will be briefing Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse on 12 January with George Wardwell. Mike also stated that he submitted an op-ed piece to the Newport Daily News on the U.S. Navy fleet size and future trends.

- New Business:

- a. Newport Council hosting NE Region (RI, NH, Maine, MA, VT) meeting, Saturday, 10 April at Newport Harbor Hotel. All Board Members are invited. This will be a one day session with some focus on training. Please let Mike or George know if you would like to attend.
- b. Nominating Committee must be stood up at this time for 2010-2011 Officer slate. Mike is putting together a nominating committee.
- c. Call List. Anne and Al N. are putting together a Call List for our Council. All Board Members will have responsibilities concerning this call process. Members have action to review their Call List section and also try to get Email addresses.

Upcoming Events:

| JANUARY | | |
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| New Years Day | 1 January | |
| Budget Committee | 4 Jan 1500 | Committee |
| Board Meeting- Mainstay Inn | 4 Jan 1600 | All |
| Brief to Senator Sheldon Whitehouse | 12 Jan 1600 | Mike/George |
| CG Officer /Enlisted of the Year Luncheon | 19 Jan 1230 | Dave C. |
| OCS 0710 Graduation Awards Dinner | 21 Jan 1700 | Mike S. |
| OCS 0810 Graduation Awards Dinner | 28 Jan 1700 | Mike S. |
| NSC Welcome Luncheon-Mainstay Inn | 29 Jan 1200 | Vince Arnold |
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| FEBRUARY | | |
| Board Meeting Mainstay Inn | 1 Feb 1600 | All |
| ODS Graduation | 5 Feb 1000 | Mike S. |
| OCS Class 0910 Graduation Dinner | 11 Feb 1700 | Pat Burke |
| SEA Class 150 | 11 Feb 1700 | Roy Callahan |
| SWOS DH Class 205 | 18 Feb 1000 | Len DiLorenzo |
| OCS Class 0910 Graduation Dinner | 25 Feb 1700 | Mike S. |
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| NAVSTA/SWOS Tour | TBD | All (Roy C.) |

- Old Business:
 - a. Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Mike is still looking for ideas on activities
- Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors:
- Other Business:
- Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Mainstay on Monday, 1 February 2010.