

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
1 February 2010

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council
Best Western Mainstay Inn
Newport, RI 02840

	_Attendees:
Arnold, Vince	Perfetto, Robert
Callahan, Roy	Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
DelGiudice, Tim	Shaw, Eric
Fitzherbert, Roy	Slein, Mike
Hill, Shirley	Strasser, Joseph RADM (retired)
Huot, Anne	Wardwell, George
Humphries, Keith	Wasowski, Walt
Johnson, Arne	Webb, Ed

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

B. Mike extended appreciation to:

- Anne Huot for Corporate Affiliate plaque presentation to Newport Harbor Hotel leadership team on 8 January.
- SWOS Commanding Officer CAPT Parrott for arranging tour of USS ARLEIGH BURKE DDG-51 on 26 January and Roy Callahan for accompanying /shuttling Community Affiliates. 13 Community Affiliates members toured the ship. ChemArt of Lincoln, RI who had a employee on the tour, is a possible new Corporate Affiliate.
- Shirley Hill has produced another outstanding newsletter.
- Vince Arnold for arranging a fine NSC welcome luncheon 29 January which drew some new faces into the crowd. CAPT Rob Winneg is to be relieved by CAPT Rich Rainer in March and will be retiring on 1 June. Bob Badgett from Siemens, Inc attended the luncheon living in and is requesting his company to join as Corporate Affiliate.
- PDQ and Atlantic Beach Club assisted the Navy League greatly at the Coast Guard Awards luncheon 19 January. Event turned out well due to their heroics and last minute hustle by George. Thankfully, invisible to Coast Guard. Discuss as lessons relearned. Thanks were sent to Betsy Wylie. President Newport Rotary.
- Tony Cercena and Roy Callahan for their continued good PAO work for the Council...a real boost.

b. Thank you letters sent to all who supported annual appeal. Let me know if not received.

c. Annual Dinner 22 March: Save the Date sent to SENEDIA website, CoC website, CAPT Perry for his distribution and RADM Wisecup (NWC).

d. CAPTAIN Neil Parrott (SWOS) hosted a planning session for widening impact of Surface Navy Association which he considers too SWOS-centric. NAVSTA, NAPS and NUWC Commanding Officers in attendance. CAPTAIN Jim Cunha, former Executive Officer of NAVSTA and RI native, is new Commanding Officer of NAPS. He will review needs with his staff and call us if awards are desired throughout the year. Indicated commencement award (Annapolis watch gift certificate) is likely sufficient.

B. Council Reports:

- Secretary's Report – Pat Burke –on web site.
- Treasurer's Report – Walt Wasowski provided a comprehensive brief on the breakdown of our 2009 Military Appreciation Night. It included matching numbers from 2008, details of full table sponsors, half-table patrons, and the number of expected invited guests. Walt expects revenue from the dinner to be approximately \$15,000 and about \$11,500 in expenses. We hope to host around 100 military guests. As before, a full table sponsor cost is \$500 with 8 company and 2 military guests. A half-table is available for \$250 and will seat 4 company and 1 military guest.
- Membership Report - Anne Huot. Anne stated that Navy League national is upgrading the database.
- Sea Cadets Report – George.
- Legislative Report – Mike briefed Senator Sheldon Whitehouse on 12 January with RADM Strasser and George Wardwell. Most receptive to brief. May ask us to join Service Academy selection team. Senator Whitehouse has indicated a desire to attract more inner-city youth to applying to the service academies. This message was expressed by Congressman Kennedy during an earlier visit.

C. New Business:

- Eight Bells and Evening lectures at NWC Foundation added to our near term schedule. If you desire to attend, call Ms. Sharyl Jump at the NWC foundation or e-mail her at sharyl.jump@nwc.navy.mil
- CAPTAIN Neil Parrott, Commanding Officer SWOS is to be guest speaker at NE Region Meeting Saturday 10 April at Best Western Mainstay Inn. All invited to attend.

D. Upcoming Events:

E. Old Business:

- Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Discussion with ideas. Mike wants to keep this on the agenda as reminder each month.
- Newport Council hosting Northeast Region meeting, Saturday, 10 April at Best Western Mainstay Inn. All Board Members are invited. Let Mike know if you would like to attend.
- Nominating Committee stood up by Roy Callahan for 2010-2011 Officer slate.

F. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks.

- George attended a dinner with the Casco Bay Council in Bath, Maine on 28 January
- George met with Penobscot Bay Council on 29 January to discuss methods of recruiting and retaining members.
- George stated he is working with Mike to put together the Regional Meeting scheduled for 10 April in Newport at the MainStay.
- A new National Grass Roots Tool, the Community Service Organization Presentation (CSOP) will be presented to other service organizations to attract new members. Ed Webb is the regional representative. George thanked Ed for volunteering for this duty.
- George noted that Boston will be hosting a Navy week from 30 June to 7 July. Please visit this web site for details. **<http://www.navyweek.org/boston2010/index.html>**

G. Other Business:

H. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on Monday, 1 March at 1600.