

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, 2 March 2009

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Huot, Anne
Burke, Pat	Humphries, Keith
Callahan, Roy	O'Sullivan, Mike
Carillo, Dave	Slein, Mike
Cercena, Tony	Strausser, Joseph RADM (ret.)
DiLorenzo, Len	Wardwell, George
Hill, Shirley	Wasowski, Walt

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

B. President's Remarks:

- Ron Williams was welcomed as a new member.

- Noted that our Annual Report was submitted along with the 2008 Outstanding Council application. Mike stated that we "recycle our dollars" toward awards for local Naval and Coast Guard activities and not toward scholarships as some Councils do. We made 140 awards at 75 events. Our Council strives to maintain visibility with the Navy and Coast Guard. In addition, we have maintained membership numbers.

- Mike and other members attended the USS PROVIDENCE Change of Command on 6 February. The adoption by our Council of the USS PROVIDENCE was formalized on 3 February. The Commanding Officer wants a mutual partnership to open up to us for visitors/tours. The CO was invited along with select sailors to attend our Military Appreciation Night. The Providence Rotary Club has established a partnership as well and wishes to co-sponsor the USS PROVIDENCE award program (SOY). This event would take place in Providence.

- There are 16 people to date who want to attend the USS PROVIDENCE tour and lunch on 7 March.

- A plaque was presented to Webster Bank, Middletown on 17 February as our new Community Affiliate. It was noted that Rite-Solutions, Inc. of Middletown has become our newest Community Affiliate.

- Our Newsletter was mailed in late February and included an Annual Appeal follow-up, Newport County Chamber of Commerce Discount key chain tab, Firehouse Theater Fundraiser announcement, and a request to send email address changes to Pat Burke.

- Roy Fitzherbert made a Sailor of the Quarter presentation at NUWC on 9 February. The Sailor of the Year presentation was discussed. Our Council has done all four of these.

- Our Council presented the outgoing SEA Director, CMDCM Jim Ford a NLUS clock. Tony Cercena represented our Council at both the dinner and the Change of Command.

- Mike noted that he made a presentation at the OCS graduation on 19 February and that Roy Callahan presented an award at the 12 February OCS graduation. OCS Executive Officer Bill Hendrickson has left the command and has been relieved by CDR Julia O'Neil. CDR O'Neil was formerly ADM William Fallon's Protocol Officer at CENTCOM.

- Mike noted that we are still working on securing VADM Kevin McCoy (NAVSEA) as our speaker.

C. Council Reports

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports approved by the Board
- Membership Report. Anne will take Navy League materials to the Newport County Chamber Expo on 17 March and pass out to interested parties.
- Oct-December Newsletter was released. Shirley once again did an outstanding job putting this together.
- Sea Cadets Report — Editorial for the NAVALOG ready to go with only pictures waiting to be received. We have received Sea Cadet needs from 1 CO (Dave Kerwood). We are awaiting report from Lee Levesque. Their greatest needs are for weekly or periodic recruiting ads at \$40 per ad. Len DiLorenzo has worked ad route with North Kingston paper. The ROROA approved our request for \$900.00 to be given at 19 April NWC reception. The Sea Cadets will perform color guard duties at this function.
- Mike has requested Congressman Kennedy to address us at an upcoming Board Meeting. Mike noted that he is working both Senators Reed and Whitehouse for a Presentation II briefing. It was mentioned that upcoming budgets may be grim for Defense Procurement. It is important that our Council keeps shipbuilding in front of our congressional representatives.

D. New Business

- New initiative - Navy Safe Harbor Command. Mike McGrath received letter from their Commanding Officer, CAPT Key Watkins. They are providing non-medical care management and transition to the local community of the seriously wounded. They desire to identify people who are willing to help these wounded veterans. It was moved and seconded that our Council go on record to assist this activity.
- NUWC SOY Celebration 17 March. Our Council has been invited to present. We will award an engraved pewter bowl to Petty Officer Mendoza. The attendance at this function will be large.
- Mike noted that he is investigating getting nametags for all Board Members. .
- Mike and Anne will be presenting Advanced Solutions for Tomorrow, Inc. (ASFT) their Corporate Affiliate certificate.
- The Firehouse Theater Fundraiser was on 22 March was discussed. There is room for 50 attendees. (\$750.00 potential to coffer) Len. D is leading the effort. Len noted he is looking for volunteers to bring wine and/or a dessert.
- Sea Cadet Ball: Interested Parties? George Wardwell is MC and POC.
- The 2009 Distinguished Service Award was discussed. This is presented to an individual who has contributed a great deal to the Navy League in the calendar year. Mike noted to please see him if you have any candidates.

C. Old Business:

NCC Luncheon 23 May: Eric Shaw –Mark Calendar. Co sponsor.

Coins for SOQ: Mike to order

NWC 125th Reunion Social – Sunday 19 April, Mark calendar. Atlantic Beach Club. Host is RIROA, seeking greater ties to Sea Services. Navy Band is reserved. RADM Wisecup to be guest speaker. Free to us and Military members. Desire 75 Navy Leaguers/ Guests.

E. Upcoming Events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
<i>MARCH</i>		
Board of Directors Meeting	2 Mar 1600	All members
OCS Class 10-09 Graduation Awards	5 Mar 1730	Mike Slein
ODS Graduation Awards	6 Mar 1100	Mike Slein/TBD
USS PROVIDENCE Tour/Lunch-Groton CT.	7 Mar 1000	16 to date
Sea Cadet Ball	7 Mar 1800	George Wardwell
NUWC Sailor of the Year	17 Mar 1300	Mike Slein
Chamber of Commerce Business Expo	17 Mar 1600	Anne Huot
Firehouse Theater Fundraiser	21 Mar 2000	Len Di Lorenzo/All
OCS Class 11-09 Graduation Awards	26 Mar 1730	Mike Slein
ASFT CA presentation	TBD	Mike/Anne
RITE Solutions CA presentation	TBD	
<i>APRIL</i>		
SEA Graduation Awards	2 Apr 1700	Mike Slein
OCS Class 12-09 Graduation Awards	2 Apr 1730	Len Di Lorenzo
Board of Directors Meeting	6 Apr 1600	All
ODS Graduation awards	10 Apr 1100	Mike Slein
OCS Class 13-09 Graduation Awards	16 Apr 1730	TBD
NCC Luncheon	23 Apr 1230	Eric Shaw/All
OCS Class 14-09 Graduation Awards	23 Apr 1730	Mike Slein
SWOS DH 201 Graduation	30 Apr 1000	Mike Slein

Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 6 April at 4:00 p.m.