

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

1 March 2010 1600-1700

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

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Perfetto, Robert
Burke, Pat	Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
Callahan, Roy	Slein, Mike
Cercena, Tony	Wardwell, George
Fitzherbert, Roy	Wasowski, Walt
Hill, Shirley	Webb, Ed
Huot, Anne	
Humphreys, Keith	
Johnson, Arne	

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

B. Mike extended appreciation to:

- Shirley Hill for another outstanding Newsletter. It has been mailed and should have been received. It recognized the importance of our business and civic partners.
- Roy Callahan for representing our Council at the Senior Enlisted Academy Change of Command where CMDCM Mike Anjola retired and CMDCM Charles Dassance assumed lead. Roy presented Mike Anjola with an engraved silver plate. Roy also submitted excellent stories to the Newport Daily News and the NAVALOG. Great press!
- Len DiLorenzo for attending the SWOS graduation.
- Roy Fitzherbert for his “behind the scenes” work on the Sailor of the Quarter award plaques.
- Admiral Strasser for his efforts in rounding up additional Community Affiliates (NewportFed and a smaller business that should close shortly
- 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. The Military Appreciation Dinner date is now 23 March. Anne and her Team have performed in a superb manner in regrouping and having invitations mailed with no lost time.

d. Our Council Annual Report was forwarded to Navy League Headquarters with copies provided to George and Shirley. The highlights of the report were the identification of the 143 awards presented by our Council in 2009 and over \$6,500 expended on awards (including dinners).

e. CAPT Ray Perry sent our Council a laudatory “thank you letter” for the Coast Guard Awards Luncheon and our “never ending series of recognitions”. CAPT Perry will be retiring in June.

B. Council Reports:

- Secretary's Report – Pat Burke –on web site.
- Treasurer's Report – Walt Wasowski provided a Treasurer's Report along with an Annual Appeal update. In addition, Walt gave an update on the current reservation status for the 23 March Military Appreciation Night.
- Membership Report - Anne had no update on membership status and also reemphasized the importance of getting new Corporate Affiliates.
- Sea Cadets Report – George forwarded a letter from the Falcon unit that currently has 12 cadets. The annual inspection will be held on 6 March. He also reported that the CO of the NAVSTA unit is recovering from an operation and also that they will need a new drill site. The Quonset Point CBC unit inspection is also scheduled for 6 March. They will be providing the Color Guard for Military Appreciation Night.
- Legislative Report – Mike noted that he is arranging for Rep. Langevin to speak to our Council Board.

C. New Business:

- It was moved, seconded, and approved that the new Council Bylaws be approved.
- 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. Old Business:

- Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Need ideas for events on the ship. 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.

E. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks.

- 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>**

F. Other Business:

- G. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on Monday, 5 April at 1600. Mike will be at the Arlington National Cemetery on this date for an internment.