

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, 6 April 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
Fitzherbert, Roy	Wasowski, Walt
Hill, Shirley	

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

B. President’s Remarks:

- Two new Board members were introduced. Chaplain Don Biadog was present. Mr. Fran Kirby, new head of Falcon Division, NSCC was not able to attend the meeting.

- Mike noted that he would be serving at the Easter Sunday NAPS Meal. He requested volunteers to assist in this effort. The meal will be served at Kay Hall from 1200-1400.

- The USS PROVIDENCE tour and luncheon on 7 March was a very successful event. Twenty-one Navy League guests made the trip including Mike, George and Edna, Eric Shaw, Paul Mika and 8 employees of our corporate affiliate, Advanced Solutions for Tomorrow. The PROVIDENCE had just returned from a patrol three days earlier and it was great that they could host this event.

- Mike attended the Providence Rotary Club meeting on 9 March. The Club is very interested in doing an event for the PROVIDENCE. Preparation has started for our Council and the Providence Rotary Club to start preparing for a joint reception to host USS PROVIDENCE sailor awardees in a Club luncheon or dinner. Our Council and John McGinn from Providence Rotary will be working together on this effort. CAPT Mike Holland (CO of the PROVIDENCE) will be addressing the Rotary Club at their meeting on 20 April (1200, Marriott Hotel in Providence). Mike inquired if any Board members would want to attend this event.

- Our Military Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner are set for 28 July (Tuesday) at the Atlantic Beach Club. VADM McCoy will be our guest. Anne Huot has started the planning process. Raytheon has already submitted a check for one table for the event.

- Noted that the RIROA salute to the Naval War College is set for 19 April. Admiral Wisecup will be the speaker.

- Thanks went out to Len DiLorenzo for organizing the Firehouse Theater Fundraiser. With contributions, the Council netted approximately \$360.

- The follow-up Annual Appeal letter resulted in contributions totaling \$585.00. The total Annual Appeal campaign has netted more than \$2,000. Mike inquired if there was any feedback on the Chamber Discount Tags.

- Mike and George participated in the NUWC Sailor of the Year ceremony at NUWC on 17 March. ET1 Mendoza was presented with an engraved plate from our Newport County Council. There was close to a thousand people in attendance at the ceremony in NUWC, Building 80.

- George reported that the Sea Cadet Ball went very well. George served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. The keynote speaker was excellent. The NAVALOG provided very nice press coverage for the Ball.

- Mike, George, and Ed Webb attended the SNA symposium at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London. The focus was on Maritime Domain Awareness and joint cooperation (interoperability) with the U.S. Navy. There were many SWOS students in attendance.

- Mike and George presented a plaque to president Anjan Dutta Gupta and officer manager Wayne King of our new corporate affiliate Advanced Solutions for Tomorrow (ASFT) at their office in Middletown on 30 March. Mary O'Rourke did a great job in bringing ASFT into the fold.

- Tim Delgiudice and Mike O'Sullivan are working with the Raytheon (Portsmouth) leadership team on gaining Navy League members from this site. Tim noticed there are over 250 military veterans at Raytheon.

- Admiral Hogg sent our Council a note thanking us for our support to the "125th Salute to the Naval War College".

- The schedule of weekly graduation and associated awards. Mike wondered if we should expand the scope of presenters. Mike stated that his intention was to attend all or most of the events in the first six months of his tenure. Mike stated we need more Board member involvement as the number of events that we present at is expanding. Mike gave thanks to Len and Roy for supporting presentations in March.

- Noted that Corporate affiliate revenue go to National after the first year.

C. Council Reports

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports approved by the Board

- Membership Report. Anne gave feedback on her distribution of Navy League materials at the Newport County Chamber Business Expo on 17 March. Anne noted that the Newport Athletic Club might be interested in becoming a corporate affiliate. The web site shows that we have 406 members. From January 08 to January 09, our Council gained 35 new members and two corporate affiliates. Mike noted that he needs a monthly list of people whose memberships are slated to expire within three months.

- Mike complimented Shirley again on the fantastic job she always does with our Council Newsletter. She is currently working on the January – March 2009 Newsletter.

- Sea Cadets Report — Editorial for the NAVALOG was sent and published. We have received Sea Cadet needs from two Commanding Officers (Dave Kerwood and Lee Levesque). The greatest need is support to publish weekly or periodic recruiting ads at \$40/ad. Len DiLorenzo has worked ad route with the North Kingston paper. The ROROA has approved our Council's request for \$900 and will be announced at the 19 April Naval War College reception. The Sea Cadets will perform color guard duties at this event. They will also be marching in the annual Police Parade in Newport.

- Membership has been donated to the Newport County Board of Realtors.

- Legislative Affairs. 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 in Washington, D.C. on 11 or 12 June (coincides with the National Navy League Board Meeting). 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.
- The NAPS DAR Award is presented at the 15 May graduation. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of an Annapolis watch (cost \$150) for this presentation.
- Rite-Solutions Community Affiliate presentation will be made when the plaque arrives.
- Noted that the Navy League Regional Meeting will be held on 30 May.
- Noted that our Council will have a table at the Red Cross (Newport County) Benefit breakfast to be held at the Atlantic Beach Club on 12 June.

C. Old Business:

- Rebates: Walt
- Board member nametags have been ordered.
- Coins for SOQ have been ordered.

E. Upcoming Events:

<i>APRIL</i>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
<u>Event</u>		
SEA Graduation Awards	2 Apr 1700	Mike Slein
OCS Class 12-09 Graduation Awards-ABC	2 Apr 1730	Len DiLorenzo
Board of Directors Meeting	6 Apr 1600	All
Juniper SOQ –ET3Cortes	7 Apr 1300	Mike/Roy F.
ODS Graduation awards	10 Apr 1100	Mike Slein
Easter	12 April	
Easter Meal-feed NAPS students	12 April 1200	Chaplain, Mike, et al
OCS Class 13-09 Graduation Awards	16 Apr 1730	Mike Slein
NIS Graduation Awards – Perry Hall	17 Apr 1100	Mike Slein
NWC 125 th Anniversary Reception-ABC (Free)	19 Apr 1400	All
Providence Rotary (PVD Marriott) -Capt Mike Holland	20 Apr 1200	All
Propeller Club-East Prov RADM Gabel	20 Apr 1800	Mike Slein
SWOS DH 201 Graduation	23 Apr 1000	Mike Slein
NCC Luncheon	23 Apr 1230	Eric Shaw/All
OCS Class 14-09 Graduation Awards	23 Apr 1730	TBD
RITE Solutions CA presentation	TBD	
<i>MAY</i>		
Sen. Jack Reed Spring Breakfast-Rhodes on Pawtuxet	3 May 0900	Mike /Guests

Board meeting	4 May 1600	All
OCS 15-09 Graduation Awards	7 May 1730	Mike Slein
USCGS Chatham Retirement of CG 44301	8 May 1200	Invitees
Junior Officer of the Year Award Dinner with Portsmouth Rotary Club. LT Tony Moore	12 May 1800	All
OCS 16-09 Graduation Awards	14 May 1730	Mike Slein
NAPS Graduation DAR Award	15 May TBD	Mike Slein
ODS Graduation Awards	15 May 1000	Roy
SEA Graduation	21 May 1700	Mike Slein
OCS 17-09	28 May 1730	Mike Slein
JUNE		
USCGC Tiger Shark Change of Command	5 Jun 1000	Mike/Invitees
National NLUS Board Meeting WDC	11-13 June	Mike, George, Shirley
Current Strategy Forum (CSF Naval War College)	16/17 June	Invitees

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