

Minutes  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

**Chair: Len Dilorenzo, First Vice President**  
**Monday, 5 April 2010**

**Attendees:**

Arnold, Vince	Perfetto, Robert
Burke, Pat	Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
Callahan, Roy	Shaw, Eric
Carrillo, Dave	Strasser, Joseph RADM (retired)
DiLorenzo, Len	Wardwell, George
Fitzherbert, Roy	Webb, Ed
Hill, Shirley	
Huot, Anne	
Johnson, Arne	

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

**B. Sea Cadet Award: Navy League Commendation Medal was presented to Sea Cadet Coutoulakis as the outstanding cadet of the NCBCC Quonset Point Unit. Len DiLorenzo presented the award.**

**C. President's Remarks:**

**1. Len welcomed our Board and Officers for 2010-2011. The Board was approved at the annual dinner and roster has been distributed to all. Welcome new Board members Robert Perfetto and Richard Ryan. Our Officer Roster for 2010-2011 is Anne Huot, President; Dave Carrillo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Len DiLorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Eric Shaw, Treasurer; Ed Webb, Secretary and Arne Johnson, Judge Advocate. The New Officers will assume their roles on 1 July and be sworn in at the 12 July Board Meeting. Please use the next three months for turnover and mentoring to ensure smooth transition.**

**2. Mike wanted to note that it was his great honor to present our congratulations to Admiral Joe Strasser and Shirley Hill for their "Lifetime of Service" awards at the Military Appreciation Night and their sustained dedication to this Board.**

**3. Appreciation to:**

- **Anne Huot and her committee who so well orchestrated the Military Appreciation Night. It was an overwhelming success. I have heard only accolades. If there are any negatives, please include in the pass down.**
- **Ed Webb (Emcee), Walt Wasowski and Dave Carrillo (check in)/Roy Callahan and Pat Burke (photos and visuals) are to be commended for their valuable contributions to our Dinner.**

- **Anne, Angela Vars and Patsy Robertson for the flower centerpieces on every table.**
- **Eric for ensuring the Commandant attended as advertised!**
- **All who pitched in for planning and set up. Thanks to each.**
- **Roy Callahan and his nominating committee for the fine work in proposing next year's slate.**
- **Roy Fitzherbert again for his producing frames for the USCG WILLOW Sailor of the Quarter and NUWC Sailor of the Year awards.**
- **Len and Roy Callahan for presentation of OCS/ODS awards.**

**4. Annual Report was sent to NLUS Headquarters with copies provided to George and Shirley. Mike will gladly provide a copy to anyone who desires. Pictorial supplement submitted 1 April to Sal Chairez, Director of Membership. The highlight for our Council in 2009 was 147 awards presented and more than \$6,500 in awards (includes dinners).**

**5. Admiral Thad Allen sent us a very complimentary letter (it distributed to Board via e-mail) to NLUS Headquarters from his blog site. Mike noted that if you did not see it please let him know and he will resend it.**

**6. Mike generated thank you letters sent to ADM Allen, Kirstin Riesbeck, Strategic Planner; Atlantic Beach Club, and Flint Audio Video. Please let Mike know if others should be thanked by letter. Thank you letters to all table patrons/sponsors and Community Affiliates are in work.**

**7. Presented NUWC Sailor of the Year award to PO1 Frank Degrand at NUWC annual award presentations 1 April. Another "Poster" Petty Officer for the Navy!**

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke. Distributed to Board via e-mail and has been placed on the web site.**
- b. Treasurer's Report – Distributed to Board via e-mail. Walt Wasowski. Walt estimated that the Council may net around \$2800 from the dinner.**
- c. Membership Report - Anne Huot. Anne noted that are Council membership is 404 with 16 Community Affiliates. NewportFed and SEA Corp are new Community Affiliates. The Newport County Board of Realtors may become a CA.**

- d. Sea Cadets Report – George.** George noted that the annual inspection of the Falcon Division was held onboard the battleship MASSACHUSETTS on 6 March. George and Mike attended this event. The annual inspection of the NCBC Division was held at Quonset Point on 6 March with George attending. The annual inspection of the NETC Division was postponed until 28 April. The Falcon Division will march in the National Police Parade on 2 May along with members of the American Legion Post 18 Division. George discussed the Region Meeting to be held at the Mainstay on 10 April. George noted that the National Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 2-4 June. Mike, George, Shirley, and Tony are planning to attend. George stated again that everyone is invited to become a member of the President’s Circle.
- e. Legislative Report – Letters and e-mail campaign to Senators and Representatives is ongoing to try to prevent Coast Guard budget reduction which would severely cripple Coast Guard modernization efforts.** National President sent e-mail to all for whom he has e-mail addresses along with congressional e-mail addresses. Mike asked all Board Members and members to forward e-mails to your Congressman and Senators (2) as constituents, not as Navy Leaguers. With sufficient response, this e-mail effort has good probability (history proves it) of reversing the proposed budget cut to Coast Guard.

**D. New Business:**

- 1. 2010-2011 President’s costs to attend monthly events to be paid by Council.** Estimated to be \$250.00 per year. This motion was approved.
- 2. NCC/NSC Picnic venue/finances:** This discussion will be postponed until May when Walt returns.
- 3. New Membership potential-Navy Officers Spouses Club-** will address after 23 March.
- 4. George noted that if you contact any congressman, please let him know as he is keeping track of the number of emails, phone calls, or letters sent.**
- 5. Eric brought up a new topic of what the Board can do to help Community Affiliates.** Len took an action to bring this topic up at the May meeting. One immediate idea was to put links to our CA member websites on our Council website. Another idea was just having board members “stop by and say thanks”.

**E. Old Business:**

- a. Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS.** Mike wants to continue discussion on what events we could hold on the ship. Keep this on the agenda as reminder each month.

- b. Eight Bells and Evening lectures at NWC Foundation added to our near term schedule. These lectures provide a great chance to see outstanding experts in their field. If you desire to attend, call Ms. Sharyl Jump at the NWC foundation or e-mail her at [sharyl.jump@nwc.navy.mil](mailto:sharyl.jump@nwc.navy.mil)**
- c. Captain Neil Parrott, CO SWOS is to be guest speaker at NE Region Meeting Saturday 10 April at Best Western Mainstay Inn. All invited to attend. See George.**

**F. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks.**

**G. Other Business:**

**H. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on Monday, 3 May at 1600.**