

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, 4 May 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:

- CWO2 Fran Kirby, new head of the Falcon Division NSCC was introduced. Mr. Kirby gave an enthusiastic approach on his guidance for the Falcon Division. He stated that our support means a great deal to the organization.
- Mike noted that he, Shirley, Roy, Walt, and Tony helped served the Easter Sunday NAPS Meal 12 April.
- Mr. John McGinn of the Providence Rotary Club was introduced. He chairs the USS PROVIDENCE effort. The former PROVIDENCE Commanding Officer (CAPT Holland) will be speaking at the Rotary Club on 18 May. The PROVIDENCE Committee will be meeting directly afterwards.
- Military Appreciation Night was discussed. Anne Huot is doing a great job on organizing planning for this activity.
- The Rhode Island Reserve Officers Association salute to the Naval War College 125th Anniversary was an outstanding affair. Our Council provided a letter of thanks to the RIROA.
- Rear Admiral Gabel addressed the Narragansett Bay Propeller Club on 20 April. Ed Webb attended.
- Mike and George, at the invitation of CDR Rick Wester (CO of USCGC JUNIPER), attended the 1st District CG CPO Mess hosted luncheon at Hanscom Air Force Base on 27 April. Rear Admiral Gabel spoke. SK1 Garvey of the JUNIPER was recognized as Sailor of the Year.
- The NCC Luncheon Reception (organized by Vince and Eric) was held on 23 April. There were over 100 attendees. A Thank You note was sent to Lions Club (Alice Coffey). The NCC Welcome Picnic is scheduled for 24 September.
- Mike extended a big thank you to other Board members who have volunteered to be presenters (Len, Walt, Ed Webb, Mike O'Sullivan).

C. Council Reports

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports approved by the Board. Walt noted we have taken about a 20% hit on Council rebates. We need more co-hosts at events to “pick up the fair share” of costs.

- Membership Report. We need to eliminate duplicity in our mailing list. Noted that about one half of expiring members do not renew.

- Sea Cadets Report — George’s editorial in the NAVALOG was published. We have received Sea Cadets needs statements from Dave Kerwood and Lee Levesque. Checks for \$900 have been received. Moved and seconded that we pay for Sea Cadets to go to Armed Forces Night 16 June at the Pawsox. Will purchase about 30 tickets that will be distributed to the units.

- 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).

D. New Business

- NLUS marching in Police Parade.

- USCGC IDA LEWIS Change of Command scheduled for 17 July.

- Newport Council sponsored NAVSTA Community update of Commanding Officer at CCRI.

- 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:

E. Upcoming Events:

<i>MAY</i>		
SOQ USCGC Ida Lewis	1 May 1100	Mike/Roy F.
Sen Reed Breakfast –Rhodes on Pawtuxet	3 May 1000	Mike/Guests
Board Meeting	4 May 1600	All
Mil Appreciation Night Plan Mtg	4 May 1700	Anne/Committees
OCS 15-09 Graduation Dinner	7 May 1730	Roy C.
Lifeboat Retirement-USCGS Chatham	8 May 1200	Mike S./Invitees
Mothers Day	10 May	
Junior Officer of the Year Award Dinner Portsmouth Rotary. XO of NAVBASE present.	12 May 1800	George
OCS 16-09 Graduation Dinner	14 May 1730	Mike S.
ODS Graduation	15 May 1100	Roy C.
NAPS Graduation	15 May 1100	Mike S.
Armed Forces Day	16 May	
Mil Appreciation Night Plan Mtg-Mainstay Inn	18 May 1600	Anne/Committees
SEA Class 145 Graduation Dinner	21 May 1700	Mike S.
Memorial Day Observed	25 May	
OCS 17-09 Graduation Dinner	28 May 1730	Len D.
NE Region Mtg –Portland, Maine	30 May	Shirley, George, Mike

<i>JUNE</i>		
Board Meeting	1 Jun 1600	All
Mil App. Night Plan Mtg-Mainstay Inn	1 Jun 1700	Anne/Committees
OCS 18-09 Graduation Dinner	4 Jun 1730	TBD
D-Day	6 June	
Red Cross Breakfast-Atlantic Beach Club	12 Jun 0800	
NLUS Spring Meeting Washington DC	11-13 June	Shirley, George, Tony, Mike
Flag Day	14 June	
Current Strategy Forum NWC	16-17 Jun	
NSC Farewell Reception	17 Jun	Sponsors
OCS 19-09 Graduation Dinner	18 Jun 1730	Mike
NWC Graduation	19 Jun 1000	Mike/Invitees
ODS Graduation	19 Jun TBD	Mike O Sullivan
Fathers Day	21 June	
OCS 20-09 Graduation Dinner	25 Jun 1730	Mike
Junior/Senior Enlisted of the Year Luncheon/Dinner	TBD	George

Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 1 June at 4:00 p.m.