

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, 1 June 2009

Attendees:

Burke, Pat	Johnson, Arne
Carillo, Dave	Knowland, Roger RADM
Cercena, Tony	O'Sullivan, Mike
DiLorenzo, Len	Shaw, Eric
Hill, Shirley	Slein, Mike
Huot, Anne	Webb, Ed
Humphries, Keith	

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

B. President's Remarks:

- Mike and Roy attended Providence Rotary Club meeting. CAPT Holland from USS PROVIDENCE was in attendance. Discussion held on USS PROVIDENCE Reception to be held 19 September at the Waterfire site. USS PROVIDENCE crew members and families, Providence Rotary, and Navy League members will be attending.
- Planning continues for 28 July Military Appreciation Night. Invitations have been mailed. Planning meetings at the Mainstay are scheduled for 6/1, 6/15, 7/6, 7/20, and 7/27.
- Mike commented on the retirement of USCG rescue boat 44301 (44' boat) held at Chatham on 8 May. Crew members of this boat over the last 50 years were in attendance. CG Commandant Admiral Allen gave an outstanding presentation. The ceremony was closed by *Ancient Keeper* CWO Kevin Galvin from the Castle Hill Coast Guard Station.
- The Junior Officer of the Year Dinner on 12 May was another excellent affair. It honored Chaplain Tony Moore and his wife, Mary Anne. George and Dave did a great job organizing this event.
- Mike noted that Rite Solutions is now a CA and will be presented with a plaque during the Military Appreciation Night.
- Mike thanked the expanded roster of presenters from Navy League for awards ceremonies. Mike gave special thanks to Roy, Len, Walt, Ed Webb, and Mike O'Sullivan for helping.
- SQQ presentations were made 1 May at USCGC IDA LEWIS and 11 May at NUWC DIVNPT.
- Good articles were created on the Junior Officer of the Year and NCC Luncheon that appear on the Navy League National Web site.
- Shirley did another outstanding job on completing the latest newsletter.
- George Wardwell has been nominated to replace Shirley at year end as Navy League Northeast Region President.
- Mike met with the area leader of the Navy Safe Harbor Command, HMCS (FMF) Kimberly Ripoli. She is working to provide non-medical help to injured and ill veterans that are returning to this region such as vocational assistance. HMCS Ripoli of the Rhode Island Military Woman of the Year and will be attending the July Board meeting.
- Mike, Anne, Vince, and Len attended a sponsor thank you event at Rear Admiral Wisecup's quarters. Rep. Patrick Kennedy was also in attendance.

C. Council Reports

- Treasurer and Secretary's reports were approved.
- Membership Report. Rite Solutions is now a CA. Also, Larry and Laura Snyder from Raytheon have joined.
- Quarterly Newsletter is completed and mailed.
- Sea Cadets. Proceeds from the grant award were distributed to all three Sea Cadet units. Matching funds will be distributed per Board recommendation. Three Sea Cadet graduations (two at Battleship Cove and one at Quonset) will be held in July.
- Legislative Affairs. Mike briefed Senator Reed at his office in Washington D.C. on 26 May. Senator Reed thinks the fleet will shrink from 313 to 285 ships. He also stated that FY 2011 will be a very difficult year for DoD appropriations. Senator Reed will do everything in his power to keep the Coast Guard in Newport. There will be no funding to keep Pier Two refurbished.

D. New Business

- Junior/Senior Enlisted of the Year. Event for Senior Enlisted awardee must be held in early July timeframe to honor Chief Gastrol (NAPS). The Junior event will be held in October.
- Mike noted that a committee is needed to review/update bylaws.
- An annual audit must be scheduled.
- Our Council sponsored last years NAVSTA Community Update by the Commanding Officer. Planning is in progress to have this event again and inputs are needed.
- **The next Board meeting will be on 29 June (1600) onboard the USS Massachusetts.**

E. Old Business

- It was approved by the Board to honor Gloria Slavens with emeritus status
- Board member name tags are being shipped.
- Mike has "Coins" to be used for specials occasions.
- Red Cross Breakfast will be held at 12 June at the Atlantic Beach Club.

F. Upcoming Events:

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<i>JUNE</i>		
Board Meeting	1 Jun 1600	All
Mil Appreciation Night Plan Mtg-Mainstay Inn	1 Jun 1700	Anne/Committees
OCS 18-09 Graduation Awards	4 Jun 1730	Len D.
USCGC Tiger Shark Change of Command	5 Jun 1000	Mike/Invitees
Red Cross Breakfast-Atlantic Beach Club	12 June	All
National NLUS Board Meeting Washington D.C.	11-13 June	Mike, George, Shirley
Mil Appreciation Night –Plan Mtg-Mainstay Inn	15 Jun 1600	Anne/Committees
Current Strategy Forum (CSF Naval War College)	16/17 June	Mike/Invitees
PAWSOX Military Night –McCoy Stadium	16 Jun 1900	George/NSCC
NSC Farewell Reception	17 Jun 1800	Sponsors
OCS 19-09 Graduation Awards Dinner	18 Jun 1730	Mike S.
NWC Graduation	19 Jun 1000	Shirley, Mike S. /invitees
ODS Graduation Awards	19 Jun TBD	Mike O.
OCS 20-09 Graduation Awards Dinner	25 Jun 1730	Pat B.
Junior/Senior Enlisted of the Year Dinner	TBD	George/Dave/all
<i>JULY</i>		
USCGS Castle Hill CoC (CWO Galvin)	1 Jul 1000	Invitees
Independence Day	4 July	

Friends of USS RI Reception/Dinner-O' Club	5 Jul 1815	All
Board Meeting	6 Jul 1600	All
Mil Appreciation Night Plan Meeting	6 Jul 1700	Committee
SWOS Dept. Head 202 Graduation	9 Jul 1000	Mike S.
SEA Class 146 Graduation dinner	9 Jul 1700	Mike S.
OCS 22-09 Graduation Dinner	9 Jul 1730	TBD
NETC Sea Cadet Graduation – Battleship Cove	11 Jul 1100	All
USCGC Ida Lewis CoC (CWO 4 Tribou)	17 Jul 1000	Invitees
NETC Sea Cadet Graduation-Battleship Cove	18 Jul 1100	All
ODS Graduation	24 Jul 1100	TBD
NETC Sea Cadet Graduation-Battleship Cove	25 Jul 1100	All
<i>Military Appreciation Night-Atlantic Beach Club</i>	28 Jul 1730	All
OCS 23-09 Graduation Dinner	30 Jul 1730	Mike S.

Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted onboard USS MASSACHUSETTS on 29 June at 4:00 p.m.