

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

**President: Michael Slein  
Monday, June 2, 2008**

### **A. Call to Order:**

- a. Pledge of allegiance to the Flag
- b. Officers Installation
- c. Mike thanked everyone for all that has been done to make this a great organization.
- d. Jack Leavitt has moved to the DC area with a fine sendoff (e-mail available). A presentation was made to Jack at the Newport Rotary Club for the great service he has provided to the Newport County Council.
- e. Annual Dinner Wrap-up. Ann provided a comprehensive written report to Mike and will provide a “lessons learned” report on the Military Appreciation Night at the next meeting.
- f. National Convention Highlights of interest. As of 21 May, there were 287 ships in the U.S. Navy active fleet. Fifty-four percent of these ships are currently underway with 44 % of this group deployed in combat theaters. The Navy is very close to having no surge capability. Manning on Navy ships in the future will be less (i.e., ZUMWALT Class). Dilemma is that those ships have been reduced so that the Navy may have a manpower shortage. Coast Guard manning is now at 38,000 personnel with a goal of 54,000 or 44% increase...
- g. NAPS Sponsor Opportunities. Mike Slein attended the NAPS graduation. He noted that there will be sponsorship opportunities with the incoming class. Volunteers may be needed.
- h. USS RHODE ISLAND Dinner will be held at the Naval Base Officer’s Club on 13 June at 1800. On 9 June, we have been asked to host 8 members of the USS PROVIDENCE crew at a Pawsox game at McCoy Stadium. It was moved and seconded to allocate \$150 to support the Pawsox event. This will be a good step in forging a stronger relationship with the PROVIDENCE crew.
- i. The Naval War College Foundation is arranging to have tours on USS Williams, DDG 95, 10 June - 12 June. There will be two tours on each day for NWC Foundation members. Mike requested members to bring two guests, hopefully Community Affiliate participation.

### **B. Reports:**

- a. Secretary’s Report – Pat Burke – Minutes previously distributed by email (G. Wardwell).
- b. Treasurer’s Report – Walt Wasowski.
- c. Membership Report – Mike Slein (need new Committee chair)
  - i. New Members – Personal goal is one new CA (or upgrade to BA) every two months - 6 per year
  - ii. Personal Goal is one new member per month from me...I challenge each to talk up and discuss with your friends/colleagues.
- d. Newsletter - Shirley noted that our newsletter will be out by the end of June.
- e. Region President Report – Shirley – Regional Meeting/Regional Officers/directors. Shirley noted that membership in 2008 is 59,000. It was 62,000 in 2007.
- f. S. NE Area President Report – George Wardwell. George noted that he attended the USS STOCKDALE christening at the Bath Shipyard. A sign may be needed to indicate Sea Cadet

presence at their new quarters. Options were discussed for this but each dictates permission from NAVSTA leadership.

g. National Directors Highlights – Tony Cercena/Shirley Hill/George Wardwell

h. Sea Cadets Report — George Wardwell

i. Legislative Affairs update – Mike Slein. Mike stated that it is again the goal to have “one-on-one” visits with all four members of our RI Congressional representatives.

(1) RI delegation to be scheduled this year for Maritime Strategy Brief Update II (adds CG recapitalization (Deepwater) to Navy shipbuilding/fleet size).

(2) Sent letters to the 4 delegation members requesting NL Board seats on the Service Academy selection committees.

C. Upcoming Events: It looks like there will be OCS graduation dinners two to three times a month at the Atlantic Beach Club or other alternate site.

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>NL Rep</u></b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
BOD meeting	2-Jun 1600	All Directors
OCS Class 13 Graduation Dinner	5-Jun 1730	Mike
Battle of Midway Commemoration NWC	6-Jun 1300	Mike
SWOS DH Graduation Class 192	June TBD	Mike
<i>USS Providence Reception- PAWSOX</i>	<i>9 June 1800</i>	<i>Mike, Roy, Walt, George, Pat M.</i>
Junior Officer of Year with Portsmouth Rotary	10 Jun 1800	George / All
NL Birthday	12-Jun	
Ney Hall Rededication (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	12 June 1800	Mike
Red Cross Breakfast -ABC (Nannini)	13-Jun	Mike
USS Rhode Island Reception-O Club	13 June 1800	Mike/Ann
Naval Supply School Building Groundbreaking!	June 16 1000	Mike
NWC Current Strategy Forum	17-18 Jun	Mike
NSC Class 72 Farewell Reception Ochre Court	18-Jun 1830	Sponsors
OCS Class 14 Graduation Dinner	19-Jun 1730	Mike
Naval War College Graduation	20-Jun 1315	Mike /Sponsors
ODS Graduation	20-Jun 0900	Mike/Marilyn Smith
PAWSOX Armed Services Night	25 June 1900	All
OCS Class 15 Graduation Dinner	26 June 1730	Mike
RI National Guard Open House & Air Show	TBD	NSCC/NLCC?
NWC Intl Maritime Symposium	TBD	
SEA CMC/ NRC Graduation	27-Jun	TBD
<b>JULY</b>		
OCS Class 16 Graduation Dinner	1 July 1730	Mike
Independence Day	4 July	
Board of Directors Meeting	7 July 1600	All
SEOY/JEOY Mainstay Inn Luncheon	15 /27 July 1130	George et?
OCS Class 17 Graduation Dinner	17 July 1730	Mike
NSI 0804 Graduation	18 July	Mike
CPS Graduation	25 July 0900	Mike
ODS Graduation	25 July 0900	Pat B./Marilyn Smith
OCS Class 18 Graduation Dinner	31 July 1730	Mike

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**Junior Officer of the Year - 10 June with the Portsmouth Rotary Club. LT Mike Brewer.**

**Combine Junior and Senior Enlisted of the Year. – July Luncheon 15/22. Cosponsor?  
USCG Birthday – August (Eric Shaw)**

**D. Old Business:**

- a. Council Awards being selected in June at National.**

**E. Other Business/Announcements:**

- a. President's Goals/Thoughts for 2008**
- b. Committee Assignments**

**F. Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 7 July 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**