

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

Chair: Mike Slein, President
Monday, 7 June 2010

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince
Burke, Pat
Callahan, Roy
Fitzherbert, Roy
Humphreys, Keith
Huot, Anne
Johnson, Arne

Perfetto, Robert
Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
Shaw, Eric
Wardwell, George
Wasowski, Walt
Webb, Ed



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

B. President's Remarks:

1. Welcome to Lt. Sean Phinney, CO Naval Recruiting Office Newport. His recruiting territory is Rhode Island. He is recruiting for officer and enlisted personnel in Line, Supply, CEC, and Medical areas.

2. Chaplain Biadog has been named finalist in National Military Volunteer of the Year. This will be announced in the Navy Times.

3. Mike expressed sincere appreciation to:

- Walt, Len, Al, Tony and Roy for representation at ODS, OCS, SEA and NAPS graduation during May/June.
- George, Frank and Ginny Hanson, Tony and Bob Belenger for serving meals to NAPS/OCS students at Asia/Pacific Day 16 May.
- To our resident paparazzi-Roy and Tony!!

4. Attended U.S. Coast Guard CAPT Ray Perry's Change of Command and retirement ceremony with Anne, Roy and Ed Webb on 4 June at Fort Adams- truly one for the ages. CAPT Perry presented roses to Anne Huot and Bonnie Slein, recognizing all the volunteer organizations that assisted him –our Council and OCAC at the top. His address was truly memorable-challenged us all to remember the veterans, especially WWII veterans. He has accepted indefinite orders to serve as Response Team lead (Incident Commander for the President) in Louisiana to capitalize on his Incident Command acumen. He was relieved by CAPT Verne Gifford, a native of Swampscott, MA. The speaker was RADM Dan Neptun, 1st District Commander. We presented an engraved plate to CAPT Perry.

5. Attended CG 1st District CoC/Retirement 14 May with George as RADM Dan Neptun relieved RADM Joseph Nimmich. ADM Pecoske, acting Commandant, was principal speaker. He has since retired and ADM Papp now Commandant.

6. Anne assumes Presidency on 1 July. Mike requested that all officers please commence detailed turnover information with your replacement to include access to NLUS website. I will send e-mail with new officers and request access to website online community.

7. The CAPT Joe McBrearty Change of Command/Retirement will be held Thursday 10 June and the Naval War College Graduation at 0945 Friday 11 June.

8. Reminder to all: USS RHODE ISLAND Dinner/Reception Officers Club will be held on Thursday 10 June at 1800. Attendees to date are Mike and Bonnie, Tony Cercena and Richard Ryan. Other interested parties?

9. Reminder: Red Cross first Responder breakfast Atlantic Beach Club Friday 18 June at 0800. Attendees to date are Mike and Bonnie, Len Dilorenzo, Keith Humphreys, Tony Cercena, Richard Ryan and Joe McEnnes. Three more attendees would fill table.

10. Our donation \$250 to the Oliver Hazard Perry project as a potential training vessel for NAPS/Sea Cadets was nicely orchestrated by Walt. I have included proposed press release in read folder.

11. CDR Hugh Doyle has conducted first month of steam propulsion tours aboard USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY and received high grades from attendees. June schedule distributed to the Board. Cost is \$10.00 which benefits Battleship Cove.

12 Tuesday 15 June 0745 Board boat at Old Port Marine to view USS FORRESTAL CV 59 final departure from Newport. Expect return around 1200. Cost is \$25.00. Bar onboard. Bring sandwich if desired. Phone Old Port Marine- Matt Gineo at 662-0082.

C. Reports:

- Secretary’s Report – Pat Burke
- Treasurer’s Report – Walt Wasowski. Walt noted there is an issue with Council rebates (approximately a \$1K shortfall for our Council).
- Membership Report - Anne Huot. Anne noted our retention problem. We currently rank 17th in the nation in this regards. Five councils currently have 100% retention. We currently have 398 members. Anne suggested working with Admiral Nolan on membership development. Anne also stated we need to build a membership committee.
- Sea Cadets Report – George. The NETC Division has a new interim Commanding Officer. LT(JG) Levesque has resigned at the temporary CO. A meeting with the new CO will be set up as soon as possible. The NCBC Division has been extremely active. The Falcon Division will help the American Legion during pre-game festivities at McCoy Stadium at the Armed Forces Night game.
- Legislative Report – Mike had nothing to report on current initiatives. However, Mike stated he is attempting to make a connection with Senator Brown from MA.

D. New Business:

1. New Membership potential-Navy Officers Spouses Club.
2. Coast Guard Birthday Picnic in August. Eric Shaw (targeted for 1st or 2nd week in August).
3. 2009 Junior/Senior Enlisted of the Year planning dates-Dave Carrillo. (being worked)
4. Ad for RIROA WWII program to be held 14 August. Requested \$200.00 full page ad. Deadline 23 July. Might include membership application in the ad. Thoughts?

E. Upcoming Events:

<i>JUNE</i>		
NLUS National Board Meeting	1-4 June	George, Tony, Shirley
NAPS Commencement Award Presentation	4 Jun 1000	Walt Wasowski
Capt Ray Perry CoC Fort Adams	4 Jun 1000	Mike/Invitees
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	7 Jun 1600	All
NWC Current Strategy Forum	8-9 June	Invitees
OTC-N Capt Joe McBrearty CoC Parade Field	10 Jun 1300	Mike/Invitees
USS Rhode Island Reception/Dinner Officers Club	10 Jun 1800	All
Naval War College Graduation	11 Jun 1000	Invitees
Flag Day	14 June	
OCS Class 1610 Graduation Dinner	17 Jun 1700	Len/Ann

Flag Day Breakfast to benefit Red Cross-Atlantic Beach Club	18 Jun 0800	All
Fathers Day	20 June	
ODS Class 10070 Graduation Parade Field	25 Jun 1000	Mike/Ann
Quonset Air Show	25/26 June	
<i>JULY</i>		
SEA Class 10050 graduation Award Dinner	1 Jul 1700	Anne/Mike
Independence Day Observed	5 July	
SWOS Class 207 Dept Head Graduation	8 Jul 1000	Anne/Mike
OCS Class 1710 Graduation Dinner	8 Jul 1700	Anne/TBD
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	12 Jul 1600	All
ODS Class 10080 Graduation	16 Jul 1000	Anne/TBD
OCS Class 1810 Graduation Dinner	29 Jul 1700	Anne/TBD
NSC Welcome Picnic	30 Jul 1200	Vince/All
Newport Junior Officer of the Year Award Dinner	TBD	Dave Carrillo

F. Old Business:

- a. Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Discussion with ideas. Keep this on the agenda as reminder each month.
- b. Eight Bells and Evening lectures at NWC Foundation added to our near term schedule. If you desire to attend, call Ms. Sharyl Jump at the NWC Foundation or e-mail her at sharyl.jump@nwc.navy.mil

G. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors Remarks.

H. Other Business: Discussed Advisory Committee to work at the national level. Five major corporations (e.g., Boeing) are members. Doug Crawford will provide George with names of businesses in Rhode Island doing work with the DoD.

I. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on Monday, 12 July at 1600. Anne Huot presiding.