

September 2009 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council

President: Mike Slein

Monday, 31 August 2009 – September Board Meeting

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Johnson, Arne
Burke, Pat	Knowland, Roger RADM
Callahan, Roy	O'Sullivan, Mike
Carillo, Dave	Shaw, Eric
Cercena, Tony	Wardwell, George
DelGiudice, Tim	Webb, Ed
DiLorenzo, Len	Wasowski, Walt
Hill, Shirley	
Huot, Anne	
Humphries, Keith	

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

B. Swearing in of 2009-2010 officers was postponed to the October Board Meeting.

- A folder of Roy Callahan press releases was passed out for inspection.
- Mike's Newport County Council fact paper was passed out for inspection.

C. President's Remarks:

a. Appreciation to:

- Roy Callahan for his press releases which are weekly in the Newport Daily News and on the NLUS National Web. !! BZ Roy.
- Walt Wasowski for his thorough accounting and final list of the Military Appreciation Night attendees
- Eric Shaw and Vince Arnold for planning and executing the two *FINE, MOST ENJOYABLE* events on 7 August
- Len Dilorenzo and Roy Fitzherbert for presenting at ODS/SOQ Willow events
- NAPS picnic food servers 16 August : Roy, Walt, Tony, Al , Bob Belanger and Chaplain Biadog
- Shirley for her role in last weekend's annual re-dedication of the Black Regiment Memorial at Patriots Park, Portsmouth. CAPT Steve Senteio was the principal speaker and RADM Wisecup attended the event.

b. Thank you letters sent to all who supported NSC picnic (Bill Christy and Council presenters), CG Birthday picnic (Nancy Parker Wilson) and NUWC 140th anniversary (Newport Storm). Thank you note sent

to VADM McCoy. Mike is still working on Military Appreciation Night CA, Sponsor, and Donor letters. It was noted to let Mike know who else needs a “thank you” note.

c. NUWC 140th anniversary resulted in 2-3 new members and a new Community Affiliate candidate; the *Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina*. Anne and Mike visited this organization. They are interested in assisting us as an active Corporate Affiliate. SEA Corp, Inc. of Middletown is the next target as Corporate Affiliate.

d. Upcoming Highlight Events: NCC Picnic 24 September, Eric needs soda/water volunteers for the NCC event. The Junior Enlisted Person of the Year Dinner is going to be scheduled for October.

e. It was noted that Mike will be out of the country from 5-20 September. All (known) events are covered at this juncture.

D. Council Reports:

a. Secretary’s Report – Pat Burke –on web site.

b. Treasurer’s Report – Walt. Moved and seconded to approve. Walt noted that the net profit from the dinner is around \$2500 (assuming the \$1K still outstanding comes in).

c. Membership Report. Anne Huot. Mike noted that on one membership list, our membership has dropped to 393.

d. Sea Cadets Report — George. Will distribute \$1200.00 in matching funds to the three units this week. Board OK’d motion earlier.

e. Legislative Report –Mike noted that he has prepared a brief for Senator Whitehouse and is arranging a meeting in the near future.

f. Mike discussed the Otis Civilian Advisory Council meeting in Falmouth, MA to honor outstanding military members of 2008. The cost of the dinner is \$25. The Board approved paying \$125 to have a quarter-page ad in the program.

g. Vince is again taking the lead to organize another fundraiser at the Firehouse Theater in late October.

E. New Business:

a. Future Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Discussion with ideas. Keep this on the agenda as reminder each month.

- b. **Sponsoring of NOAA ship HENRY BIGELOW was discussed. Mike will be talking to the Commanding Officer shortly. The ship is currently at Pier Two however, its permanent station will be Woods Hole.**
- c. **CAPT Mike Poirier is retiring as Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport. The Change of Command will be on 14 September, 1000 at Dewey Field. His relief is CAPT Joseph Voboril.**
- d. **LNG /Narragansett Bay issue. A discussion was held on somebody who approached the Council on taking a position on liquefied natural gas vessels and their possible effect on Narragansett Bay. It was agreed by the Board that it is not our charter to take positions on items of this nature.**
- e. **Newport Lady (anon) desires to establish scholarship fund – An attorney Hillary Carlson asked Mike if we could administer this fund. She desires the recipient to be Newport native and a dependent of serviceman or women. Merit based. Details in work. This issue requires legal input from Arne Johnson who volunteered to talk to Ms Carlson.**

F. Upcoming Events:

- **Mike noted that there will be ½ to 1/3 less OCS graduations in upcoming months. Starting in November, 09, there will be only 1 or possibly 2 graduations per month.**
- **Mike thinks it would be a good idea to poll the Council membership in full on what they expect from our organization in 2010. This could be done via our website as well as an article in the Newsletter.**

G. Old Business:

- a. **Require Committee to review/update by-laws.**
- b. **Budget Committee: Require annual review. (Walt)**
- c. **Any negative constructive feedback on Mil. Appreciation Night?**

H. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors

I. Other Business:

- J. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on Monday, 5 October at 1600. Happy Labor Day weekend to all.**