

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

**President: Michael Slein  
Monday, September 8, 2008**

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

- a. **Pledge of allegiance to the Flag**
- b. **The Newport County Council is again in the NL Meritorious Council (top 5%) for 2007. Thanks to Roy, Vince, Shirley, George, and Arne for their leadership**
- c. **The Coast Guard Picnic was held at Greenvale Vineyard on 3 August. Eric was recognized for his great work organizing this function. Thank you letters have been received from the COs of CG vessels WILLOW, JUNIPER, TIGER SHARK, and the IDA LEWIS.**
- d. **George and Mike attended the Sea Cadet Boot Camp graduation on 10 August at Fort Devins, MA. They thanked the Sea Cadet principal leadership for their fine work.**
- e. **Mike gave thanks to members who served as NAPS picnic servers on 17 August. Thanks also went to Vince Arnold for the NSC Welcome Picnic. Thank you notes were sent to the Sea Cadets and to Bill Christy, Coddingtons for the donated beer. Help will be needed for similar functions around Thanksgiving for NAPS picnic.**
- f. **VADM Ferguson (Chief of Naval Personnel) spoke at the Callahan Hall re-dedication on 29 August. Both VADM Ferguson and CAPT Porier (COMNAVSTANPT) cited the Naval League for their good work.**
- g. **Mike noted that the Sailor of the Quarter participation is growing (NUWC, Castle Hill, IDA LEWIS, WILLOW and Juniper are all maintaining quarterly events.)**
- h. **September is Sea Cadet month. How can we recognize the Sea Cadets in ways other than monetary contributions?**
- i. **The Navy Ball is 9 October. Mike is requesting ideas on sponsorship.**
- j. **The Change of Command for the new Naval War College President will take place on 6 November. Mike suggested we present a plaque to RADM Shuford. Mike will call on the new President and invite him to a Newport Council meeting. The board recommended a desk ornament such as a pen and pencil set versus a plaque.**
- k. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to transfer Joe McManus to “Emeritus” status.**
- l. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to provide cash donations from members and the remainder from our treasury for a total of \$250 to give to member Patsy Robertson. She will facilitate the purchase of phone cards for U.S. service personnel who are in a hospital in Germany.**

### **B. Reports:**

- a. **Secretary’s Report – Pat Burke – Minutes previously distributed by email (G. Wardwell).**
- b. **Treasurer’s Report – Walt Wasowski. Mike noted that a \$50.00 check was sent to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief in memory of Mrs. Wellenc. All appreciation letters for gifts and monetary donations to events June-August have been mailed to individuals and businesses. Noted that Council rebate amount off by \$2,200. Walt/Mike will generate a letter concerning this in the October/early November timeframe.**

- c. **Membership Report – Anne Huot**
  - i. **New members - Working on program and committee to increase our membership. Mike is sending an email note to all new/unassigned members.**
  - ii. **Mike requested that we all establish personal monthly goals for getting new members.**
  - iii. **Corporate Affiliates. Anne working on new Corporate Affiliate candidates. Noted that Advanced Solutions for Tomorrow (ASFT) will come on board as a Community Affiliate. Mike noted that he would like to develop an “industry group” working with SENEDIA. Mike O’Sullivan recommended Raytheon host luncheon with RADM Busch as host speaker.**
- d. **Newsletter - Shirley noted that deadline to get articles to her for the next Newsletter is the end of September.**
- e. **Region President Report – Shirley –Note that the NL National Convention is in October.**
- f. **S. NE Area President Report – George Wardwell. Noted that the Navy Birthday Ball is being held on 17 October (Friday).**
- g. **National Directors Highlights – Tony Cercena/Shirley Hill/George Wardwell**
- h. **Sea Cadets Report — George Wardwell. Noted that Sea Cadets were a great help for the NAPS Picnic.**
- i. **Legislative Affairs update – Mike Slein.**
  - (1) **Request in to Rep. Patrick Kennedy to give a presentation with the Board.**
  - (2) **Mike and Shirley have phone-in meeting with national staff and National President, Mike McGrath to focus on New England contact opportunities with**
- j. **Upcoming Events: It looks like there will be OCS graduation dinners two to three times a month at the Officers Club or other alternate site.**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
September		
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>1 Sept</b>	
<b>SEA Graduation Dinner</b>	<b>4 Sept 1700</b>	Mike
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner Class 21</b>	<b>4 Sept 1730</b>	Roy
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>8 Sept 1600</b>	All
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner Class 22</b>	<b>11 Sept 1800</b>	Mike
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner Class 23</b>	<b>18 Sept 1800</b>	Len DiLorenzo
<b>CMS Graduation (unknown if NL need to be present)</b>	<b>19 Sept 1700</b>	
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner Class 24</b>	<b>25 Sept 1800</b>	Anne Huot
October		
<b>ODS Graduation</b>	<b>2 Oct</b>	Mike
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>6 Oct 1600</b>	All
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner</b>	<b>16 Oct 1800</b>	Mike
<b>ODS Graduation</b>	<b>17 Oct 0900</b>	TBD
<b>OCS Graduation Dinner</b>	<b>30 Oct 1800</b>	Mike
<b>Firehouse Theater Fundraiser</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Vince A.
November		
<b>CG Officer/Enlisted of the Year</b>	<b>25 Nov TBD</b>	George W./All

**Note: 233<sup>rd</sup> Navy Birthday. 17 October 1730. Battleship Cove. \$100/person. Open bar.**

**C. Old Business:**

**Fundraiser-Bob Belenger, Vince Arnold, Mike Slein.**

**D. Other Business/Announcements:**

**a. Mike overseas 13-31 September**

**b. National Meeting Kansas City 28-31 October. Shirley, George, Tony, Mike**

**c. Coast Guard Officer/Enlisted of the Year venue. George W.**

**d. Looking for speaker candidates for our annual Military Appreciation Night.**

**E. Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 6 October.**