

October 2009 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council

President: Mike Slein

Monday, 5 October 2009 – October Board Meeting

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Johnson, Arne
Burke, Pat	Knowland, Roger RADM
Callahan, Roy	Nannini, Albert
Carillo, Dave	O’Sullivan, Mike
Cercena, Tony	Shaw, Eric
DiLorenzo, Len	Strasser, Joseph RADM (ret)
Hill, Shirley	Wardwell, George
Huot, Anne	Webb, Ed
Humphries, Keith	Wasowski, Walt

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

B. 2009-2010 officers were sworn in by Shirley Hill, NE Region President.

C. Our new Community Affiliate, Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, was recognized as well as our newest member, Mary Catherine Murano.

D. President’s Remarks:

a. Appreciation to:

- **Chaplain Biadog for his special “celebration of life” ceremony for the late Chaplain Dennis Rocheford.**
- **Roy Callahan and all who attended the Naval Base Change of Command and presenting CAPTAIN Mike Poirier with a pewter plate from the Council.**
- **Eric Shaw and his awesome NCC Welcome Picnic on 24 September and to Vince Arnold for assistance with the setup, cleanup, and the Narragansett “beerman”. It was noted that it would be better to do the event when children are not in school and also to get a bid in earlier to secure a good date for the Picnic.**
- **Len, Walt, and Al for presenting the September SWOS, OCS, and ODS events.**
- **Ed Webb for the Navy League invite and donating the Newport Council ad to the Otis OCAC Awards Ceremony. Attendees included CAPTAIN Ray Perry and his command Senior Chief, Ron German. Shirley, Len, George and Edna, and Mike and Bonnie attended.**
- **Shirley for her hard work on the July-August Newsletter.**
- **Tony, for his continued outstanding photography work at every event. He and Roy have placed us in the news monthly. Four events were covered in September, with pictures from them in the NAVLOG newspaper.**

b. Thank you letters sent to all who supported the Annual Military Appreciation Night (donors and sponsors). Board has recommended inviting ADMIRAL Thad Allen (Commandant of the Coast Guard) or REAR ADMIRAL Mary Landry. Pointing towards an April or May date for the function. Erik will review the invitation letter.

c. Upcoming Highlight Events:

- Junior Enlisted of the Year-MMC Ryan Helbick. 1800 14 October (Wednesday), Best Western Mainstay Inn. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

- Firehouse Theater Fundraiser. "The Gin Game" 2000 23 October. Vince is point of contact for this event. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

- Coast Guard Annual Awards Luncheon or Dinner (November/December timeframe). Considering to either conduct the event on the USS MASSACHUSETTS (close to Woods Hole) or to have a Monday luncheon that will make it easier to have Congressional participation.

d. CAPTAIN Voboril, new Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer conducted an escorted tour of the USS WAYNE E. MEYER, DDG 1004 on 29 September for civic and business leaders of the community. He is also to conduct a Community Briefing this quarter with possible NLUS sponsorship. The Navy League is being considered to do a communications briefing.

e. The NLUS National Directors Meeting is being held in Corpus Christi, Texas from 27 October to 1 November. Our agenda item will include Business Affiliate versus Corporate Affiliate benefits to the Council. Shirley, George, Tony, and Mike will be in attendance.

E. Council Reports:

a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke –on web site. (hard copies at meeting if needed).

b. Treasurer's Report – Walt noted that we should stay below a \$25K balance as to not subject our Chapter to increased reporting requirements.

c. Membership Report. Anne noted that we now have 398 members including three new members joining in September. Tony was the top recruiter (well done as always). Eight members have memberships that will be lapsing shortly.

d. Sea Cadets Report — George distributed \$1,200 in September to three units. (\$300 SNA grant to NLUS and matching funds to RIROA \$900 grant). Lee Levesque forwarded Mike a letter in reference to site concerns.

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. Legislative Report. Mike is still working on setting up a briefing appointment with Senator Whitehouse.**

E. New Business

- a. SENEDIA Community Affiliate Plaque presentation to Rite-Solutions.**
- b. Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina Corporate Affiliate presentation venue (Richard Ryan)**
- c. Plaque presentation to David Burns, Raytheon IDS (Tim, Mike)**
- d. New member reception-December Board meeting. Need ideas for this event.**
- e. A 2007-2008 financial review was conducted by Walt, Al N., and Len. No discrepancies were found.**

G. Old Business

- a. Need ideas on possible events that could be hosted on the USS MASSACHUSETTS.**
- b. Possible sponsorship opportunity for NOAA ship HENRY BIGELOW that is currently at Pier Two. The BIGELOW will be eventually stationed at Woods Hole.**
- c. Arne Johnson is continuing to work the establishment of a scholarship fund that the Navy League would administer.**
- d. The issue of getting one rebate from a Business Associate or getting rebate every year from a Community affiliate is still action. Which benefit the Council more. ADMIRAL Strasser will call Navy League headquarters on this item.**
- e. Base Access Pass will be available to Council Board members and Corporate Affiliates (members who will be routinely doing ship visits).**