

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, October 6, 2008

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

B. President's Remarks:

- a. **Certificate of Appreciation to Judy O'Connell, Best Western Inn. President Mike Slein presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Connell for her continued support of our Council, specifically allowing us to meet at the facility whenever we need, often unannounced with ad-hoc committees with no charge. Ms. Connell expressed sincere gratitude for the recognition.**
- b. **Meritorious Council (Top 5%) for 2007 - Criteria for Outstanding Council. President Slein itemized several categories that served as specific criteria for yearly judging for the subject award. Two of the immediate focus area has to be Recruitment and Retention although the figures resident on the National web for Retention are considered to be invalid with the National Membership Chair being aware of the problem. Other interest areas are: Community Activities, Education, Youth, Council Activities, Legislative and Public Affairs.**
- c. **ODS/OCS award ceremony coverage in September - Thank you specifically to Len DiLorenzo /Anne Huot for so well representing Council.**
- d. **9 Sep. Attended CWO3 Brian Applebee's Retirement ceremony with George Wardwell at USCG Station Cape Cod and provided certificate of appreciation and NLUS Husband/wife Membership.**
- e. **New CA: Webster Bank- Anne Huot closed on this. Check is to be forthcoming per Lorrie Marshall, Bank Manager. Mike mentioned that ASFT has approval to become a CA (per Mary O'Rourke) and will send the check shortly.**
- f. **Navy Ball Thursday 9 October- Encourage attendance. The Council has two tables reserved, (1) for Frank Hanson and (1) for George Wardwell.**
- g. **Patsy Robertson's visit to troops in Germany – Donated \$250.00 (\$125.00 from Council treasury) thanks to your personal generosity which provided like amount.**
- h. **National Meeting Kansas City 28-31 Oct. Shirley Hill, George Wardwell, Mike Slein and Tony Cercena attending.**
- i. **Annual Donation Solicitation Letter -1 November. Mike will be finalizing and mailing the letter. A suggestion was made by Len DiLorenzo to include a membership application with the letter.**
- j. **Sea Cadets: Mike will pursue a grant request (letter sent early October) from the RI Reserve Officers Association in support of the Sea Cadet Divisions.**

C. Council Reports:

- a. **Secretary's Report – Pat Burke – Minutes previously distributed by email**
- b. **Treasurer's Report – Walt Wasowski. Same as last months. Walt is away in the Galveston Texas area as a volunteer for the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. Walt has indicated the volunteers are**

serving an average of 30,000 people a day. Walt due to return 16 October and will report two months at next board meeting.

- c. **Membership Report – Anne Huot (George Wardwell).** Currently, we have 424 members that is plus (7) for the year but the retention rate on-line remains at 22%. National Headquarters is working on the method of computing retention rates.
 - i. **New Members – Personal president e-mail letter to all new/unassigned members.** George and Anne will work towards identifying members falling into expired categories.
 - ii. **Community Affiliates : Reported earlier.**
- d. **Quarterly Newsletter (July-September) – Shirley**
- e. **Sea Cadets Report — George Wardwell – The Sea Cadets provided color guard support to the USS LIONFISH Reunion Association and the Association showed their appreciation by way of a small donation. A question was raised about where the new recruits were to obtain their uniforms. The uniforms are donated, some from the MWR and some from individuals. The uniforms are (rented) by the new recruit and turned in for re-use once they have left the Sea Cadet program.**
- f. **Legislative Affairs Report – Mike Slein – 2009 shipbuilding budget distributed. October NE phone-in meeting with President Mike McGrath. Mike suggested we will never obtain the level of requested ships due to the current budgetary constraints.**

D. Upcoming Events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
<i>OCTOBER</i>		
ODS Graduation –Kay Hall	3 Oct 0900	Mike
Board Meeting-Mainstay	6 Oct 1600	All
Navy Birthday Ball –Officers Club	9 Oct 1800	All
Columbus Day	13 Oct	
OCS Graduation Dinner	16 Oct 1800	Mike
ODS Graduation	17 Oct 0900	Len DiLorenzo
USS Suwanne Leyte Gulf Reunion –NWC /SWOS	17 Oct 0900	RADM Nolan, Mike
NUWC Sailor of the Quarter	20 Oct 0745	Mike, Roy F.
SEA (148)	22 Oct 1700	Mike
OCS (0109) Graduation Dinner	23 Oct 1800	Mike
USCG Station Castle Hill Sailor of the Quarter	24 Oct 0800	Mike, Eric, Roy F.
USS New Hampshire Christening-Portsmouth NSY	25 Oct 1000	Mike,
Firehouse Theater fundraiser	25 Oct 2000	Vince Arnold/All
RADM Shuford Farewell Dinner –Viking Hotel	26 Oct 1800	Mike-NWC Foundation
NLUS National Convention Kansas City	28-31 Oct	Shirley,George, Mike, Tony
OCS Graduation Dinner	30 Oct 1800	Mike
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	3 Nov 1600	All
<i>NOVEMBER</i>		
NWC President CoC (RADM s Shuford/Wisecup)	6 Nov 1000	Mike
OCS Graduation Dinner	6 Nov 1800	Mike
NCC Welcome Luncheon-Mainstay	18 Nov 1200	Eric/All
CG Officer/Enlisted of the Year	25 Nov 1200	George Wardwell/All
Thanksgiving	27 Nov	

E. New Business:

- a. **Council website: Roy Callahan requests input for the web so updating can be accomplished. President Slein has for action. Roy states that National Headquarters is no longer financially able to fund hosting of Council Web Sites.**
- b. **NCC Welcome Luncheon will be held on 18 November. More details to follow from Eric Shaw.**
- c. **CG Award Luncheon 25 November. George Wardwell-Some information has been received from Senior Chief Uronis regarding the JOOY/JEPOY winners so that administrative preparations may commence. Preliminary work has to be in place prior to George's departure for (3) weeks on 25 October. We are going to recommend that the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, if awarded, may be presented at the luncheon. The Newport Rotary and NL Council enjoys witnessing the presentation of the Medals.**

F. Old Business:

- d. **Fundraiser-Bob Belenger, Vince Arnold. George Wardwell reported a meeting with Bob Belenger and the decision to place the project on hold was made. A suggestion to offer a Play at the Firehouse Theater in Newport serve as a fundraising event was made and approved. Vince Arnold reported the invitations would be forthcoming and the price of the tickets would be \$25.00. The Firehouse Theater price is \$10.00 so we make \$15.00 per person and there are 49 seats so go out and buy yours as soon as the invitation is received. Potentially, \$735.00 can be made.**

G. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors

- a. **SNE Area Report: George Wardwell – George and Shirley will be attending a Navy Birthday celebration with the Massachusetts Bay Council on Friday, 17 Oct at Hanscom AFB in Massachusetts. VADM Dennis M. McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command will be the guest speaker.**
- b. **New England Region –Shirley Hill**
- c. **National Director- Tony Cercena – Tony distributed a collage of pictures taken during a SWOS welcome about reception for International Students.**

H. Other Business:

- a. **There will be a Veterans disability fair conducted at the Newport Officers Club on Saturday, 21st Oct. from 1100 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Board felt this was not NLUS participation event.**

I. Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 3 November at 4:00 p.m.