

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

President: Michael Slein
Monday, November 3, 2008

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince
Belenger, Bob
Burke, Pat
Callahan, Roy
Carillo, Dave
Cerena, Tony
DiLorenzo, Len

Hill, Shirley
Huot, Anne
Humphries, Keith
Johnson, Arne
Nannini, Al
Slein, Mike
Slavens, Gloria

Walsh, Ed “Knobby”
Wardwell, George
Wasowski, Walt
Webb, Edward

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

B. President’s Remarks:

- Mike offered heartfelt thanks to Walt Wasowski for his Red Cross volunteerism during Hurricane Ike in Galveston. Walt spend over one month in the Galveston area supporting Red Cross efforts to help recovery efforts. After returning home, he briefed the Newport Rotary Club on his efforts.

- Mike welcomed our new Board member, Dave Carrillo.

- A Certificate of Appreciation from the Newport County Council will be presented to Mr. David Burns of Raytheon for his outstanding work facilitating the printing of the programs for our Annual Dinner.

- Fundraiser 25 Oct-Firehouse Theater-Thanks to Vince and the hors d’oeuvres providers for a fine evening! Vince did an outstanding job organizing the Firehouse Theater fundraiser event for the Navy League. Mike sent thank you letters to all who participated. The event earned \$360 for our Council treasury.

- Membership packages mailed to Board by Anne. Anne mailed out to all Board members a package of information that can be used to facilitate bringing new members into the Navy League. A show of hands indicated that this effort has resulted in seven new members for our Council.

- New Corporate Affiliate: Webster Bank- Anne has facilitated our Council gaining a new Corporate Affiliate; Webster Bank (Middletown, RI). Laurie Marshall is the point of contact at the bank. They were invited to the Coast Guard Awards Luncheon.

- Navy Ball Thursday 9 October- Twenty members of the Newport County Council attended the Navy Ball on October 9th. Shirley, George, and Tony led the delegation. The Ball was an outstanding affair as always.

- RADM Shuford Farewell Reception (NWC Foundation): Mike, Len, and Tony attended the reception. Mike presented RADM Shuford with a Navy League clock.

- Navy League National Meeting 28-31 October. George, Shirley, Mike, and Tony attended the Navy League National Meeting in Kansas City. Mike noted that representation from other District Councils was light. We were presented a Meritorious Council Award for 2007. A welcome aboard reception on Tuesday evening was held at the National World War I Museum. One of the highlights of the convention was the Sea Services Awards Luncheon on Friday where 18 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine military and civilian personnel received highly coveted awards for outstanding service, particularly while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terror. The guest speaker for the awards luncheon was

Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Stone from the office of the chief of Marine Corps Reserve Affairs. Closing out the convention was the Navy's Deputy Chief of Operations for Communication Network, Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr., the dinner guest speaker at the finale engagement. Vice Adm. Harris recently completed a tour as the director of operations for the U.S. Southern Command.

- Annual Donation Solicitation Letter -1 November. It was noted that the Annual Donation Solicitation Letter is ready to be mailed.

- Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Silent Auction - Friday 14 November 1800 Hyatt Regency- table of 10 (\$650.00) - to honor NAVSTA (Capt Mike Poirier): propose Council Treasury pay 50% for interested parties to properly thank Capt Poirier. It was approved that Navy League purchase a full table for the Newport County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Attendees will pay one half of the ticket price with Navy League paying remainder. Eight Board members indicated they will attend.

C. Council Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke – Minutes previously distributed by email and posted on web site
- b. Treasurer's Report. Walt Wasowski. Submitted and approved.
- c. Membership Report – Anne Huot
 - i. New Members – Personal president e-mail letter to all new members. In addition, letters were sent to unassigned Navy League members with an invitation to join our Newport County Council.
 - ii. Community Affiliates
- d. Quarterly Newsletter (July-September) –Shirley indicated that the final draft of our District Council Newsletter is done and that she will be mailing it early in November.
- e. Sea Cadets Report — George Wardwell
- f. Legislative Affairs Report – Mike Slein – 2009 shipbuilding budget and comments distributed. November NE phone-in meeting with President Mike McGrath in work.

D. Upcoming Events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>NL Rep</u>
<i>NOVEMBER</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	3 Nov 1600	All
Election Day -VOTE	4 Nov	All Vote
USS Cole Tour (NWC Foundation)	4 Nov 1000	Interested Parties
USCGC Ida Lewis SOQ – BM3 Chevalia	4Nov 1100	Mike/ Roy F.
NWC President CoC	6 Nov 1000	Mike
USS Cole Tour (NWC Foundation)	6 Nov 1300	Interested Parties
OCS (2-09)Graduation Dinner	6 Nov 1800	Mike
NUWC SOQ- PO1 Ingles	TBD (11-10)	Mike, Roy F.
Veterans Day	11 Nov	
Chamber Annual Dinner/Silent Auction	14 Nov 1800	5 Couples TBD
Legislative Breakfast –Newport Fund-BW Mainstay	19 Nov 0730	Mike
CG Officer/Enlisted of the Year - ABC	25 Nov 1200	George Wardwell/All
NAPS Early Thanksgiving Dinner Preparation	23 Nov	All
SWOS Department Head Graduation	25 Nov	Mike
Thanksgiving	27 Nov	

<i>DECEMBER</i>		
Board Meeting Mainstay Inn	1 Dec 1600	All
OCS (3-09) Graduation Dinner	4 Dec 1800	Mike
Pearl Harbor Day	7 Dec	All
SEA Graduation	11 Dec 1730	Mike
OCS (4-09) Graduation Dinner	11 Dec 1800	TBD
NAPS Dining In	12 Dec	Roy
OCS (5-09) Graduation Dinner	18 Dec 1800	Mike
Christmas	25 Dec	

E. New Business:

- a. Council website –Roy Callahan has updated our website
- b. Annual Dinner Speaker: Thoughts on VADM Kevin McCoy, Commander NAVSEA; RADM Mary Landry (USCG Public Affairs); RADM Dan Gabel 1st District USCG; ADM Thad Allen, CG Commandant....others? Mike noted that an invitation letter has been sent to VADM McCoy to be our keynote speaker for the Annual Dinner.
- c. CPOA Donation: Hurricane Ike. The Board approved sending a \$200 donation to help victims of Hurricane Ike to the Chief Petty Officer’s Association of Houston.
- d. Raytheon IDS: Looking at sponsorship of Sea Cadets (Tim Delgiudice)
- e. USCG Station Cape Cod –Sponsorship (MA Bay or Newport). It appears that the USCG Station Cape Cod were be better suited to be “adopted” by the MA Bay Council. Mike is going to discuss this with the president of the MA Bay Council.

F. Old Business:

- a. CG Award Luncheon 25 November: George Wardwell (Mike): Lt Ferrell (SE Sector Staff), PO1 James Weaver (USS Willow). Desire Colors (Unit?) and Picture Boards
- b. Grant request for Sea Cadets from RIROA submitted (\$900)

G. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors

- a. SNE Area Report: George Wardwell
- b. New England Region –Shirley Hill
- c. National Director- Tony Cercena

H. Adjournment. Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Best Western, the Mainstay Inn on Monday, 1 December at 4:00 p.m.