

December 2009 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Navy League of the United States – Newport County Council

President: Mike Slein

Monday, 7 December 2009

Newport Harbor Hotel

Attendees:

Arnold, Vince	Nannini, Albert
Burke, Pat	O’Sullivan, Mike
Callahan, Roy	Ryan, Richard (Newport Harbor Hotel)
Carrillo, Dave	Shaw, Eric
DelGiudice, Tim	Slein, Mike
DiLorenzo, Len	Strasser, Joseph RADM (retired)
Hill, Shirley	Walsh, Ed “Knobby”
Huot, Anne	Wasowski, Walt
Humphries, Keith	Webb, Ed
Johnson, Arne	

- A. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- B. CAPTAIN Steve Shinego (Command At-Sea Director) at SWOS was our guest. He gave an outstanding presentation on his philosophy of leadership. The points he made on leadership (showing examples from his career) will be remembered by all members.
- C. Ed “Knobby” Walsh BMCM (ret) was honored by the Newport Council. His many achievements over his 44 year Navy career and then his continuing support for such activities as the Navy League were presented. Many members of Knobby’s family were present and they all were very moved by the ceremony as was Knobby. He was presented with a silver award plate honoring his great service by Mike.
- D. President’s Remarks:
- a. Mike expressed appreciation to:
 - Shirley Hill for putting together another outstanding NL Newport County Council Newsletter and also for her leadership and mentorship as the New England Region President and for George Wardwell as he assumes this role.
 - The Council By-Laws Committee of Arne, Eric, Roy, and Len for their work in aligning our By-Laws with the National By-Laws. This product will be distributed by email to the Board for approval.
 - All those who served at the NAPS/OCS Thanksgiving Luncheon. The event was highlighted on the front page of the Newport Daily News.
 - Len for standing in at the USCG WILLOW Sailor of the Quarter presentation and the Hi Moms Dinner.
 - Ed, Anne, and Al for attending the Newport County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser.
 - Eric Shaw for laying the groundwork for the Council’s invitation to Admiral Thad Allen (Commandant of the Coast Guard) to be our speaker at the next Military Appreciation Night/Dinner.
 - NL presented a Serviceman of the Quarter onboard USCG Cutter JUNIPER following the Department Head award presentation at SWOS on 24 November. Rear Admiral Wisecup was the principal speaker.

b. Thank you letters sent to all who supported the junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year-all donors and Business and Corporate Affiliates.

c. Conducted office call with Naval Station Commanding Officer CAPT Joe Voboril on 13 November. Both CAPT Voboril and CAPT Parrot of SWOS would like to participate in tour of NAVSTA and SWOS during the first quarter of 2010 at a time of our choosing. These tours are currently being arranged.

d. Upcoming Events:

- Coast Guard Officer/Enlisted Personnel of Year. Will be luncheon at Atlantic Beach Club held with Newport Rotary Club. Dave Carrillo is coordinating the event.

E. Council Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report – Pat Burke. Minutes are on Council web site. Approved.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Walt is currently in Argentina and will be reported in January.
- c. Membership Report -- Anne Huot. Noted that three NL members from "Unassigned Category" have been moved to Newport County Council.
- d. Sea Cadets Report – Nothing to report at this time.
- e. Legislative Report – Mike noted that he is preparing an Op Ed piece supporting a 316 ship Navy.

F. New Business:

- a. USCG ship JUNIPER has offered to have a day cruise for Council and Business/Corporate Associate members in the March, 2010 timeframe.
- b. Tour of NAVSTA and SWOS is being arranged for members/CA/BA. Roy C. will be coordinating this effort that will probably be held in February, 2010.
- c. Mike noted that an invitation has been sent to ADM Thad Allen to be our speaker at the yearly Military Appreciation Night dinner.
- d. Mike noted that a support letter for the proposed USS SARATOGA museum has been forwarded to members. It is an opportunity to support as desired.
- e. Mike and Mary O'Sullivan volunteered to host NAPS students over the holidays. Roy C. has information on this if desired. Major Brad Phillips of NAPS is the point of contact. Mike noted that CO NAVSTA wants to become more involved with local school systems.
- f. Noted that the Welcome Lunch for the new group of International Staff College students will be held at the Mainstay on 29 January 2010.

G. Old Business:

- a. Events on USS MASSACHUSETTS. Discussion with ideas.

H. Area/Regional Presidents/National Directors:

I. Other Business:

J. Adjournment: Our next meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Mainstay on Monday, 4 January 2010 at 1600.