

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY COUNCIL
ATLANTIC RESORT, MIDDLETOWN, RI
3 FEBRUARY 2020

Attendees: Mike Slein, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Tom Feeney, Rich Rainer, Edna Wardwell, Mark Turner, Rob Winneg, Rod Smith, Jean Peterson, Walt Wasowski, and SWOS Lt. Ken Larson, Treasurer of the Surface Navy Association.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Mike Slein at 1700 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mail Call – None

Appreciation to annual appeal donors and Walt Wasowski for the acknowledgement letters.

To Len DiLorenzo and all the Navy League members who attended the luncheon on 10 January for the Coast Guard Person of the Year BM1 Carl Heise.

To those who visited General Dynamics/Electric Boat. Great tour on 15 January of sub assembly and larger assembly lines by EB production members.

To Rear Admiral White for setting up meeting with Rear Admiral Chatfield, President Naval War College, to discuss Navy League events. Admiral Chatfield agreed to be our speaker for the Military Appreciation Night on 7 May 2020.

To Rob Winneg for working on the Rhode Island Grants (\$1,000-\$10,000) for Newport area. Short timeline, due 13 February. Tom Feeney will reach out to Jose Taboada for basic information on the Navy Sea Cadets (training and leadership). President Slein will provide “specific costs” on the Sea Cadets for Rob to submit for the grants.

President Slein introduced SWOS Lt. Ken Larson, Treasurer of the Surface Navy Association (SNA). Discussion followed on the potential partnership/relationship with SNA as to common ground and camaraderie with joint luncheons and social events honoring Vietnam veterans. Lt. Larson described the “Reach Across America Wreath Program.” Board Member Len DiLorenzo will follow up on Vietnam lapel pin distribution program.

Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes of 8 January were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer – Annual Appeal – total of \$3,550 was reported. Noted it is likely largest to date. Financial Statement was distributed. Proposed 2020 budget will be reviewed by President Slein, Walt, and Admiral White and presented at March board meeting. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Pat Burke and seconded by Rod Smith.
3. Membership (Edna Wardwell) – Report of 10 new members finally listed on National data base (Active Duty Spouses, free one year membership) for a total of 199 members. Check was received from Raytheon for a one year Community Affiliate membership (waiting for 4 names from Vicky). Membership renewal problems with Navy League National which will be tabled and discussed post meeting off-line.

4. Sea Cadets – Jose Taboada – tabled. Reminder of Naval Sea Cadet Ball on 28 March. Board members are encouraged to attend. Contact Jose for tickets.

Old (On-going) Business

1. BM1 Carl Heise, Coast Guard Person of the Year. Luncheon held on 10 January and chaired by Len DiLorenzo. Excellent time and well received.
2. MOAA luncheon on 24 January with guest speaker Captain Nicholson was outstanding as reported by attendees.
3. OCS HIMOM Reception on 23 January was attended by board members Pat Burke and Peg Murray. A Navy League/Newport Chapter plaque was presented. Naval War College Rear Admiral Chatfield was in attendance.
4. Web site update – Rod – in process.
5. Fundraiser: Polo Sponsorship – Board Member Rich Rainer contacted Dan Keating to discuss details and presented information to the Board. Two dates were proposed for the Benefit Matches (30 May and 2 August). No cost for tickets from Polo; Navy League would sell and keep proceeds. Following further discussion, a motion to commit to Sunday, 2 August 2020 by Mark Turner and seconded by Pat Burke. Jean Peterson and Pat Burke requested to assist.
6. Community Affiliates (CA) ceremonies for the Atlantic Resort and USAA. Date to be determined. All board members are invited to attend. Walt/Mike Slein will meet off line to schedule time/date.
7. CA Candidate, Battleship Massachusetts – Mike Slein has tentative meeting scheduled to discuss. Mike has phoned and written to Executive Director who now attends to marketing.
8. Quonset Airshow interest – will check with General D’Agostino and Dennis Morgan to see if they need help.
9. Courtesy call made to Naval War College Foundation Executive Director George Lang and waiting for arrangement by Gigi Davis who made initial contact.

New Business

1. Military Appreciation Night scheduled for 7 May. Planning meeting to be set up (Pat). RADM Chatfield has agreed to be our speaker. Requested protocol information has been sent by RADM White to Protocol Officer Kelly Williamson.
2. Annual Reports (2018 and 2019) were submitted to NLUS Headquarters Chair Gerald Saunders by President Slein. Acknowledgements received with note to reimburse Newport County Council for BOTH years.
3. SNA partnership – Vietnam lapel pin ceremony luncheon to be set up. (Len DiLorenzo)
4. Sailors of the Quarter – Dates requested from Commanding Officer Station Castle Hill, CGC Ida Lewis, Juniper, and Oak for February. Possible SNA participation.
5. Sea Cadet Ball – 28 March, 1800 at Quonset Point O’Club. RSVP to Jose \$35 PP.

Schedule – February – March reviewed and slots assigned.

Other Business – Board Member Pat Burke discussed a fundraiser, “Winter BBQ” dinner, for the Martin Luther King Center sponsored by the Atlantic Resort, Rotary and Kiwanis. Cost \$25,

Wednesday 12 February, 6 pm – 8 pm. All proceeds to MLK Center. Council has 8 prospective attendees.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 2 MARCH 2020 AT THE ATLANTIC RESORT AT 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1750.