

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
6 JULY 2020

Attendees: Mike Slein, Mike White, Peg Murray, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Jean Peterson, Rod Smith, Rob Winneg.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Mike Slein at 1700.

Mail Call – Received note of thanks from ENS Cole R. Carey, recipient of the CDR Jack Leavitt award presented at OCS graduation in May 2020.

Appreciation to Pat Burke for taking care of OCS and Supply School events (delivery of certificates, coins, etc.)

Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes of 8 June were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer – Distributed, reviewed by Board and approved. We are in good shape. Board Member Rob Winneg reported that the request for Grant from the Rhode Island Foundation was submitted. We are waiting for reply. Rob will follow up. Treasurer Walt Wasowski also stated that all reports were submitted to the Secretary of State and the Internal Revenue Service. Motion to accept by Pat Burke and seconded by Tom Feeney.
3. Membership – (new members) On hold for Chairperson. At this time Edna Wardwell will be dedicated to her recovery from recent surgery. President Slein will be soliciting names for the position.
4. Sea Cadets: Jose Taboada - No update at this time. Tom Feeney will follow up with Jose.

Old (Ongoing) Business

1. Web site update (Rod Smith) – First stage completed. Will work with Walt. Second half will be done by end of July. Need to determine what should be on the website. Meeting to be set up soon per President Slein. No cost to the Navy League Newport Council: donation to our organization by Board Member Rod Smith.
2. Annual Meeting/Military Appreciation Night (MAN) – Dinner? Date to be determined. Naval War College is closed first semester per RADM Chatfield as reported by Admiral White. As discussed, a slate of officers will be sent out in August to all members for review and acceptance. Election will take place at September board of directors meeting (physical or virtual).
3. Officer/Enlisted of the Year – TBD.
4. Coast Guard SOQ Events: 3 Cutters and Coast Guard Station Castle Hill – TBD. Notes sent by President Slein. Waiting for replies. Board member Tom Feeney spoke with Master Chief Woods regarding CG birthday celebration- no decision.

New Business

1. Lisa Rama, PAO, Naval Station Newport, farewell reception was held and attended by several board members. An engraved pewter plate and gift card were presented, as approved by board at 8 June board meeting.
2. OTC (N) Change of Command scheduled for 10 July, 1200 at a private ceremony. Engraved plate will be presented to Captain Mark Nicholson at a future date.
3. OCS Leavitt Award winner Ensign Cole Cary note – see above under mail.
4. Officer Slate (2020-2021) – Need Membership Chair.
5. Update letters to organizations: Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, MOAA (all 501C companies) re. membership, events, sponsorships, etc. – Pat Burke/Mike Slein. Include Military Spouses “spousal members”- per Board Member Anne Huot. Suggestion to attend a monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting to update members on the Navy League, Newport County.
6. Community Affiliates: NFCU and USAA Have lapsed. Mike to visit NFCU and Walt to visit USAA. Also, Mike to visit Wayfinder Hotel (formerly Mainstay)to attempt to lure as new CA.

Schedule (July-August)

OCS Hi Moms: 9 July, 30 July, 20 August

Other Business

1. New Book by J. William Middendorf (long time member of Newport County Navy League) will be out soon. The title is: Winning the New Cold War: American Defense Imperatives for Tomorrow’s Geopolitics.
2. Walt announced that he is working with Constant Contact as a way of reaching all of our members. Should be completed soon.
3. Newsletter update in process.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 3 AUGUST 2020, 1700, AT THE ATLANTIC RESORT/VIRTUAL.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

