

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
ATLANTIC RESORT, MIDDLETOWN, RI
5 OCTOBER 2020

Attendees: Admiral Michael White, Rob Winneg, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Tony Cercena, Rich Rainer, Jean Peterson, Tom Feeney.

Meeting called to order by President Mike White at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Appreciation: Anne, Pat, Mike for delivering items to support the “drive-thru” welcome event for the spouses of active duty, including the one year free membership to the Navy League, Newport County.
Pat/Mike – Presentations at OCS and USCG Station and USCG Cutter Oak Sailor of the Quarter.
Walt and Len – Membership refunds – should receive sometime this month (approx. \$600-\$800).
Ensign DiPippo, USNSCC for the Sea Cadet article and pictures. (Copy e mailed to Board by President White.) Could be used in newsletter for our annual appeal.

Reports:

1. Secretary - Minutes of Annual Meeting were distributed at meeting. Accepted with minor change.
2. Treasurer – Distributed, reviewed by Board, and motion to accept. We are in great shape at end of the year. Social hour following the Annual Meeting was donated by the Wyndham and others.
3. Membership: Len DiLorenzo reported a total of 205 members. New members have been sent a welcome package with letter and Navy League pin.

New Business

1. Welcome Juan Garcia from First Command (CA) – President White will invite Juan to attend a board meeting. Motion made by Rob Winneg and Rich Rainer to reach out to Juan to join the Board.
2. Calendar Review (COVID-19) limitations – We will continue to support our local commands with Sailor of the Quarter and graduation recognition, even if we cannot present in person. OCS: Plaque, coin and gift card delivered by Board Member Pat Burke. Community Affiliate USAA donates gift cards to support this recognition.
3. Annual Appeal and Welcome Letter
 - a. Include Ensign DiPippo’s article in newsletter before appeal. President White will draft newsletter and send to Board. Discussion to be scheduled with Mike Slein for help (Gigi). Photographs will be provided by Board Member Tony Cercena. Discussion followed with types of mailings.
 - b. Note potential tax advantage – the CARES ACT of 2020.
4. Naval War College Sailor recognition - Board discussion of proposed internal “Sailor of the Year” from Commands. Proposal is passed. President White will follow up.

Event Schedule – On Hold.

Other Business: New website still being worked. Current website was updated by Board Member Rod Smith. Continuing.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2020, 1700, LOCATION TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 1757.