

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY  
4 JANUARY 2021

Attendees: Admiral Mike White, Rob Winneg, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Walt Wasowski, Mike Slein, Tom Feeney, Juan Garcia, Anne Huot, Jean Peterson, Tony Cercena, Roy Callahan, Merrilee Zellner, Rod Smith.

Meeting called to order by President Mike White at 1700.

Appreciation to Pat Burke for keeping the recognition at Naval Station Newport going.

Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes of 7 December 2020 were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer – Distributed and reviewed by Board. Very well for the year; down some from projection. Annual appeal – received \$3,660, \$800 less than budget as of 31 December. More checks may be received in January. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Membership – Board member Len DiLorenzo reported 193 members. Discussion of Community Affiliates recognition program follows under New Business.
4. Sea Cadets – Jose Taboada - No report at this time.

Current Business

1. The Naval War College's selection of "Sailors of the Year" presentation was held virtually. Board Member Pat Burke prepared plaques, etc. Photographs will be obtained when physical presentation is made.
2. Website update – Walt and President White are finalizing with Rod and Jason. Should be ready by next week.
3. Calendar update – OCS graduation on 7 January and other events will be added and sent to Board.
4. Admiral White will contact the new PAO, Mr. Katz to obtain a copy of base directory and inquire about partnering opportunities (Board Member Roy Callahan mentioned previous events like a presentation to CCRI).

New Business

1. Community Affiliate letter (COVID version) is ready for use. Board Member Mike Slein will send a list of potential prospects to the Board. Committee members include: Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Rob Winning, Juan Garcia and Pat Burke. A Recognition Program for our CA's will be implemented. See below.
2. Spring Priorities
  - a. Complete website work – ongoing. Discussion followed to add a link for the Spouses Program to the website.
  - b. Continue community affiliates pursuits – ongoing. Need to rejuvenate the program and add more CAs.
3. Recognition Program – Board Member Len DiLorenzo will prepare a spreadsheet of our Community Affiliates with renewal dates. A Board Member will be assigned to each CA for an annual visit to thank them for their participation. Visits will be listed on the Navy League calendar. Len will provide Walt with a cost estimate for the annual budget.

4. Military Appreciation Night – Need to select a date to reserve a venue (August?) based on Guest Speaker’s schedule. Discussion continued at next meeting.

Other Business

1. U. S. Coast Guard recognition updates – Coast Guard Station – still waiting for return call. Made contact with USCGC Ida Lewis, and will be in touch with USCGC Sycamore (same crew from the Juniper) shortly.
2. President Mike White and Walt Wasowski will work on budget for 2021 and have ready to review at February board meeting.
3. Discussion of the “Military Spouses Program” by Board Member Anne Huot. Board Member Merrilee Zellner volunteered to help Anne with the Program. Board Member Juan Garcia noted that he has worked with the Military Spouses Program. Board Member Jean Peterson suggested that perhaps the “Military Spouse of the Year” could speak at Military Appreciation Night.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2021, 1700. LOCATION TBD.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.