

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
1 FEBRUARY 2021

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Jean Peterson, Roy Callahan, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Rich Rainer, Rod Smith, Tony Cercena, Merrilee Zellner, Juan Garcia.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Rob Winneg at 1704.

Appreciation to all Board Members for the enthusiasm as we prepare for a better year in 2021.

Reports

1. Secretary – Minutes of 4 January 2021 were distributed and approved with correction.
2. Treasurer – Distributed and reviewed by Board. Annual Appeal update: Another \$500 reported in contributions from 2020 mailing (this added to what was received in November and December for a total of \$3,210 for 2020 Annual Appeal). Budget for 2021 is in progress. Motion to accept report by Len DiLorenzo and seconded by Pat Burke. Treasurer also noted that ZOOM membership was donated by Board Member Merrilee Zellner.
3. Membership Report - Len DiLorenzo reported that a renewal letter is being finalized through Constant Contact to send to military spouses who were recruited last year. Community Affiliates are being updated and posted to calendar which will be distributed to Board. No new members reported.
4. Sea Cadets – Jose Taboada – Board Member Tom Feeney will reach out to Jose for an update and will report at next board meeting.

Current Business

1. Website update – Guidance was provided by Walt and Admiral White to Rod and Jay for development. Board Member Rod Smith reported that website is progressing.
2. Calendar update – Noted that new calendar through June incorporated CA and BA visits was distributed and update (July-December) is in progress.
3. Community Affiliates update – in progress.

New Business

1. Military Appreciation Night – Reviewing potential dates for President, Naval War College, as guest speaker which include 20-28 August and 3-11 September. Board Member Pat Burke will contact Wyndham to check available dates. Some discussion of two separate events (Annual Dinner and Military Appreciation Night). Tabled to next board meeting.

Other Business

1. Military Spouses of Newport (MSON) – Board Member Juan Garcia gave an update on his meeting with the Vice President of MSON on 4 February to discuss the Navy League's partnership with MSON in celebrating their Appreciation Month (May). A draft proposal consisted of hosting a Virtual Celebration, via Zoom, on or about 9 May. Details are being

reviewed including the Navy League's financial obligation and budget. Expect vote in March with budget.

2. Board Member Roy Callahan discussed reaching out to the USS Chaffee to see if they need anything due to the large number of COVID-19 cases reported among the crew. The ship is currently docked in San Diego and many of its crew are quarantined at local hotels. Roy reminded the board of the large role the Newport Council played in Chaffee's commissioning. Rob will discuss with Roy for more details.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1755.