

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
2 May 2022

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Mike Slein, Matt Griffin, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Len DiLorenzo, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Merrilee Zellner.

Meeting called to order by Interim President Rob Winneg at 1700 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Appreciation to:

- All members of the Board who are representing the Council at monthly events.
- Anne Huot, Board Member and past President, for her long term service to the Navy League Newport County. Anne was presented with a gift certificate to a local restaurant.
- President Winneg and Board Member Pat Burke attended the latest Senior Enlisted Academy Graduation. Eight Challenge Coins were awarded to graduates.
- Board Member Mike Slein and President Winneg attended the SWOS Change of Command and found the new Commanding Officer very welcoming.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 4 April 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer's Report – Budget distributed. Good financial condition. Discussion to encourage Sea Cadets (Brandi Bensemer) to submit a request for funds to support a recruitment effort. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Membership Report – (Len DiLorenzo) – Membership at 202. Highest in recent years due to the efforts of Board Members Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, and Mike Slein to fully fill all Community Affiliates membership slots available.
4. Len DiLorenzo sent e mail invitations to the membership to attend (virtually) the War College Foundation Symposium in San Francisco at a reduced cost.
5. Sea Cadets – No Sea Cadet representative in attendance. Council needs to reach out to Falcon Division and determine how to support them.

Current Business:

- a. Calendar review (April – June) SOQ recognition on USCGC Oak to be attended by Board Members Pat Burke and Mike Slein. Walt encouraged all sponsors to look ahead as to when their CA's memberships expire and plan a visit at least a month earlier to ensure that they are not dropped from our roster by National.
- b. Planning for active duty memberships: Awaiting JAG opinion on contact methods – continued follow up by President Winneg. Each Command will determine recruitment guidelines.
- c. Board Member Tom Feeney asked to bring up items at this time under current business:
 - Coast Guard birthday celebration for late July or early August. Need date, type of event, location, invitees, caterers (deliver/pick up), etc.
 - Budget to be established for Coast Guard birthday (re-program money, \$20PP, in budget)
 - Committee to be set up (Anne Huot, Mike Slein, Roy Callahan, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Tom Feeney). Invite SE, Castle Hill, three cutters.

New Business;

- a. Military Appreciation Night (MAN) Planning
 - Speaker discussion resulted in motion for President Winneg to ask Mark Genest first, then Admiral Howe.
- b. Future Event Possibilities
 - Luncheon for recognition of Viet Nam Veterans suggested by Board Member Len DiLorenzo.
 - Team up with other local organizations to jointly host/partner Speaker Series (VFW, MOAA, American Legion, Knights of Columbus.
 - Social gatherings (linked to Speaker events?) – Report at next board meeting.
- c. Hiring Website Design Firm – “Moonbird Design” suggested by Mike Slein. Need to bring website to current standards. Walt reports he has updated present website.
- d. President Winneg presented Master Chief Hurley with the USAA plaque. Photos were taken.

Other Business:

Discussion on commissioning of FRC, Maurice Jester, in Bristol, RI in June 2023. Len DiLorenzo to initiate discussion/meeting with Massachusetts Bay Council Commissioning Committee.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2022 AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1820.