

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

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Len DiLorenzo, Peg Murray, Roy Callahan, Tom Feeney, Jean Peterson, Merrilee Zellner, Anne Huot.

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

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes of 13 June 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed. Motion to accept as written.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Walt Wasowski – Distributed and reviewed by Board. Motion to accept and passed.
3. Membership Report (Len DiLorenzo) Total of 216 members. Motion to accept and passed. Len received an invitation from Tom Hennessey, President of the Mass. Bay Navy League Council, for our members (and CAs) to join a “special” tour of the USCGC Eagle in Boston at 1000 on Sunday, 31 July. Details will be sent to Council members. Guests are welcome. Transportation to Pier 1 in Charlestown is being discussed.
4. Sea Cadets – Board Member Brandi Bensemer unable to attend meeting. BM Tom Feeney will contact Brandi for POC at Falcon Division.
5. Military Appreciation Dinner – Confirmed for 27 October 2022. Meeting held with Guest Speaker Professor Marc Genest. His focus will be on Russia/Ukraine. “Save the Date” cards will be mailed soon.

Current Business:

- a. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings was reviewed and assignments confirmed.
 - Coast Guard birthday celebration – 6 August, discussed below.
 - Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma’s arrival ceremony, 19 August, 1000. Plans still being discussed. President Winneg will follow up.
 - MOAA luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, 24 August, with speaker Senator Whitehouse. Invitation will be sent to all Navy League Newport Council members.
- b. Planning for active-duty memberships – President Winneg reported he spoke with NWC General Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate. More information still needed; no active recruiting or flyers. We should check with Navy League National. President Winneg will follow up.
- c. USCG Fast Response Cutter Maurice Jester - commissioning is scheduled for June 2023 in Bristol. (Rob, Len, Mike). Len is in contact with BMCS Nardello, officer-in-charge of the Coast Guard Facility in Bristol. More details will follow.
- d. USCGC TAHOMA and CAMPBELL – Homeport change to Newport: Rob Winneg.
- e. Coast Guard Event – Board Member Tom Feeney reviewed all details of the Coast Guard Birthday outing to be held at the Elks, 6 August 2022, 1200 – 1500. All local Commands will be invited. A donation from Navy League members who attend will be accepted. Unanimously approved by Board.
- f. Award Recap – ongoing.

New Business:

- a. Military Appreciation Night Guest Speaker: Marc Genest. In Process.
- b. Website Proposal (Moonbird Studios) – Matt Griffin. Review postponed until August meeting.
- c. International Students (NSC/NCC) Picnic – Date of 13 August discussed by board. Postponement was brought up due to cost (not in budget), with possible total of over 200 attendees, plus the month of August is very busy. Motion made to price it out, and discuss further before decision is made.
- d. Future Event Possibilities
 - Guest speakers
 - Team up with other local organizations to jointly host Speaker series (VFW, MOAA).
 - Social gatherings (linked to Speaker events?)

Other Business:

- a. Any other board business?

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022 AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.

Meeting adjourned at 1840.