

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – NEWPORT COUNTY  
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI  
5 JUNE 2023

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Len DiLorenzo, Walter Wasowski, Pat Burke, Tony Cercena, Jean Peterson, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Joan McCarthy, Roy Callahan, Jonathan Wolstenholme, Brandi Bansemer, Mike Slein.

Meeting called to order at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary – Minutes 1 May were distributed. Motion to approve as written.
2. Treasurer – Approved as distributed.
3. Membership Report – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported 230 members per June Roster.
4. Sea Cadets - Lt. (jg) Brittany DePippo and Cadet Chief Graham were introduced by Board Member Matt Griffin. The Sea Cadets were from the Falcon Division in Cranston. They have 32 cadets and are looking for training opportunities. Board Member Brandi Bansemer spoke to them at length after the board meeting.


Current Business:

1. USCG FRC Maurice Jester Overview by Board Member Len DiLorenzo: A total of 155 guests attended the Chairman's reception and a total of 250+ for the Commissioning.
  - Budget action/ vote : Board Member Len DiLorenzo made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the Coast Guard Birthday budget and \$2,000 from the Sea Cadet budget to the Maurice Jester Commissioning budget. Seconded by BM Tom Feeney. Motion passed and is recorded in the Minutes.
  - Schedule Event Hotwash next week.
  - A great success!!!
2. MAN Speaker Proposals: USCG District 1 Commander – Pat Burke will contact Admiral Mauger's aide to discuss suggestions for MAN speech topic/focus. Military Appreciation Night is confirmed for 19 October 2023 at the Wyndham Resort.

New Business:

1. New National Navy League President Chris Townsend will be in Newport for NWC CoC on 23 June.
2. Ambassador Middendorf Recognition at Bath Iron Works is on hold, TBD – Mike Slein.
3. Educators at Sea: Rob Winneg – table until next year.
4. Calendar reviewed for recognition events and CA meetings.

Other Business:

1. Agreed to “sponsor” the USCGC Maurice Jester.
2. July Board meeting moved to 10 July due to holiday weekend.
3. BM Pat Burke will pursue a Challenge Coin Design for the Newport County Council. Brandi Basemer may have an alternate vendor. 
4. Meeting to discuss Commissioning, “Lessons Learned” is planned for next week.
5. An Honorary Plank Owners Plaque was presented to Rob Winneg, Newport Council President, by Len DiLorenzo, Commissioning Chairman. Plaque will be presented to the Wyndham Management at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1810.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 JULY 2023, 1700, AT THE WYDHAM