

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNCIL
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
5 AUGUST 2024

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Peg Murray, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Jean Peterson, Brandi Bansemer, Sean Kelley, Farnum Brown, Anne Huot.

Guest members: Patrick McAuliffe, Mike Taylor.

Meeting called to order by President Rob Winneg at 1705. Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report - Minutes of 1 July 2024 were distributed. Motion to accept and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Distributed and reviewed by Treasurer. In good shape financially. Noted expired USAA gift cards were replaced. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Board Member Roy Callahan and seconded by Board Member Jean Peterson.
3. Membership Report – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported a total of 196 members (loss of some members due to CA/BA non renewals). Retired Brig. General James Adams added to member roster. General was traveling and not able to attend this board meeting. Len noted there were still issues with National data base for roster. BM Mike Slein noted we were previously on track with Mike Stevens at National. Board Member Walt Wasowski confirmed that General Adams and Mrs. Adams will be attending the NSC/NCC picnic and will be recognized by President Rob Winneg. Motion to accept and passed.
4. Sea Cadets (Falcon and NCBC) - Board Member Brandi Bansemer reported that not much going on in summertime with the Cadets. They volunteered for the R.I. National Guard, the Washington County Fair Recruiting Booth, and the Gull's Game in Newport in honor of Veterans. Next event is scheduled for 24 August. Discussion followed of the Coast Guard, Castle Hill – noted Change of Command. Not open full time and Cadets are unable to train there. Training is held at Point Judith now. The PAO, Naval Station Newport, will be contacted to identify space and security clearance for Cadets. Board Member Mike Slein will research. Motion to accept report by BM Len DiLorenzo and BM Mike Slein.

Current Business:

1. By-laws review update – Matt Griffin: Two (2) meetings were held with Committee. Working on draft of fresh set of By-laws by next board meeting. Suggestions from board members may be sent to Vice President Matt Griffin.
2. USNA Alumni Association Update – President Winneg planned to attend the 6 August welcome of USNA YP (Yard Patrol) craft to Newport hosted by the USNA Alumni Association. USNA Alumni Association President CDR (ret.) Greg Adams coordinated the visit. President Winneg noted that there was no financial support from our Council; just mutual support (Naval Academy provided funds).
3. NCC/NSC Welcome picnic – Update by Board Members Rob Winneg and Walt Wasowski: Assignments made, invitations going out to all Navy League members. BM Brandi Bansemer noted that the Sea Cadets, due to commitment at Washington County Fair, cannot help at

picnic. VFW members, led by Capt. Mark Turner, US Navy (Ret), have volunteered to help again this year. BM Farnum Brown volunteered to locate a licensed bartender for the picnic.

4. Military Appreciation Night (MAN) Update – Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Pat Burke.
Date: 17 October 2024 at the Wyndham. (Second floor ballroom).
Speaker will be contacted by President Winneg/Board Member Len Dilorenzo for details.
“Save the Date” notices will go out shortly. Also, will be noted in upcoming newsletter (Anne Huot).
5. Council Recognition by National:
Newport County – Meritorious Council
Newport County – Newsletter 2023
Website – 2023
Awards will be displayed at Military Appreciation Night.

New Business:

1. Cutterman’s Call Date Selection – further discussion on date (ship’ schedules). Continued at September board meeting.
2. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings were reviewed and assignments confirmed.

Other Business:

Board Member Mike Slein followed up on items discussed at previous meeting.

1. SEACORP – confirmed renewal of membership which added four (4) Navy League members. On 25 June plaque was presented (with sticker), attended by Matt Griffin, Sean Kelley, Mike Slein.
2. HIMOM – discussed with CO/XO regarding re-instating. Possibility!
3. NFCU – Confirmed renewal of membership.
4. Ambassador J.W. Middendorf’s son who passed away recently.

Meeting adjourned at 1813.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2024, AT THE WYNDHAM, 1700.