

# **NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

## **Annual Meeting of Members**

**10 June 2023**

**Dallas, TX**

A. The Annual Meeting of Members was called to order by National President Dave Reilly. Dave Reilly announced that the first order of business would be to host a Sea Cadet Awards session by Tim Moon; Chair of the Sea Cadets Board of Directors. Awardees for 2022 were:

- Raymond Alvarez-Instructor of the Year
- LCDR Erick Thieson-Officer of the Year
- Cadet PO3 Theodore Crockett-League Cadet
- Cadet PO2 Carol Hahn-Sea Cadet

B. The presentation of colors was delivered by a local Sea Cadet unit.

C. NL Chaplain Ron Brooks delivered the Invocation.

D. Dave Reilly requested the report of the Proxy Committee

E. The report of the Proxy Committee was reported by National Corporate Secretary, Pam Ammerman. All proxy requirements contained in the Bylaws were met. All mail-in and electronic proxies were received by the due date and the results were: 53 mail-in cards; 287 electronic proxies and 82 members signed in for this meeting for a total of 422 NL members.

F. The National Corporate Secretary has established Quorum was met.

G. Dave Reilly announced that NVP Robin Graf would be delivering a short Sea Cadet presentation; subject to any objections. Hearing none the presentation will follow later.

H. The agenda was approved

I. The minutes of the 11 June 2022 Annual Meeting of Members was approved.

J. NVP Robin Graf delivered a short presentation centered around the need for increased support of Youth Programs (NJROTC & Sea Cadets). Only 47 Councils of 180 reported support for youth programs. This element in annual reporting is probably under-reported. An update of the Navy League database of information regarding NJROTC, Sea Cadets and Young Marines is needed. This will provide vital information to headquarters as they tell the story of our youth support through meetings and hard print.

K. Report of the National President- Thanked NVP Robin Graf for her presentation and the Sea Cadets present for their services. Dave Reilly reported that during his two (2) year tenure he had

made approximately 22 trips to visit both domestic and international Councils. He also announced that he appointed Dr. Jennifer London to the BOD and accepted the resignation of National Corporate Secretary Pamela Ammerman from the BOD. A standing ovation followed in honor of Pam Ammerman.

L. Report of the National Corporate Secretary: As of 1 June 2023 the membership of the Navy League of the United States was 30,167 members. That is an increase of 2180 members from 1 June 2022. The 2023 membership breakdown is as follows;

Category	# of members
E-Members	4938
Life Members	18,819
Active Duty	586
Regular 1-2-3-4-5 year	5506
Community Affiliates	73
Corporate	245
Total	30,167

As of 1 June 2023 the Navy League was composed of 190 Councils.

During the 2023 Dallas Convention the following meetings are scheduled: Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, Annual Meeting of Members, Meeting of Delegates and the 2023-2024 Board of Directors Meeting. This concluded the report of the Corporate Secretary.

NP Dave Reilly commented on the 2180 increase of Navy League members and thanked all for the work that was accomplished that resulted in the increase.

Dave Reilly introduced Navy League Chief Executive Officer Mike Stevens to deliver his report.

M. CEO Mike Stevens opening remarks commended the Dallas Council and Lone Star Region for their work to host the National Convention. And thanks to all Navy League members for their continued commitment to the Sea Services. The Navy League has the most loyal and dedicated members that any non-profit could ask for. Your outgoing leadership has been working vigorously with the incoming National President to ensure a successful and effective turnover. This "changing of the guard" will ensure the legacy of Dave Reilly and those that have gone before him will continue into the future. The headquarters staff thoroughly understands that it is the members in the field that are the #1 priority. And they stand ready to do whatever is needed to ensure you can accomplish the mission of the Navy League. The headquarters staff fully understands that you are on the front lines delivering the services of the Navy League be it Youth Programs, commissioning ships, attending meetings, educating and advocating for the Navy League. Mike Stevens then delivered an overall description of the NL budget development process and how strategic goals are developed and that measures of success are tracked are an

important aspect of budget execution. Mike Stevens introduced Jolene Edwards Senior VP for IT for a presentation on the status of Project Elevate; the transition from Blackbaud to Nimble. The initial development was started in January 2022. Nimble will encompass headquarters operations, membership database and financial operations. Increased functionality and ease of access for members and Council leadership will be important attributes of the Nimble system, as well as real-time management information. The Nimble project is on time and on budget is the 31 December 2023 full implementation date approaches. During the course of discussion, Jolene was assisted by Karen Maddox, Senior Director, Member Services to describe in more detail several of the functions that will be available to members and Councils. CEO Mike Stevens then delivered a report of NLUS Headquarters staffing status/retention; NL building occupancy status and stacking plan; 2023 Sea Air Space success and plans for the 2024 event; 14 October 2023 National Capital Region Navy Ball and continuing hosting of Special Topic Breakfasts in NLUS Headquarters.

N. NP Dave Reilly introduced Bill Stevenson to announce the results of the Nominating Committee work with regard to the slate of candidates for National Delegate status. Bruce Bishop, National Parliamentarian, presented the slate of nominees and called for any corrections. Several corrections were made to ensure accuracy and a call for votes was made. The adjusted slate of National Delegate nominations was elected. An oath of office was conducted by Bruce Bishop.

O. NP Dave Reilly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully written and submitted:



Thomas J. Pruter

National Corporate Secretary



Dave Reilly

National President