

**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL**

**MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
25 January 2014**

The meeting of the officers and directors of the Beverly Hills Council of the Navy League was held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the home of Dr. Seymour Ulansey in Malibu, California.

Members in attendance were: Ronald Dutton, president, Seymour Ulansey, Executive Vice President, Pat Patton, Judge Advocate, Michael Poles, webmaster, Linda Poles, Rochelle Sloane, James Hinton, Gwen Hinton, and Sherre Lovick.

The meeting was called to order at: 10:00 a.m. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ron read the Treasurer's report which brought the Board up to date with the Council's account and that all was in order. Ron reviewed the amount the Council spends each year supporting the four military commands and its Sea Cadet unit. In round figures, it comes to around \$3500.00. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Under Old Business Ron reported that he had presented Sailor of the Half awards at the Coast Guard's Air Station Los Angeles earlier this month, and mailed certificates and accompanying checks for the USS HAMPTON's Sailor's of the third and fourth quarters, plus the three Sailors of the Year...a total of nine sailors. All was mailed due to the shortness of time and logistics for a Councilmember to be at their ceremonies in San Diego.

Jim and Gwen Hinton again volunteered to donate the money to purchase the Sword the Council gives to the UCLA/NROTC's incoming Drill Team Captain at the Unit's Annual Awards dinner. Ron stated that the Sea Cadet unit, the SS Lane Victory Div., was going strong and gaining new cadets and officers. The unit is now holding all its meetings aboard the operational WWII freighter, the SS Lane Victory, berthed in San Pedro.

Webmaster, Michael Poles stated he was in the process of updating the website, its Events section in particular, and asked Ron to review the Board members currently listed on the web and update it. He also mentioned that he had recently joined the American Legion Post in Hollywood and, on talking with several of their officers indicated that there could be some excellent opportunities for the two groups to work together.

Ron also mentioned that the President of the Malibu Council had invited our members to come to their St. Valentine's Day dinner/dance on Saturday, February 15 and being held at the American Legion Hall in the Pacific Palisades. Ron urged Board members to attend, and also stated that the two Councils would be working more closely in 2014 and the coming years. That the Malibu Council, while still viable, was having the same problems with declining membership and working together would give the members of both groups more activities to attend and the opportunity attract new members.

Under New Business the focus was on the upcoming elections for Board officers. The nominating committee submitted their recommendations for the offices. After some discussion, the Board voted to have a ballot prepared and presented for a final review at the next meeting of the Board, and to be mailed to the membership immediately following.

The Board agreed that planning for the Council's activities for 2014 would be on hold until after the election.

As there was no other business the Board agreed that the next meeting would be on Saturday February 22 at Sey's Malibu home, starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Ron Dutton, president