



November 2021 Newsletter
(Also available online at www.wardroomclub.org)

NOTES FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of the new season for the WRC! I hope that this month will be the start of a wonderful holiday season for you and your families and friends!

I updated you with a note last month explaining that the schedule for the first newsletter of the new season from me had been delayed due to my personal circumstances and dealing with the critical illness and then death of my younger brother. Thank you for your patience. I have been living out of state since mid-August and expect that will continue longer to complete necessary requirements. I want to extend my appreciation to those of you who contacted me after hearing about the sad news and for your words of sympathy to me and my family. We very much appreciate the thoughts from everyone and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

All members look forward to the time when we can meet again in person for a regular dinner meeting, however due to the continuing and new safety restrictions to keep us all safe from the COVID-19 and/or a new variant of it, the probability of holding a meeting will not occur until 2022. The federal and state public health advice is for everyone to receive the booster dose (the third dose of the vaccine) as soon as possible to maintain and sustain the best protection that we can have to prevent getting the illness. Our VP has been in contact with the leadership at the USCG Base Boston and has found out that there are many changes occurring on the base with current and future planned renovations and new construction involving the docks and other facilities. The Base is our preferred site for a meeting due to convenience and ease of parking, however if that site does not seem to enable us to meet there then we will pursue alternative sites that we have investigated for the best outcome to use our caterer and to encourage the attendance for as many of the members as possible. Stand by for future updates.

There are 2 updates to give you from your ballot votes since the last newsletter:

1) WRC officers: the proposed slate of officers for the 2021-2022 season was voted as accepted by the membership. Thank you for your votes and your confidence in the officers to continue into this new season. We are all ready to serve the WRC for another season!

2) Bylaw changes: the 2 bylaw changes proposed by the VP for the new season were voted as accepted by the membership. Thanks to many for sending us your input and for the number of members voting acceptable in the majority and allowing us to move forward with these changes.

Article VIII, Section 2: "In lieu of voice voting by those who attend the Annual Meeting, all voting on substantial issues, as determined by the Board of Governors, will be conducted by e-mail or USPS Mail sent to all members. The Secretary will tally votes, provide results and reports, and maintain records of all such voting."

Article VII, Section 3: "Prior to the beginning of each WRC club year, the WRC Treasurer will send annual dues notices to all Regular and Associate members. The payment of dues must be made by October 31 of the current Club year, and members whose annual dues and assessments remain unpaid as of January 1st, will at the discretion of the Board of Governors, be dropped from membership."

Now to the annual dues: the treasurer has updated us below on the status of the dues collected so far and it is not at the percentage that we want to see at this point in the new year. If you have not paid your dues yet then please do so as soon as possible with a check in the mail or pay online via our website. Bud will be sending a reminder to those of you who still need to pay your dues and encourage you to pay prior to the end of this calendar year. We can only continue to meet our standard expenses if we have the financial support from our members.

I hope that you will enjoy searching out the various websites that are provided in the Secretary's section and ask that you please let Bob or Gresh know if you have found some interesting websites or webinars that could be shared with the members.

I hope that you will all take care of yourselves and your families and, as always, feel free to contact me if I can be of help to you in anyway.

Be well!

Mary Jo

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NOTES FROM THE CLUB VICE PRESIDENT

Our ability to hold meetings at the Coast Guard Base still appears to be a long way off, but we are monitoring the situation closely, and we have some alternative locations for the near term. The Mount Vernon Caterer survived the pandemic and is looking forward to serving us again in the future.

The Club has about six prospective members for the Class of 2022 so far and we are still actively seeking more. As always, if you know of someone that might be interested, please let me know.

Get your COVID-19 booster shot! We hope to be getting together soon and we need to do that in the safest possible way for everyone! Stay safe!

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NOTES FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY

IMPORTANT: As the Club works on conserving expenses during this pandemic/virtual period, we have increased our use of electronic/email communications. It is therefore very important that you notify the Secretary, Bob Pickett, or Assistant Secretary, Gresh Lattimore, with any updates to your address, email, membership status, or other contact information. This process will ensure that our Master Roster is accurate and all Club Newsletters & other material will be delivered to you successfully.

VIRTUAL/ONLINE TOPICS OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS

During the pandemic, when we cannot physically meet and participate in Guest Speaker Presentations, this Section provides virtual references to organizations and topics of interest.

Offered by Gresh Lattimore, Assistant Secretary:

1) Navy League: www.navyleague.org. Great for Navy alums to join and support this group. Annual membership is \$55; just digital is \$25. Includes the monthly *SeaPower* magazine.

2) USNI (US Naval Institute): www.usni.org. Premier platform for discussion of Navy and Marine Corps issues. Its *Proceedings* magazine focuses on the Marine Corps. Annual membership is \$65; digital \$39. Also available is *Naval History*: \$35 annually; \$22.75 digital if a USNI member. Great reads this month!

3) Naval War College Review: www.usnwc.edu Free publication for interested readers of current Naval War College topics. The Navy's premier school for instruction of future senior/flag officers and think tank for significant current issues. Virtual Talks also available.

4) George Friedman's Geopolitical Futures: www.geopoliticalfutures.com. Friedman runs a forecasting business which is widely respected. Annual membership is \$149, which includes daily emails focusing on geopolitical issues worldwide.

5) WWII leader, join this group! This is your chance to join 30+ others to visit his Boer War sites in South Africa for \$6,695 + airfare! His grandson, a former MP and noted rancantour, will lead the group. The group holds conferences annually and reprints his books. I've never been, but I'd love to someday!!!

Your feedback & suggestions are solicited and welcome as we formulate Virtual Sections for future Newsletters.

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NOTES FROM THE CLUB TREASURER

Annual season dues: For those members who have already paid their 2022 dues, we thank you. For those of you who haven't it is time to follow your fellow shipmates and do your part in protecting the 1899 heritage of The Wardroom Club.

Your annual dues are the only source of revenue to meet our fixed expenses and critically important in maintaining our financial stability. That stability with other actions taken to protect our financial resources enabled the WRC to survive during the recent pandemic. We still do not know when normal operations will again be possible or even what a new "normal" might look like. What we do know is this, The Wardroom Club has survived Two World Wars, countless conflicts, another pandemic, a depression and so many other challenges any of which would have ended our WRC heritage if members gave up and let it happen! They did not and we will not!

Those of you who have not paid your dues, it is your turn. To date, we have only collected 50%, woefully short of what we need to guarantee the continuation of our WRC heritage. Come on shipmates, we are counting on you!

Please contact me, or Franklin Schwarzer, Assistant Treasurer, if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the WRC!

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NOTES FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

TAPS – As has often the case over the years, it is my sad duty to report to you on the loss of another club shipmate. In this case, we have lost CDR Richard R. Ward, USN (RET) . Dick was a long-time member of the Wardroom Club, having joined in April of 1974. Dick hailed from Pembroke, MA who had proudly served his country. He was very involved with the Vietnamese community and in the course of several years, had brought several families from Vietnam to Pembroke. Dick “slipped his mooring” this past August 30th.

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep.
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea! Amen.*

Lyrics by William Whiting

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER - Should you have a newsworthy item for inclusion within this, your newsletter, please submit it to me via the address info below. It doesn't need to be fancy – the editorial “staff” will make it ready for the next available, and time-worthy, edition of the newsletter.

Please stay HEALTHY, everyone!

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