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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Patricia Alter
- ★ Gerald Beyl
- ★ Tom Butler
- ★ Floyd Sawyer Jr.



President's Corner

This past month interesting events have taken place for our council and National Officers. As I indicated, I would report back to you on the events that took place at The Regional Navy League Conference in Spokane. This council owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Ron Testa, Carol & Al Meteney and Vern Young who were in attendance. These individuals have for many years been a part of the backbone for our Council. I believe that they all deserve individual recognition for the unwavering support, guidance and wisdom that they provide. Ron Testa, employed by First Command Financial Services, has been elected as The Regional President for the Pacific Northwest Councils. This is a tremendous responsibility given the number of councils, presidents, and personalities with which he must maintain the leadership role. Carol Meteney was elected as a National Director and is our eyes and ears back to national. She has been past president of this council twice and I intend on gaining as much knowledge of The Navy League as possible as long as she continues to be willing. Vern Young, employed by Windermere Real Estate, currently serves as a board member and was president of this council when we were awarded The Centennial Award by National. In the 103 years of this organization's existence, we were recognized as the best council on its 100 year anniversary.

While at The Regional Conference a group of us took a tour of Lake Pend Oreille, Northern Idaho, one of NAVSEAs best kept secrets. One Naval Officer and ninety personnel run this unique site. The worlds biggest remote control toys reside here. They have one-third scale models of The Virginia Class and Seawolf Class

submarines. This site is one of the twelve largest and deepest lakes in the world. 1200ft deep, created by a glacier with a flat sediment bottom, and having an acoustic environment second to none is where hull hydrology testing, sonar innovations used by DARPA, and other top secret testing takes place related to making our subs more stealthy. To ensure that this location stays in the Navy's arsenal for test sites, the new electric boats coming on-line are now being assembled in quarter size to test their acoustic signatures. This saves a tremendous amount of money for the Navy as it allows improvements to design prior to production.

In closing, I wanted to once again thank CAPT Dave Buss, CO, USS John C. Stennis for attending our lunch and being our guest speaker. Remember, purchase your tickets for The Armed Forces Day Gala and each one of our members needs to recognize that they are part of our marketing team. Please attend, purchase raffle tickets, and market the event to your employers, family and friends.

Roger

April Luncheon

Date:	April 12, 2005
Time:	11:30 AM
Place:	Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
Program:	Special Agent Lee Fritchman Naval Criminal Investigative Service Office Navy Region Northwest

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday March 31st to make your reservation. You are asked to call even if you have a standing reservation.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY

All participants must be signed up and on the reservation list. Guests and members without a base pass must also be on the list and enter through the main gate.

NOW HEAR THIS!

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"Armed Forces Day" Website Launched

Great News! Our council has launched a new website dedicated to Armed Forces Day. The site will include information on Armed Forces Day as a national event and the local activities of our dynamic Navy League council. A prime focus of this website is to showcase the active service members of our community. Additionally, it will highlight our annual gala celebration on Armed Forces Day at the Admiral Theatre in Bremerton. The site will expand as it is further developed into a source of Armed Forces Day information for Kitsap County and the Olympic Peninsula.

An information page and the reservation flyer are available on-line for viewing and download. Please visit and bookmark for future reference. Do it now!

<http://www.armedforcesday.org>

David Shafer, Webmaster



CAPT Dave Buss, USN Commanding Officer, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) was the guest speaker at the March luncheon.

**Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council**
Navy League of the United States
Proudly Presents

"SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS" Armed Forces Day 2005

Join us as we salute the military heroes of
our community who proudly serve our great country.

Saturday, May 21



Guest Speaker
VADM Robert F. Willard, USN
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
(Invited)

Admiral Theater
515 Pacific Avenue
Bremerton, WA

5:00 p.m. No Host Bar
(Complimentary Soft Drinks)

6:00 p.m. Program

6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker and Dinner

8:00 p.m. Entertainment

Civilian Dress:
Black Tie or
Appropriate Business Attire

Military:
Dinner Dress White

Tickets:
\$45.00 Each
Includes Entertainment &
Choice of Dinner

* Smoke Roasted NY Strip Steak
* Halibut Hollander
* Roasted Portabella Caprese

Entertainment provided by the
"No Inhibitions" Band

Reserve early! Seating is limited

For reservations call: Carol Meteney 360.876.5744 or
Marilyn Caldwell 360.830.3525

If you cannot attend consider sponsoring military personnel.

Reservations must be made by May 13, 2005

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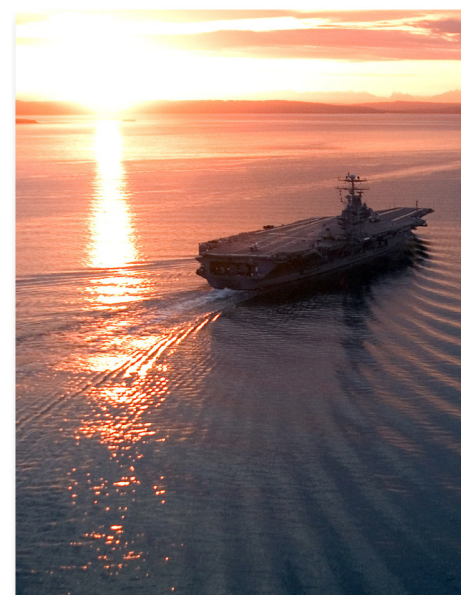
Lincoln Comes Home

The USS Abraham Lincoln (AL) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) and embarked Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) supported Operation Unified Assistance, the humanitarian relief effort to aid the victims of the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia.

The CSG was deployed under the Fleet Response Plan in October and was available to transit from Hong Kong to Sumatra in five days to join Operation Unified Assistance.

ALCSG aircraft flew 1,747 missions in support of Operation Unified Assistance, carried 5,711,866 pounds of supplies, including 16,308 gallons of water, and transported 3,043 passengers. More than 200 patients were medically evacuated for further treatment.

"Nobody was tired," said Lt. Eric Kelso, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HC) 11. "We were itching for more of it. You knew you were making a difference out there."



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) transits the Strait of Juan De Fuca as they prepare to return to Naval Station Everett, Washington, after a deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean.

Team Torpedo is a hit with the Navy

KEYPORT — Five years ago, a partnership was forged that married public and private industry in Torpedo Town U.S.A.

And national security, the U.S. Navy and Kitsap County's economy are each the better for it, Congressman Norm Dicks commented last week.

A packed house gathered in Keyport Feb. 22 to celebrate an important milestone for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and partner, the Raytheon Company. The event marked the success of the Team Torpedo initiative, which is being lauded as an innovation in keeping technology current in today's budget-challenged military.

"It's a proud day to be a part of Raytheon and Team Torpedo," said Upinda Dhinsa, vice president of Naval Integrated Systems for Raytheon Integrated Systems. "I'm personally gratified and absolutely thrilled because I have been part of this group for many, many years and it's your success that's allowed us to make great strides in the world of torpedoes."

The impetus behind Team Torpedo began in the early 1990s when tightening budgets were already threatening the Navy's ability to conduct business as usual. Dicks said \$120 million to \$160 million in Naval procurement dollars have already been lost and the result is an emphasis on upgrading equipment rather than replacing it.

"The industry has contracted dramatically in the last decade," he explained.

The Team Torpedo effort began in earnest in 2000 when Raytheon actually moved some of its operations to a formerly empty building on the Keyport base. Not only did the move save both entities traveling expenses, but those involved call the idea a win-win situation because staff are able to collaborate on a more hands-on basis.

"There's no better way to be able to work together than to walk across the street or down the road and be able to talk to one another," said Rear Admiral John D. Butler, Submarine Program Executive Officer for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

But the real test of the partnership's effectiveness was in the output. Team

Torpedo was tasked with creating a new generation of lightweight/heavyweight torpedoes — the MK54 and MK48 — that would be better and less costly than their predecessors. The team announced success in its goal when Raytheon was awarded a



The Team Torpedo Celebration kicks off with the posting of the colors and the U.S. Navy Band playing the national anthem.



Captain Daniel Looney, Commander NUWC Keyport, signs the Commemorative Team Torpedo Print. Looking on are Nick Castle, Congressman Norm Dicks, Upinder Dhinsa, Admiral John Butler and Carolyn Beaudry.



(Left to right) Upinder Dhinsa, Vice President of Naval Integrated Systems for Raytheon Integrated Systems; Congressman Norm Dicks; Rear Admiral John D. Butler, USN, Program Executive Officer (Submarines) for the assistant Secretary of the Navy; Nick Castle, Deputy Program Manager PMS 404; Donald Olson, Weapons Customer Advocate NUWC Division Newport; and Captain Daniel J. Looney, USN, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport Commanding Officer celebrate the success of the Team Torpedo partnership at an event Feb. 22.

\$7.7 million contract earlier this year for full rate production of both for the Navy.

"With the Navy's acquisition budget growing ever tighter, this partnership is an example to the rest of the Navy on how to get the most bang for its buck," Butler commented.

"We're doing the right thing on torpedoes and I'm pleased Keyport is at the front of things with Raytheon," Dicks added. "I'm just pleased it worked out so well."

But beyond dollars and cents, those gathered at Keyport Tuesday praised Team Torpedo for its part in supporting the Navy and its allies. By working smarter, Dhinsa said, Team Torpedo is also helping ensure the safety of men and women in uniform.

"At the end of the day, myself and my group are responding to the end user and that's the war-fighter," he commented.

*By Carrina Stanton
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Planning Calendar

- Tuesday April 12 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Tuesday May 10 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Saturday May 21 Armed Forces Day
 - Parade in Morning - Bremerton
 - Evening Gala - Admiral Theater
- Monday May 30 Memorial Day Services - USS Turner Joy



On this Date:

April 7, 1979 - The first missile submarine of the Trident Class, the USS *Ohio*, was launched in Groton, Connecticut.



A Must Have!!!



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