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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Sherry Appleton
- ★ Kristi Keilen
- ★ Walter Huff



President's Corner

Our July luncheon was one of the most interesting, educational, captivating, and spooky that I have had the pleasure of attending.

Guy Stitt, a Navy League member and senior analyst with AMI International made the arrangements for Richard Dorn and Peter Lindahl, both analyst, to provide us with information on the roots and those who support the wahhabism sect of the Islamic faith and the implications that it has on global terrorism.

AMI International is a company that provides information as Naval Analysts and Advisors to the US Navy. The specific topic covered was wahabbism, the sect within Islam that strives towards global domination through violent means. This sect, founded in Saudi Arabia and supported financially by The House of Saud, has found itself in quite a predicament. How can the royal family hold onto power while simultaneously supporting a sect that placed them in power that is out to destroy them? The answer is that they can't. The Saudi Kingdom is a house of cards waiting to fall; and we have supported them for sixty years.

Islam is the fastest growing religion and within a short period of time will become the worlds largest. The sect of wahhabism represent only 1% of those who practice Islam throughout the globe. However, this 1%, has been successfull at holding the other 99% of practicing muslims hostage to their beliefs. With the latest round of bombings in London as the most recent representation of this sects activites, I will leave it up to the members to think for themselves as to what civil liberties and immigration policies should be put in place in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The next luncheon on 9 August will be

the Coast Guards birthday and arrangements have been made for the newly assigned admiral to be our guest speaker. Jumping ahead to November, the Marine Corp's birthday, we have a special guest. Col Mike Kennedy will provide a powerpoint on his three tours to Iraq, the latest as the Deputy Commander of The Bon Homme Richard Battlegroup and previous to that as the squadron commander of The Vikings, F/A-18 Hornets that were part of the initial bombings into Iraq. Set your calendars for 8 November.

In closing, I hope that each and everyone of you are enjoying the great weather and once again, Fair Winds and Following Seas to Al Meteney, a fallen comrade who has gone to a better place. His ceremony was more of a celebration of his life and service to this country and included a 21 gun salute.

Roger

NBK is Navy's best base

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recently announced the 2005 winners of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. Naval Base Kitsap was named the number one base in the Navy after one year of existence.

The mission of NBK is to provide world class service, programs and facilities that meet the needs of our hosted war fighting commands, tenant activities, crew and employees, all of whom deserve the best we have to offer every hour of every day. Capt. Douglass Biesel, commanding officer, said the Sailors, Marines and all civilians aboard NBK deserve a special 'thank you' for their hard work.

"Certainly it's due to their efforts that Naval Base Kitsap was recognized," Biesel said. He pointed out that there were numerous examples base-wide where improvements had been made over the past year. "It was definitely not a problem to find great things to talk about."

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The Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. Naval Base Kitsap was selected for its exemplary support of Department of Defense missions. President Ronald Reagan established the award in 1985.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment and a real tribute to all the hard work and effort it took to turn an idea into a success," said Rear Adm. Len Hering, commander Navy Region Northwest. "The entire team should be immensely proud of what this means."

The award ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Washington, D.C., in the Pentagon Auditorium.

*By JO3 Adam Vernon
Staff Writer, Northwest Navigator*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - July 12, 2005 U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) released the following statement of congratulations after the Department of Defense named Naval Base Kitsap one of the five national winners of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

"This award is a reflection of the importance of the base to our national defense and its contributions to the Kitsap County community as a whole," Cantwell said. "We have America's best bases here in Washington state. The Pentagon recognized that in their base closure recommendations, and they recognized it again today."

Keyport Supports Liberty Bay Oyster Enhancement Efforts

Keyport personnel recently assisted the Puget Sound Restoration Fund (PSRF) in the enhancement of oyster beds located in Liberty Bay. For several months, PSRF, a non-profit organization, has been working with the Suquamish Tribe, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Baywater, Inc., and the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare for the planting of oyster shells on tidelands located in Scandia. All that was lacking was a land-to-sea transfer point. The PSRF approached the Navy in April regarding the possible use of the Naval Base Kitsap pier at Keyport for the transfer of the oyster shells from truck to barge. On May 19, the oyster shells were delivered to Keyport's pier, then transferred to barges for transport to the Scandia oyster beds on May 20.

According to the PSRF's January Newsletter, University of Washington studies have shown that Olympia oyster larvae show a preference for settlement in oyster shells rather than gravel and crushed rock. In 1995, a commercial shellfish grower that operated in Liberty Bay left behind mounds of Pacific oyster shells when they

moved their operations. In the fall of 2004, it was discovered through monitoring that Olympia oysters would grow on Pacific oyster shells. Because the quantity of available Olympia oyster shells at the Scandia beds is too low, 100 cubic yards of Pacific oyster shell from the old commercial shellfish operation were spread in the tidelands of Scandia on the soft, muddy bottom where oyster larvae can attach and thrive.

The goal is to have the shell in place to catch the seed that will be produced by the native oysters early this summer in Liberty Bay. Once the barge arrived at the Scandia site, PSRF personnel used a fire hose to wash the shells into the bay, and hope to see positive results in coming months. The project will be monitored, and if successful, may open the door to seeding of other nearby state-owned tidelands. The PSRF reports that with the help of many, they have planted over 1 million oysters at 28 sites in the past year. These sites encompass tribal, public, and private tidelands. The Navy is proud to be a partner in this valuable enhancement project that will benefit all who enjoy the fruits of oyster restoration and the preservation of Puget Sound. Dean Kohn, the Environmental Compliance Branch Head at Keyport, said, "We are all interested in improving water quality....Once established these oysters will work non-stop—filtering the water as they search for food; a win-win scenario for all of us, including the oysters!"

*By Diane Jennings, NUWC Division Keyport
Public Affairs Officer, Code PAO*



Above: Keyport's pier is used to stage oyster shells for transport to Scandia oyster beds. Above left: PSRF personnel use water hoses to wash the oyster shell off the barge deck into the shallow waters at Scandia.

Lincoln, Mexican Sailors Connect in Name of Seafaring

Friday, July 15, 2005 — More than 44 USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors volunteered not only to represent their ship and the Navy at the Tall Ships Tacoma Festival, but to share their Navy spirit and know-how. The crew rolled up their sleeves, manned line-handling positions on the floating pier and helped moor the Mexican Barque Cuauhtemoc, one of the two largest sailing ships that made Tacoma its latest port of call, June 30.

Cuauhtemoc was one of 30 Tall Ships that sailed into Tacoma's Thea Foss Waterway to moor. The five-day stop in the Pacific Northwest ended the first leg of the "Tall Ships Challenge."

Organized by the American Sail Training Association (ASTA), the Tall Ships Challenge is a nautical competition that pits crews from the United States, Russia, New Zealand, Mexico, and Canada against each other as they race toward the finish line in Southern California. The teams will make six stops along the West Coast before wrapping up the competition.

In the Summer of 2004, when Tacoma found out 2005's Tall

Ships would be making a stop in their city, officials contacted Senior Chief Quartermaster(SW/AW/CM) John Trail, a Portsmouth, Va., native, who they heard by reputation was a top-rate harbormaster and had "Square rigger" ship experience. These are larger ships with multiple sails perpendicular to the keel.

With more than 25 years of Naval service and just as much experience sailing and coordinating the safe passage of historic sailing ships from San Diego to the Pacific Northwest, Trail, Lincoln Navigation Department's leading chief petty officer, consulted with the Port of Tacoma and shared what it would take to make the mooring of Tacoma's Tall Ships a success.

Among other things, Trail informed city

officials that the largest ships' approaches to the pier would have to be perfect to avoid any possible trouble and said due to the tight angles of the makeshift piers, and due to the tight angles involved, proper line handling and mooring would be critical for safety and success. That was where the rest of the Lincoln Sailors who attended stepped in. "I canvassed the ship (Lincoln) and got a big response with over forty volunteers."

Whether it was volunteering at a Seattle nautical museum, the Midway museum in San Diego, or his involvement in Tacoma's Tall Ship display, Trail always invites Lincoln Sailors shipwide to join him in his endeavors.

As thousands of spectators looked on while Cuauhtemoc stood in, Mexican Sailors were manning the yards (standing in formation high above the ship deck out on the yards) while Lincoln Sailors manned the rail by standing at parade rest on the floating pier.

Once the ship was within mooring distance, the team was called to attention and proceeded to moor the Mexican vessel to the pier with flawless precision.

"The captain of the Cuauhtemoc and his men were very happy," said Trail. "Our guys did a great job."

Once safely moored, and before the ship was open to the general public, the Mexican Sailors beckoned Lincoln Sailors aboard. They exchanged cordial gifts and, with the help of some bilingual Abe Sailors in attendance, they received a detailed tour of the ship they helped bring in safely.

"I think people who haven't been out here to experience it, don't realize that Sailors from all around the world, are our brothers," said Trail. "I want them to realize they are Sailors and an elite group of people that get to travel around the world, have a great time, and learn experiences. They say 'it's not just a job, it's an adventure, and it really is that way.'"

By JO3 Dave Poe
USS Abraham Lincoln



Tacoma, Wash. (June 30, 2005) - The Mexican barque Cuauhtemoc has been home to more than 21 generations of Mexican naval officers. Cuauhtemoc was one of about 30 sailing ships, which moored on Tacoma's Thea Foss Waterway for the Tacoma Tall Ships 2005 festival. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Bernardo Fuller



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Planning Calendar

- Friday August 5 PSNBA Annual Reception and Dinner - Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside (see enclosed flyer)
- Tuesday August 9 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Monday September 5 Labor Day
- Tuesday September 6 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza

August

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On this Date:

August 2, 1943 - PT-109, under command of LTJG John F. Kennedy, cut in half by Japanese cruiser Amagiri.

August 6, 1945 - Atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. Navy weaponeer, Captain W.S. Parsons, USN, armed the atomic bomb on the B-29 bomber, Enola Gay

August Luncheon

Date: August 9, 2005
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
Program: RADM Richard Hauck, Commander, Coast Guard Region Northwest

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday August 4th 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.



2005 PSNBA Annual Reception and Dinner

Date: Friday, August 5th, 2005

Time:

Reception: 1830 Hrs.

Dinner and Program: 1900 Hrs.

Location:

Kitsap Conference Center
at Bremerton Harborside

Cost: \$45 Per Person

Spouses Encouraged to Attend

(Cost includes admission, hors d' oeuvres, salmon or steak dinner, dessert, and a wonderful opportunity to welcome Vice Admiral Etnyre to Kitsap County!)

A No Host Bar Will Be Available

Uniform:

Military: Service Dress Blue

Civilian: Formal Attire

(Black Tie Optional)

Reservations:

Reservations and payment required no later than Monday, August 1st, 2005.



Featuring Guest Speaker:

**Vice Admiral
Terrance T. Etnyre
United States Navy**

Commander, Naval Surface Forces
Commander, Naval Surface Force,
U.S. Pacific Fleet



Vice Admiral Etnyre is a 1970 graduate of the University of Michigan. He has served in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Surface Warfare, as the Aegis Cruiser/Destroyer and Anti-Air Warfare Branch Head. In November 1992, Vice Adm. Etnyre assumed command of USS Arkansas (CGN 41). During this tour, Arkansas received two Battle Efficiency Awards and three consecutive Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Golden Anchor Awards for excellence in personnel retention and quality of life programs. On December 13th 2004, Etnyre was nominated for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assigned as Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

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2005 PSNBA Annual Dinner Reservation Form

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Guest #1 Name _____ Rank / Title _____

Command / Company _____ Phone # / Email Address _____

Dinner Choice: Top Sirloin Steak with mushrooms and shallot butter
 Fillet of Salmon with herb butter sauce

Guest #2 Name _____ Rank / Title _____

Command / Company _____ Phone # / Email Address _____

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