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## Celebrate US Coast Guard Birthday at our August 9 Luncheon

Our Council is very fortunate have adopted two very different Coast Guard units. One is Station Seattle whose crews will be extremely busy with Seafair and Fleet Week, the first week of August. The Station is tucked away by the Coast Guard Museum in Seattle and is co-partnered with District Thirteen. Lt. Kris Tsaris is the Commanding Officer and he will explain more about their purpose and how they help the boaters in our area; help protect our environment and safeguard the ferries and naval vessels. We are very fortunate to have Ken and Janet Weller as the key contacts for Station Seattle. They clearly demonstrate how to build great relationships with an adopted unit.

Captain Hahn, the Commanding Officer of Air Station, Sector Field Office, Port Angeles, will be on leave during the week of August 9. We are fortunate that Commander Mike Campbell, the Executive Officer will represent the Air Station. Coast Guard presence in Port

Angeles began on August 1, 1862 with the arrival of the Shubrick, the first revenue cutter to be based on the Olympic Peninsula. The Air Station was actually commissioned on June 1, 1935 and was the first permanent Coast Guard air station on the Pacific Coast.

During WWII, the air station included a gunnery school, a naval intelligence unit and aircraft to investigate reports of enemy submarines in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. In 1943, a short runway was added to train Navy pilots for carrier landings. Thanks to Ken Sweeney, Bill Ashley and Henry Alexiff for participating in the events in Port Angeles.

We know that the real US Coast Guard birthday is on August 4, but we look forward to a belated celebration on August 9 at the Bangor Trident Ballroom, 11 am. Make your reservation right away for this great luncheon. We will also be recognizing several sailors and members of the Coast Guard for their achievements.



## Reminder

Call CTC by August 4 for your luncheon reservation  
**360-782-5500**



## President's Message

Each fall season is filled with opportunities for of us to say thank you to our service members and their families. Our council has a great reputation for being very generous. Sometimes the best way to say thanks is by attending the special events.

Our largest event of the year is the Veterans Day program held on Veterans Day at the Fairgrounds. Last year, we had more than 1700 people in attendance making it the largest Veterans Day event in the state. Thanks to the leadership of Sandra and Earle Smith of Navy League, more than 40 participating organizations work together to make this a very memorable event and a fitting tribute to our veterans.

Many of you generously participate in the November Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program. Four years ago, Tina Salter headed a committee called Holiday Spirit that provided toys for the children of Individual Augmentees who are often left out of traditional holiday programs. Thanks also to Tina, we support the Heroes Welcome honoring Individual Augmentees and their families in a wonderful program hosted by Navy

Region Northwest and Naval Base Kitsap. Last year, we supported a Naval Reserve Training Day for our area and hope to make that an annual event.

These are some of the many ways that we fulfill our mission and goals to support our military. If you wish to be more involved in the planning and participation of some of these activities, please let me know.

This is also the time of year when we begin thinking of officers and Board members for 2012. At our August luncheon, members will select two people to serve on the nominating committee. They will join three members from the Board of Directors. Our goal is to have a slate ready for presentation at our October meeting and to vote in November. We will also have applications for members who might be interested in serving on the Board.

Serving on the Board is an opportunity to make a difference and become more involved. We have been very fortunate to have so many wonderful people step up to the plate and offer their services but we always need more.

We welcome the many new commanding officers to our area and hope that they will find time to join us at our monthly luncheons.

## October 25 to October 30 National Navy League Meeting Chattanooga, Tennessee

All members of Navy League are welcome to attend the Annual Navy League Convention. This is always an exciting opportunity to learn what is happening with other councils and to learn about Navy League from a national perspective.

The program looks filled with training

and information activities, plus time to explore an area rich in early American history from early colonization and explorers through Civil War days to present.

Check your Seapower magazine for more complete details or go to the Navy League national website.

## Many Hands Make Light Work at Sunset Parade



Cris Larsen realized that the Marines and Sailors practice all day for their evening performance without food, so he decided to make a difference. He pulled together the following group of businesses and individuals to prepare great snacks before the parade and a good dinner afterwards. If food is love, as Cris says, then these people were well loved.

- ◆ Harrison Medical Center
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- ◆ Kyle Brobst

What an honor to be able to support this Battalion!



# Marine Corps Annual Sunset Parade



Major Rocky Hoffman, USMC retired, shares some ideas with Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Curtis W. Carlin.

The brand new Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor, Washington, Lt. Col. Curtis W. Carlin suddenly became a major player in the Annual Sunset parade on his first day in his new role. Sgt. Major Smith had everything so well planned that it looked as though everyone had practiced together for months.

Lt. Col. Carlin commented that Marines were always ready and that they were amphibious by training, so that the Northwest mist that accompanied the parade was just fine.

For the second year in a row, the parade was held at the Silverdale Stadium by Olympic High School in Bremerton, so that the public could have easy access. The parade is traditionally held on base.

This Marine Corps Security Force

Battalion, Bangor is the largest in the world. The Battalion has grown to its current strength of over 430 enlisted Marines and over 320 Sailors. These Battalions are independent commands, capable of self-administration, organized to support and accomplish their own particular mission. Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor is in direct support to Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific. Since its reorganization in 1977 the Battalion has been awarded a Navy Unit Commendation, three Meritorious Unit Commendations, and a Commandant of the Marine Corps Certificate of Commendation.

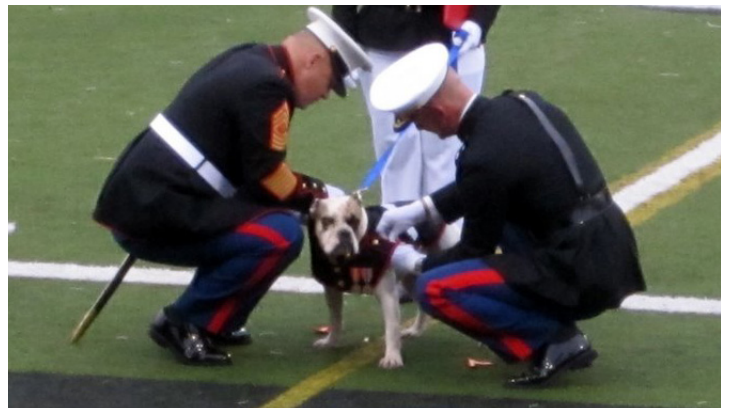
The Sunset Parade is officially presented only at Bangor and in Washington D.C. Next year, make plans to attend (photos by Susan Larsen).



Lt. Col. Carlin, welcomes the crowd to the Annual Sunset Parade.



One of the highlights of the parade is the reenactment of Raising the Flag at Iwo Jima.



PFC Lucy Brewer II is assigned to the ranks of the few and the proud at Bangor.





# Dignitaries Receive Special Attention at the Portland Rose Festival

Each year, the Portland Rose Festival selects a very special group of people to be recognized for their outstanding contributions. This year RDML Douglas Biesel, Commander Navy Region

Northwest, RDML Robert Hennegan, Commander Submarine Group 9 and the National President of Navy League, Don Branch, Jr were knighted at a special ceremony in Portland.



*RDML Hennegan even received very special attention from the Oregon Duck!*

# Tour of the USS Jimmy Carter

Recently, several of our local Council Members had a unique opportunity to join a tour of the USS Jimmy Carter, sponsored by the Lake Washington Council. This is something very rare for ANYONE to get to do, so we were delighted.

We joined the Lake Washington group, who has adopted the USS Jimmy Carter, for a very nice briefing at the Keyport Museum Auditorium, conducted by our own Tom Danaher. He gave a thorough overview of Naval Base Kitsap and its functions which was impressive indeed.

Over 50 tour participants then loaded onto two buses after ID checks, for transportation to the pier. The CO, CDR Brian Davies, met us and talked a bit about how we were going to proceed. Because of the limited spaces and the size of the group, we were separated into smaller groups of approximately 10 and each group was escorted by one of the crew members. Because of obvious security restrictions, as well as the boat being in a stage of work ups, there were some areas we didn't explore, but the tour was very thorough and greatly enjoyed by all. It is always a great pleasure to see the high quality of our folks in uniform. The dedication they have to our nation is clearly seen and is deeply appreciated by us all.

After the tour, they had a BBQ lunch set up for us on the pier beside the boat. They even had chocolate cake!

The CO again addressed us and an official photo was taken of the group. It was fun to learn that CDR Davies is a friend of CDR Caleb Kerr of our adopted sub, the USS Bremerton.

All in all, it was a huge treat to be able to join the Lake Washington Council for this tour of such an important national asset. We are thankful to them as well as to the great crew of the USS Jimmy Carter.

*Submitted by Byron Faber*

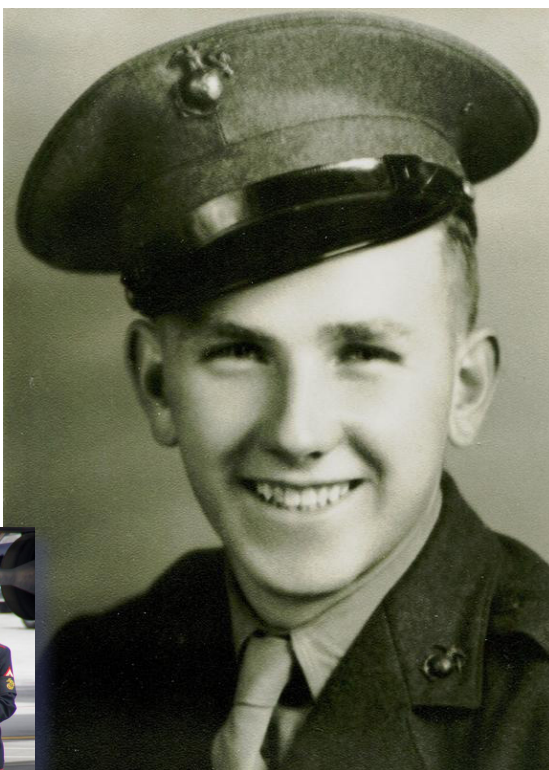


## Chaplain Biadog Brings Home a Marine from WWII

Recently, Chaplain Biadog of Naval Base Kitsap was able to return the remains of Private Herman Sturmer, Jr. to his family in Spokane, WA.

His sister still remembers her brother heading off to war and then getting the shocking news that he was missing in action somewhere in the Pacific.

Chaplain Biadog recently was able to locate the remains, arrange for their shipment to Spokane and arrange an appropriate Marine Burial for this young Marine, lost but never forgotten.



## Flag Man, LaMoyne Jevne

Henry Alexiff, Navy League member from Sequim, shared a great article on one of our fellow Navy League members, LeMoyne Jevne of Port Ludlow.

LaMoyne Jevne joined the Navy when he was a teenager and served for 24 years. He is well known in this area for his beautiful flag displays and his extensive knowledge of flags, which he shares with everyone. He has done our flag displays

at our Veterans Day program for many years and each time, it is just wonderful. The article indicates that Mr. Jevne has handed out around 5,000 flags both from home and in public places. He believes that respect for the flag has increased in recent years.

Thanks to LaMoyne Jevne for the wonderful work that he does and to Henry Alexiff for sharing the article.

## August 6 - Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Exclusion Memorial Dedication Ceremony

The public is invited to the celebration of the story-wall including presentations by surviving internees and their friends of the March 30, 1942 departure of 227 Bainbridge Island residents of Japanese descent to internment camps.

The wall is on the west end of Pritchard Park and the ceremony will take place from 10 am to 11:30 am.

Thanks to Board member, Jim Walkowski, for letting us know about this memorable event.

## Youth Awards

This year, the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council was pleased to give awards to members of the South Kitsap High School NJROTC, the Bremerton High School NJROTC and the Port Angeles NJROTC. We also presented the Theodore Roosevelt Award to one of the Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets, Ezekial Dare. In addition, we provided funding for summer training academies.

We received the following thank you notes from two Sea Cadets: Note: both Cadets earned half of their expenses.

"I want to thank you for supporting my trip to P.O.L.A. I learned many new things that I will take back to my home unit. I gained knowledge on how to lead my fellow cadets, as well as learning leadership skills that I have no doubt will not only help me in Sea Cadets but also in the future of my military career, as well as in life. I am involved at my church as a leader and assistant. I believe what I attained at P.O.L.A. will be of great service there as well. Without your contribution, I believe I may not have been able to go to this training.

Thank you again for your time and help.

Sincerely,  
David Krieg SN"

"Thank you, thank you for the help. It was great training. I had a lot of learning experiences at P.O.L.A. I got to lead my platoon more than once and that was awesome. I got a lot of information about things I never knew. It was great and I loved it. I want to staff next year and teach other cadets the stuff I learned.

Again, thank you,  
Seaman Gabriel S. Moren"

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Thanks for your continued support of our military and their families and for all of the dedicated civilians who keep our sea services strong and prepared.

# It's Time – Seafair and Fleet Week

The excitement of Seafair and Fleet Week are here again. This year will be even more special with all of the emphasis on the Centennial of Naval Aviation. All of us in this area will probably have a chance to hear the Blue Angels as they practice over Kitsap County, or if we are lucky, to see their amazing demonstrations right in Seattle.

Just think, the opening Celebration of the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CONA) was in San Diego in January of this year with Rear Admiral Accoin playing a major role aboard the USS Stennis. Since then, there have been major celebrations across the country. Some of our Council members attended the very special Celebration at the Air Station in Port Angeles, with planes and vessels from United States and Canada. This Air Station is the oldest US Coast Guard Air Station on the West Coast.

Our Council had hoped to honor Naval Aviation this spring, but will now look forward to celebrating in December at our monthly luncheon. Oak Harbor Council will be celebrating CONA on June 30 at the Whidbey Air Station and Seaplane Base from 9 am to 5 pm. There is also going to be a special display and program at the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.



# Upcoming Events

## July 30, Saturday

Whaling Days, Silverdale Parade 10 am  
(Lots of fun events including the famous duck race)  
Centennial of Naval Aviation, Whidbey Island  
Ault Field, 10 am to 5 pm Public Welcome  
Sea Plane Base, 10 am to 5pm Public Welcome  
Something for everyone: Tales of Naval Aviation, vintage and modern aircraft displays, SAR land/water rescue demonstrations, quilt show, car show, Radio Control Society aircraft demonstrations, great variety of speakers, vendors, etc.

## July 31 to August 8 Seafair and Fleet Week in Seattle

This year, the focus will be on the Centennial of Naval Aviation with demonstrations by the Blue Angels and lots of other exciting activities. Check your newspapers and websites for details.

## August 1

Fleet Week picnic for visiting sailors from Third Fleet  
Everett Navy Base, Everett  
The Commons, 5:30 pm to 8 pm  
For those who need base access, please contact Carolyn Dankers, at email [c.dankers@wavecable.com](mailto:c.dankers@wavecable.com) before 5 pm on July 28.

## August 9

Monthly luncheon at the Naval Base Kitsap Trident Bangor Conference Center. Doors open at 11 am. Program and lunch begin at 11:45 am. This month we are celebrating the United States Coast Guard Birthday and will learn more about Station Seattle and Air Station, Port Angeles, from the people responsible for the amazing work that these two units accomplish each year.

## Make your luncheon reservation now!

360 782-5500

## August 18

Member Appreciation Evening for all of our members and potential new members. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members, enjoy the wonderful views of the Hood Canal, share good food and relax in a gorgeous setting. Thanks to Mike Hancock for sharing his home and for Norma Parker for organizing this great event. Please RSVP to Norma at 360 308 2224. She will make certain that you get direction and details.

## Council Cruise, September 24 to 30. Book while there are still openings


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### Navy League Goals

1. Educate national leaders and the nation.
2. Support the men and women of the sea services.
3. Provide assistance to the sea service families.
4. Support the youth program.