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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

- ★ Connie Westover
- ★ Derek Kilmer
- ★ Eugene Mattson
- ★ Judy Dufresne
- ★ Philip Lato
- ★ Robert & Robyn Parker
- ★ Scott Ware



President's Corner

The month of November has been an outstanding month for the Navy League. Both The Lake Washington Council and Bremerton Olympic-Peninsula Councils have a total of three articles in The Navigator newspaper. On the front page is the Lake Washington Council welcoming the Jimmy Carter as it arrives home; the Veterans Day event is on the second page and the third page has the Navy League luncheon that celebrated the 230th birthday of the Marine Corps.

The Veterans Day ceremony welcomed an audience of more than 700 people and represented 25 veteran and fraternal organizations. The event, like Armed Forces Day, has become a signature event for our council. Special thanks to Earle and Sandra Smith, Vern Young, Countrywide Home Loans and the crew at Raytheon for the tremendous support in honoring this special day. Earle has received confirmation from the County Commissioners who have been so impressed by our Council's efforts in

coordinating the various veteran and fraternal organizations into a single venue, that they have provided The Kitsap Pavilion at no charge for the next three years. The change in venue will allow this event to double in capacity. We should all be proud of being the "go to" organization with the ability to pull this event together and be recognized by our community as being the leaders to make it happen. Well done council.

Col Mike Kennedy, Executive Officer of Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific, Coronado, Ca was our guest speaker at this months luncheon. His powerpoint had so much data that it took some time to load. A copy of the slideshow is available. He has been to Iraq three times by land, sea, and air each time with a different command. He also discussed the tsunami relief efforts provided by The Bon Homme Richard Battlegroup.

The installation of our 2006 officers is right around the corner. Will Lent is currently seeking for our guest speaker with a couple invites already out there. As the planning takes place, if you are interested in assisting please contact any of your current officers.

Regards, and I hope the holidays bring joy and peace to you and your homes. Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Roger



The Presentation of the Colors opening the Veterans Day Program at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Nov. 11th.

Veterans Day Program A Huge Success

The Bremerton-Peninsula Council of the Navy League joined forces with the Kitsap County Commissioners and 25 local military, veteran and civilian organizations (http://brem-olympic.nlus.us/library/VetDayProgram_LR.pdf) to celebrate the dedicated contribution of all U.S. Navy, Marine, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Veterans. The event was held at the President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, Washington and attended by more than 700 people.

The program included a static display of military vehicles furnished by the West Sound Military Vehicle Club and a military memorabilia collection presented by Mr. Jurgen Brian. Musical entertainment was furnished by the Navy Region Northwest Band and the Peninsula Pipes and Drums.

Master of Ceremonies and Navy League Council President Roger Nance initiated the program by welcoming all of the people in attendance emphasizing that this ceremony was to honor all veteran's and active duty military and merchant marine's contribution to maintaining freedom throughout the world.

After the Presentation of Colors, Kitsap County Commissioner Chris Endresen was then introduced by Mr. Nance. She emphasized that she was honored by the invitation to speak at this ceremony recognizing veterans and thanked all them for their exceptional service to the country.

Rear Admiral William French, Commander, Navy Region Northwest was then introduced and thanked all of the local organizations for putting on such an impressive ceremony honoring not only the veterans present but all veterans and military personnel presently serving. Admiral French also commented that Kitsap County was noted for their outstanding support of the military, active and retired and emphasized the importance of continued support during the war on terrorism. He then introduced the Guest Speaker, William S. Reeder, Ph.D., Colonel, U.S. Army, (RET).

Colonel Reeder recounted his experiences as an Army pilot including ejecting out of an observation aircraft, counter rotating a helicopter in for a crash landing and actually

crashing a helicopter which resulted in his capture by the North Vietnamese, a forced march up the Ho Chi Min Trail and a year in the "Hanoi Hilton". He emphasized that what kept him alive during mental harassment, beatings and torture was his determination to see his young boys again. Also emphasized was the quality of the American service men and women and the fact that we win wars with people, not material. He thanked all the veterans and their organizations for their service, their determination and their contribution to

society subsequent to their military service.

A ceremonial Bell Ringing was then held followed by a medley of Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine songs. A highlight of the ceremony was Mr. Nance saluting all Gold Star Families (families present as well as those unable to attend who have lost a member in combat).

A special thanks to all organizations who contributed to the success of this event, and especially outgoing President Roger Nance and Sandra and Earle Smith.

Contributed by Lou Dufresne



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Congratulations New 2006 Officers and Board of Directors

At the Council Annual Meeting and Trafalgar Night, on 27, October a new slate of Council Officers and Board of Directors were elected. Leading the Council this year is Larry Salter, the 2006 President. The other Officers elected were Lou Dufresne as Vice President; Stan Mack as Treasurer; Paul Lucas as Secretary; and Guy Stitt as Judge Advocate. A number of the 2006 Board of Directors are returning Directors--Will Lent, Ron Testa, Carol Meteney, Vern Young, John Payne, and Van Vlist represent the Past President's Advisory Council portion of the Board. Other returning members include Marilyn Caldwell, Drake Evans, Annie Fields, Dave Shafer, Sandra Howes Smith, and Earle Smith. Rounding out the Board of 22 are four newcomers--Carolyn Dankers, Joe Hulsey, Tina Salter, and Alice Thomas. There is no rest for the weary and over-worked either -- our outgoing President Roger Nance returns to fill the Immediate Past President slot on the Board. Members, presented are your 2006 Officers and Board members.



The newly elected 2006 Council Officers and Board Members in attendance at the Trafalgar Night Dinner at Mary Mac's Restaurant, October 27st.

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**Trafalgar Night
Slideshow**

A slideshow of photos taken at the Trafalgar Night / Annual Navy Birthday Dinner is available for download and viewing by going to our Navy League website:
<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>
 Click on the left toolbar "Trafalgar Night Photos" for instructions to download the slideshow; viewing requires Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from Adobe.com)

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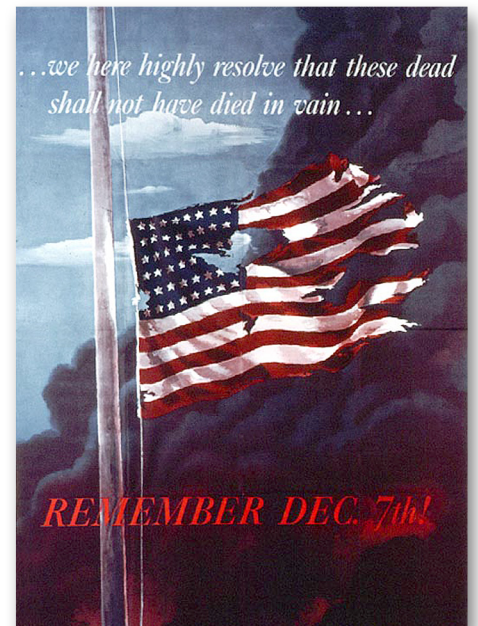
12th Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony to be held at Naval Undersea Museum

Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport will host the 12th annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance, "Lest We Forget" Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. at the Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium. Presented by Captain Mike Mathews, U. S. Navy (Retired), this moving ceremony includes slides of the attack with stories of personal valor exhibited by our military; instrumental music by the Navy Band Northwest, and patriotic songs by the Kitsap Chordsmen. A special part of the remembrance includes testimony from the Pearl Harbor Survivors in attendance. It's been 64 years since the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and each year the number of Survivors in attendance decreases. We hope you will join us for this special event to honor those who can attend.

A former commanding officer at Bangor's Trident Training Facility, Captain Mathews now works at NUWC Keyport as Deputy Director of the Systems Acceptance and Operational Readiness Department.

This event is open to the public. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, you may contact NUWC Keyport's Public Affairs Office at (360) 396-2699.



Poster designed by Allen Sandburg, issued by the Office of War Information, Washington DC, in 1942, in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor

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Planning Calendar

- Wednesday December 7 12th Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony - Naval Undersea Museum
- Tuesday December 13 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Sunday December 25 Christmas
- Sunday December 31 New Year's Eve
- Tuesday January 10 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year



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On this Date:

December 7, 1941 - Japanese carrier aircraft attack U.S. Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

December 10, 1982 - USS Ohio (SSBN-726), first Trident-Class submarine, returns from first deterrent patrol.

December Luncheon

- Date:** December 13, 2005
- Time:** 11:30 AM
- Place:** Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
- Program:** RADM William French
Commander
Navy Region Northwest

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday December 8th 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.