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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

- ★ Dave Acton - Life Member
- ★ Marie Campanoli



President's Corner

Fellow Navy Leaguers! The New Year is off to a great start with the Installation Luncheon. That was a new experience for us, as we usually have an Installation Dinner. The reason for the change was the availability of VADM Zortman, Commander, Naval Air Forces. He could make a luncheon, but he could not make a dinner, so we flexed our plan. We had a good turn out and a great program.

Thanks to Larry Salter for his leadership and steady hand throughout the last year.

I am glad that he will be available to assist me and the board through this year.

The board is meeting monthly through May in order to prepare for the Armed Forces Day Gala. It is not too early to open up your calendar and pen, not pencil, the date, 19 May. This is our biggest event of the year, and we hope to see all of you there.

My top priority for this year is to build our membership. You will be hearing more about this, so start thinking about getting out to the luncheons, the tours, the events, and bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives with you.

I hope to see you there!

Stan Mack

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Departs

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and approximately 3,200 crewmembers left Bremerton, January 16 to begin a scheduled deployment in response to a request for additional forces by Commander U.S. Central Command.

With more than one year of training, inspections and qualifications under its belt, Stennis has picked up Carrier Air Wing Nine (CVW-9) in San Diego, Calif., and steamed west with the rest of the John C. Stennis Strike Group to aid the USS Eisenhower Strike Group currently supporting

contingency operations in the U.S. Fifth Area Fleet of Operation.

The scheduled deployment comes in the wake of a recent surge in military forces to support contingency operations currently underway in the Middle East and Africa. For the more than 5,000 Sailors scheduled to be aboard the Stennis for the deployment means long hours in support of the Navy's mission; for the forces currently in combat operations, this means an ally that brings incredible combat power to the area.



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community has led to an American Business Award for the Best Corporate Social Responsibility Program; a pair of Better Business Bureau Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics; and being named one of 15 national recipients of the Department of Defense Freedom Award for its support of associates serving the National Guard and Reserve.

On the local level, the Pioneer Services office in Bremerton provided local military families nearly \$1,000 in commissary gift certificates during the holiday season, and has helped nearly 600 military families learn how to save on high-interest payments and fees through the Break the Debt Cycle program.

In addition, every loan offered through the Bremerton office is backed by a

“Military Loan Guarantee.” Customers are encouraged to review their loans with a financial advisor, their chain of command, or even another financial institution—if they find a better deal within 15 days, or if they decide they don’t need the money, they can cancel their loan at absolutely no cost. The staff also follows Pioneer Services’ *Code of Conduct for Military Families*, a unique set of guidelines that guarantee superior service and the highest level of ethical practices for every service member who walks through the doors.

To see how Pioneer Services can help you, visit their office at 3850 Kitsap Way, Suite 104, in Bremerton, or call 360-405-6336. You can also find them online at www.pioneerservices.com.

Navy League Installation Luncheon

The installation of the 2007 officers of our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council was held on January 9th at the Olympic Lodge, NBK Bremerton. The Navy League’s out-going President - Larry Salter, the new President - Stan Mack, the new officers, the Board of Directors, and all others in attendance also enjoyed the function, lunch and the outstanding featured speaker, VADM James Zortman, Commander Naval Air Forces.



(Upper); Navy League’s 2007 Officers and Board Members

(Lower Left); Incoming 2007 President, Stan Mack, presents a commemorative plaque to outgoing President, Larry Salter, with much appreciation for his dedicated service to the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council during 2006.

(Lower Right); Stan Mack, VADM James Zortman, and Larry Salter



Thanks Pioneer Services

Pioneer Services has been the organization that has been ready and willing to assist Navy League with the arrangements for monthly luncheons and other functions that are held at Naval Base Kitsap. We would like to take this opportunity to commend them for their cooperation and assistance.

Pioneer Services began operations 75 years ago, and has spent the past 20 offering responsible financial products and services exclusively to members of the Armed Forces. In that time, hundreds of thousands of military families have received help with their financial needs.

Today, Pioneer Services Representatives share one vision: to improve operational readiness through education and services that enhance quality of life and financial independence for military families. Through a network of offices and on the Internet, Pioneer Services Representatives offer financial education programs, loans, and support military families and communities with a variety of partnerships, programs, and sponsorships.

This dedication to the military



Navy League Tours SAFE Boats International

On January 19, twenty five Navy League members and guests of the Bremerton-Olympic Council attended a tour of the SAFE Boats International facility located in Port Orchard. The tour consisted of seeing the conception of the boat on the computer, the building of the boat and then the finished product.

At SAFE Boats International, they are proud of their ability to build what they consider the safest boats on the water. Based out of Port Orchard, SAFE Boats International is 100% American owned and operated and dedicated to the motto, "God, Country, and FAST Boats!"

SAFE Boats is a dynamic and reliable manufacturer of boats for use in a wide variety of applications including military, law enforcement, commercial and pleasure. Their product has been sold to policing

agencies such as Homeland Security, the United States Coast Guard as well as to foreign countries that have been approved by the U.S. Government. SAFE Boats is so busy that there was hardly a square foot of their facility that wasn't being used to produce their product. They are seeking a larger building in the near future to handle the demand for this type of boat. With quality and pride, SAFE Boats International manufactures boats that are extremely safe without sacrificing speed, stability or functionality.

Navy Leagues thanks SAFE Boats International for providing us with an interesting and informative tour and indicated that they were pleased that Navy League was showing an interest in their endeavors.

By George Rose and Norma Parker



(Left): Some of the boats viewed during the tour

(Upper); SAFE Boats International manufacture variety boats

(Lower); Sailors assigned to Riverine Squadron One (RIVRON-1), based at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, train aboard Small Unit River Craft (SURC), during a unit-level training exercise. RIVRON-1 is part of the newly formed Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication 3rd Class Kenneth R. Hendrix (RELEASED)



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Planning Calendar

- Wednesday February 7 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 pm,
 Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday February 13 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza,
 11:30 am Speaker, CDR Brian Adams,
 Chief Staff Officer for NUWC, Keyport
- Wednesday March 7 Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm,
 Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday March 13 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza,
 11:30 am Speaker, To Be Determined

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On This Date

February 5, 1971 - Moonwalk by CAPT Alan B. Shepherd, Jr. USN, Commander of Apollo 14 and CDR Edgar D. Mitchell, USN Lunar Module Pilot. During the 9 day mission, 94 lbs of lunar material was collected and Shepard became the first person to hit a golf ball on the moon.

February Luncheon

- Date:** February 13, 2007
- Time:** 12:00 Noon
- Place:** Olympic Lodge,
NBK - Bremerton
- Program:** CDR Brian Adams
Chief Staff Officer
NUWC, Keyport, WA

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday, Feb 7th 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.