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Captain Mark Olson – Speaker for January 11 Luncheon and Installation

This year, we will have our Installation of Council Officers and Board Members at our regular luncheon so that more of our members can attend. This will be an action packed luncheon, as we will also be hosting the Commanding Officer and his wife of the USS Bremerton. Read more about both of these topics inside this newsletter.

Captain Olson has been such a strong supporter of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council since he assumed command of Naval Base Kitsap in June 2008. He has made us most welcome on his base and has been a great supporter of our many events. He has also reached out to the members of the community and the business and civic organizations to keep them informed about the great naval presence in our area and to establish a strong working relationship with them.

Captain Olson does this in addition to being the commanding officer of the third largest installation in the United States Navy, covering nearly 11,000 acres in three states and home to nearly 31,000 people.

While he says that his military career has been easy compared to growing up in Minnesota with three sisters, his accomplishments tell another story. He graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1983, receiving a BS in Oceanography. Later, he received a Master of Arts Degree from the Univer-

sity of Memphis. He studied as a Senior Executive Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and earned a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

He has served all over the world on land and under the sea with so many different responsibilities. His bio mentions Groton, CT, Naples, Italy, Western Pacific, Arabian Gulf, Mare Island Shipyard, Bangor, WA in 1994, 1996 and 2001, Millington, TN, Pearl Harbor, and Omaha, NE before returning here. He served on the USS Tullibee, USS Helena, and USS Henry M. Jackson (Gold) and he supervised the relocation of the command detachments and the USS Parche from Mare Island to here.

Captain Olson has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various campaign and unit awards.

Truly, Captain Olson is a very remarkable man and a true friend to Navy League. Of course, one of his outstanding accomplishments was to marry Linda.

We look forward to having Captain Olson at our January Luncheon. Please make your luncheon reservations early by calling CTC at 360.782.5500. Encourage your friends to attend and you will have a great time.

Luncheon Deadline

Call CTC now for your luncheon reservation
360-782-5500



President's Message

Joining the prestigious ranks of the council's "Past Presidents" this month is a special honor for me and it is my sincere hope that my term as president has upheld my predecessor's fine legacy. I certainly want to thank our board of directors who chaired our notable programs, attending membership and our Sea Services Commands who supported our public education mission.

Today's Navy League faces complex "Global" concerns that Teddy Roosevelt couldn't have begun to imagine when he sponsored the formation of the Navy

League of the United States over a hundred years ago. Our Sea Power magazine gives us current topical articles on our Sea Services and by having personal contact with exceptional guest speakers, our monthly luncheons keep us up-to-date with our rapidly changing world.

With an unprecedented range of challenges facing our country today it is incumbent on us to stay informed and to make our best effort to support our service men and women and their leaders. Wishing you all well and may each of you have "fair winds and following seas" in the years ahead.

*Sincerely,
Gary S. Gunderson, President*

Rear Admiral David C. Johnson will Visit the Northwest

January 27, US Submarine League, Puget Sound Naval Base Association and our council will have a joint luncheon, 11 am at Bangor Plaza, on Bangor to honor Rear Admiral Johnson. He is now stationed on the East Coast, but agreed to come north following a presentation to Third Fleet in San Diego.

RDML Johnson is responsible for all new construction submarine programs, as well as acquisitions and life cycle maintenance of submarine weapons, countermeasures, sonar, combat control and imaging systems.



RDML Johnson is very familiar with our local programs and people. He has worked at our shipyards, Bangor and Keyport. We are not only looking forward to having the Rear Admiral here as our guest, but we are also looking forward to the wonderful opportunity of meeting together with the Sub League and PSNBA.

Social Hour will start at 11 a.m. and the program will start at 11:45. Make your reservation for this luncheon at the same time you make your reservation for the January 11 luncheon. Call CTC at 360 782-5500

Navy League Regional Conference

Everyone is encouraged to attend this Conference, hosted by our council. Once every ten years, our council is given the opportunity to host a regional conference. This year, we will invite council members from as far away as Alaska and Montana to attend. This is your opportunity to meet and greet fellow Navy Leaguers and learn about their great programs and ideas.

On Feb. 24 and 25, our illustrious tour leader, Byron Faber, is setting up some special tours in our area. We have invited some very special speakers for Friday night, Saturday lunch and Saturday evening. On Saturday, there will be a wide variety of workshops led by various council members. Bill Waylett from the national Navy League will also be leading some sessions.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our organization, meet new people and have fun. The host hotel is the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Bremerton and our meetings will be held at the Olympic Lodge on base in Bremerton.

Put this on your calendars now!

USS Bremerton Adoption January 11, 2011

Our council will be signing the official adoption papers with the USS Bremerton (SSN 698) on January 11. Byron Faber of our council is spearheading this effort. He is working closely with area organizations such as PSNBA and the US Submarine League, Area Chambers, Civic Leaders and the officers of the USS Bremerton to make this a memorable event.

Commander Caleb Kerr, CO of the USS Bremerton, and his wife Hilary are flying here from Hawaii, at their own expense, to represent the boat and sign the official papers.

Key events:

Jan. 11, 2011

Luncheon: 11 am, Bangor Plaza Bangor, call 360 782 5500 for reservations

Evening reception: 5:30 pm, Norm Dicks Center, Bremerton

Hosted by Mayor Patty Lent

USS Nimitz Arrives in Bremerton



It was a blustery, chilly and sometimes rainy day on December 9, 2010 as seven members of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council helped welcome the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) back to Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton. The ship will be homeported there for a year while undergoing refitting, upgrades and repairs at adjacent Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

It will then relocate to Everett replacing the USS Lincoln.

We had the special privilege of meeting as a group with Commanding Officer, Captain Paul Monger, immediately following his address to the media. We then received a short tour of the ship by PAO Officer LCDR Steve Ruth. We have been assured of a full tour when the ship comes out of the yard next year.

Thanks also to Tom Danaher, PAO Naval Base Kitsap. A visual highlight of the event was a large rainbow, which stretched across the bow of the ship in the dark sky. Captain Monger has promised to join us at council functions and we look forward to seeing him again.

*Submitted by Norm Marten
Photos by Norm Marten
and Helen Miller*



Byron Faber, tour leader, talking with Captain Paul Monger, Commanding Officer of the USS Nimitz



Navy League members, Don Tjossem and Norm Marten on the USS Nimitz

Secretary's Annual Report Highlights and Summaries

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in Reid Real Estate's conference room in Silverdale. To date, there have been 10 Board of Directors meetings this year (We spent August participating in Fleet Week Events in Seattle).

Council luncheons are held the second Tuesday of every month. This will be our 11th council luncheon of 2010.

It has been a very busy year for our council! Following are some of the events the council has organized:

- Reception for Dan Branch, Navy League National President
- Armed Forces Day Parade
- Armed Forces PSNBA reception for Vice Admiral McCoy
- Armed Forces Chiefs Luau
- Armed Forces Mayors Reception
- Armed Forces Day Gala
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Marine Sunset Parade
- Council Membership Social
- Began Adoption Process for the USS Jackson, USS Bremerton and Station Seattle Coast Guard Unit

At every meeting the Board reviews an Annual Financial Summary that is used as a guide on what we need to spend and what we need to raise. Guidelines on tracking monies within committee projects are fine tuned as needed.

We encourage ourselves and the

membership to tell the Navy League story! Every one of us is a recruiter and a fundraiser. We need to make effort to increase our membership by working on our partnerships, reaching out and engaging members and non-members alike in our council's activities.

The council continues to support youth programs-the future of our Navy League-by contributing to Sea Cadet and NJROTC scholarships and awards.

We encourage you to join a committee! Following is a list of committees for you to consider:

For more information on any of these committees, please contact Carolyn Dankers.

- Awards Committee
- Communications Committee
- Armed Forces Day Gala Committee
- Memorial Day Event Committee
- Float Committee
- Navy League Birthday Event Committee
- Committee Event Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Veterans Day Committee
- Membership Committee
- Tours Committee
- Youth Programs Committee
- Legislative Affairs Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Larsen
Council Secretary

Ruth Bond for Treasurer

The nominating chair, Susan Larsen, announced that the nominating committee recommended Ruth Bond to replace Linda Potter as the nominated Treasurer for the council. A motion to accept this recommendation was moved, seconded and passed by the council members at the December luncheon.

Unfortunately, Linda Potter is working out of the area and could not continue. We are going to miss her, but we are excited that Ruth Bond is willing to accept this important position. She

will do a great job.

The approved slate of officers to be installed at the January 11 luncheon is as follows:

President: Carolyn Dankers

Vice President: Tim Katona

Secretary: Heidi Hottinger

Treasurer: Ruth Bond

Judge Advocate: George Rose

Immediate Past President:
Gary Gunderson

Treasurer's Annual Report

It is with great pleasure to report that Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council's financial position remains strong and robust for 2010 and the council has been able to fund all projects and maintain all committee budgets and commitments for 2010 and still retain a generous reserve to carry into 2011. Total council funds are held in a checking and savings account at Kitsap Bank and total balances are available on request from the treasurer by phone at (360)674-2628 or by email at Mayflower616@donobi.net.

These funds and our account balances are made possible by your continued membership and the membership of our community affiliates and corporate sponsors. There are also times throughout the year where companies and individuals donated to individual events and projects such as the Armed Forces Gala. Significant sponsors include Raytheon IDS, CTC, NCMS, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, Todd Shipyards, Evergreen Transfer, Paladin Data Systems, ATS, AMI, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, and Dimension 4.

These donations from companies and individuals ensure that our council remains in a strong position to continue our mission of informing the American People and their government about the Maritime Mission and national defense by the sea services. This also allows us to continue to support active duty on the peninsula through various council projects and recognition programs and support activities. Supporting youth programs continues to be a council focus and funds remain set aside to support a scholarship program left as a legacy from the Lone Sailor project.

It has been a great honor and privilege to help to acquire, track and distribute your council funds to support the board of director goals and the councils' mission.

Submitted very respectfully
Timothy D. Katona
Council Treasurer



NAVY LEAGUE
of the United States

Membership Application

Navy • Marine Corps • Coast Guard • US-flag Merchant Marine



The Navy League was founded in 1902 with a clear three-pronged mission: to support the members of the sea services and their families; to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security; and to help build America's future through successful youth programs like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Whether you ever served in uniform or not, we invite you to join us today. Our mission, "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services," reflects both our commitment and our broad appeal to everyone concerned with support for our men and women in uniform. Every day, 65,000 members in 270 councils around the world continue to carry our message to the public and support the men and women of our Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and US-flag Merchant Marine.

YES! Please enroll me as a Navy Leaguer.

Types of Membership (please check one)

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| ● Individual One Year | \$ 50 | |
| ● Associate One Year (Non U.S. Citizen) | \$ 50 | |
| ● Active Duty Spouse | \$ 30 | |
| ● Individual Two Year | \$ 90 | Save \$10!* |
| ● Individual Three Year | \$ 125 | Save \$25!* |
| ● Joint Husband/Wife One Year. | \$ 85 | Save \$15!* |
| ● Individual Life. | \$ 500 | |
| ● Joint Husband/Wife Life | \$ 750 | Save \$250!† |

* Over regular one year rate † Over individual life rate

○ Donation \$ _____

Your dollars at work! Total \$ _____

Donations you make to the Navy League are tax-deductible and support programs like Sea Cadets, youth scholarships, and sea services awards.

The Navy League is a 501(c)(3) organization

Join online at www.navyleague.org/join-renew

Send your completed membership application to:

**Navy League of the U.S.
2300 Wilson Blvd, Suite 200,
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Sponsor's Last Name

Sponsor's Membership #

Preferred Council * (to be completed by applicant)

* A local Council may contact you soon about local membership. If you have requested a specific Council, they will be notified of your request to join them, and will contact you soon.

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Navy League Helps Support Naval Reserve Training



Children attending an all day training enjoy getting to know one another, while their parents learn about resources available to them as reservists and family members.

Our council helped support the Navy Operational Support Center in a six-hour training for Naval

Reservists about to deploy and their family members. The training was held in Gig Harbor at the Peninsula High

School. Over 40 vendors participated and the training was hailed as a great success. Over 750 people participated in the training. Our local Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets performed colors in the morning and helped in other ways.

Captain Vincent and his team put in many hours to make this training meaningful and positive for all of the participants. Job well done. Bravo Zulu!

Our council would not be able to participate in such events if it were not for the generous support of our members. We especially would like to thank **TriWest Health Care Alliance** for their generous donation to our Operation Holiday Spirit projects this year.



Everybody loves Santa

Operation Holiday Spirit is Brimming with Cheer



Santa and his elves bring smiles of joy to the children of Individual Augmentee families

This year, our council participated in several events to brighten the holidays for some of our military families. All of the events are fun and worthwhile, but the smiles on the faces of children and parents at the Individual Augmentee Holiday party were especial-

ly exciting. Children from 11 months to 16 patiently lined up for a chance to talk with Santa and his elves. Thanks to generous donation of gifts by the Port Orchard Chamber and Naval Reservists, everyone was smiling.

This party is planned and provided

by Fleet and Family Service each year and they do a super job. They have a craft room that was filled with happy people long after Santa and his elves had to leave. Everyone had plenty to eat and everyone seemed to have found many things to make them smile.

Planning Ahead

For best service, register early for the luncheon and the tours.

Jan. 5 5:30 pm	Council Board Meeting Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
Jan. 11 1:00 pm	Luncheon – Captain Mark Olson, speaker, USS Bremerton CO, and Introduction and Installation of 2011 Officers and Board members, Bangor Plaza, Bangor
Jan. 11 5:30 pm	USS Bremerton Adoption Ceremony, hosted by Bremerton Mayor, Patty Lent at the Norm Dicks Conf. Center, Bremerton Public invited
Jan. 27 11 am	RDML David C. Johnson, Program Executive Officer, Submarines Special luncheon co hosted with Sub League and PSNBA Bangor Plaza, Bangor \$15. Make reservations at CTC 360 782-5500
Feb. 8 11 am	Luncheon – RDML Hennegan, Commander, Subgroup 9 Bangor Plaza, Bangor
Feb. 25 & 26	Navy League Regional Conference-Bremerton Save the dates

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