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Captain Steve Vincent Keynote Speaker for Jan 10 Luncheon and Installation of Council Officers and Board Members

Captain Vincent serves as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Operations Supply Center (NOSC) for our area. He promises to talk about what the Naval Reserves are doing today. Many in the Navy are aware that there are a large number of Sailors serving on the ground as Individual Augmentees. What they are not aware of, however, is that half of these Navy personnel are reservists who have been recalled to active duty for a year or more. Captain Vincent will also talk a bit about some of the great programs out there to support our Sailors and their families. He will share some of his personal experiences in these areas to highlight what members of the Navy League can do to help.

Our January 10 luncheon will also serve as our annual installation and the final reports of 2010. Mrs. Beth Munns, Navy League's Area President from Oak

Harbor will serve as the Installing Officer, assisted by Mr. James Lasher, President of the Northwest Region.

The Northwest Region is very similar in size to the Navy's Region Northwest and includes Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

This will be our second year that our installation will be held during our regular luncheon. This allows us to focus our time and resources on our mission of supporting the sea services and it saves the cost of an expensive dinner for our members. Please show your support for your council board by attending the luncheon.

For luncheon reservations.

Call: Diane Garrett, at CTC 360.782.5500 by January 5 at 5 pm.

Time: 11 am to 1 pm.

Place: Trident Ball Room, Bangor Conference Center, NBK Bangor.

Cost: \$15. Cash/check at the door.

Don't Miss Out!
Call CTC now for your luncheon reservation
360-782-5500



President's Message

Welcome to 2012! This will be a year of celebrating many special events:

Bicentennial of the War of 1812; 150 years since the middle of the Civil War or the War Between the States; Centennial of Marine Aviation; and the return of the USS Bremerton (SSN 698).

In 2012, Navy League of the United States will be 110 years old and the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council will be 64 years old and each of us will celebrate becoming another year older and wiser!

This year, take advantage of the many opportunities to support the men and women in uniform. At times we will have three aircraft carriers in Bremerton and Everett. That alone means more than 10,000 active duty, plus their families and those who work along side of them. You will see them in the grocery stores, in the schools and churches and at special events. Please

continue to make them feel welcome.

Please join me in saying thank you to a wonderful Board of Directors for 2010 and 2011.

All of our officers will continue for another year and almost all of our Board members are serving again. We will also be welcoming several new Board members. These wonderful and dedicated people make it possible for this organization to endure and be able to fulfill our goals. Each person on the Board leads a very busy full life and yet each of them is committed to supporting the finest military in the world by sharing their time, talents and abilities.

We all feel honored to be able to be able to serve. We are always looking for more people to participate in events and special projects. If you are interested in helping in some way or just want to learn about the possibilities, please contact me c.dankers@wavecable.com.

A special thanks goes to our Community Affiliates and Corporate Sponsors (see list on front page) and others who enable and enhance our capabilities.

We continue to build and foster relationships with other organizations including PSNBA, the Submarine League, the Chambers of Commerce, the Mayors and their City Councils, the County Commissioners, Kitsap Peninsula Visitors and Convention Bureau, Kitsap Regional Library, United Way and the 40 organizations who partner with us for Veterans Day.

Navy League has councils all over the world with more than 55,000 members who are proud to support the United States military. The national and regional staff, officers and directors help bring the message of the military to our governmental leaders and to the public. The regional and area directors have been very supportive of our programs this year and deserve a big thanks for all that they do.

Most of all, thank all of you for participating in the council activities. Each time you attend a luncheon or a tour or special event, it is a signal to our military that you care!

Please keep our military and our country in your hearts.

Welcome to the Crew of the HCMS Victoria

The Royal Canadian Navy sent her submarine to Bangor for some special work during December, so if you spotted a submarine that looked much smaller and very different from what we usually see around here, that was probably the Victoria.

HCMS Victoria is one of Canada's four submarines. All of them are diesel powered and can carry up to 18 torpedoes. The sub is undergoing trials of the ship systems and the crew is receiving training so that they can become fully operational.

While they are here, the crew of the USS Ohio are partnering with them to make them feel comfortable and welcome.

Hopefully, members of our council will be able to visit the sub at the Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt on Vancouver Island in 2012.



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ed Early/Released

Lincoln Strike Group Deploys



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kyle Steckler/Released

Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9, embarked on its flagship USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), along with Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 9, and USS Momsen (DDG 92), for the last time from Naval Station Everett on Dec. 7. The scheduled routine deployment will be to the western Pacific Command and Central Command areas of responsibility, culminating in Lincoln's eventual change of homeport to Newport News, Va.

CSG-9, Lincoln and Momsen will be joined by USS Sterett (DDG 104) and the guided-missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71), both homeported in San Diego. Lincoln Strike Group will focus on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts while deployed, both of which help establish conditions for regional stability.

"Our Navy's ability to be globally deployed provides a significant contribution to maritime security. Lincoln Strike Group is ready to respond across the globe in support of our nation's global interests and as a force for peace and stability," said Rear Adm. Mike Shoemaker, commander Lincoln Strike Group.

"We have only had one underway period as a full strike group since returning from our last deployment in March," said Shoemaker. "But the team performed exceptionally well in all warfare areas and we are ready to go. We also had the opportunity to support a spirited LA Navy Week,

conduct bilateral US-Japanese operations along with our Composite Unit Training Exercise certification, and operate along with USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) during her pre-deployment preparations. The Chief of Naval Operations, Commander, Third Fleet and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, along with many other dignitaries, visited Lincoln while we were in Los Angeles or underway for training."

The deployment is part of an ongoing rotation of forward-deployed naval forces that support maritime security operations, Fleet Commander engagements and exercises with other coalition maritime forces in international waters around the globe.

"The crew of this ship is excited, prepared and determined to make a difference in the world. They execute their jobs with dedication and commitment every day," said Capt. John D. Alexander, Lincoln's commanding officer.

"Abraham Lincoln will forever be tied to Everett and the Pacific Northwest," Alexander said. "The city has been home for the ship and our families for some 15 years. We cannot begin to express our appreciation for the support this community has provided."

The Navy announced in December 2010 that USS Nimitz (CVN 68) will replace Lincoln in Everett upon completion of a docking planned incremental availability (DPIA) maintenance at Bremerton,

Wash. Lincoln has been homeported at Naval Station Everett since January 1997.

"I wish to thank all the people of Washington and the Everett area for their enormous efforts on our behalf throughout the years," Alexander said. "They are all great Americans and are to be congratulated on their undying contributions to the Navy."

CSG 9 consists of flagship Abraham Lincoln with embarked Carrier Air Wing 2 (CVW 2); Cape St. George; DESRON 9; Momsen and Sterett. The air wing squadrons of CVW-2 include the "Bounty Hunters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2; the "Vigilantes" of VFA-151; the "Kestrels" of VFA-137; the "Blue Blasters" of VFA-34; the "Sun Kings" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 116; the "Lancers" of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 131; the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 12; the "Saberhawks" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 77; and the "Providers" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30.

For more information on CSG 9 and the USS Abraham Lincoln, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/> or www.facebook.com/usslincoln.

For more news from Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, visit www.c3f.navy.mil.

*Carrier Strike Group 9
Public Affairs*

Tour of USS Turner Joy

Eight members and guests of Bremerton-Olympic Council toured the USS Turner Joy (DD 951) in Bremerton on 18 November 2011. The tour was specially guided by the Bremerton Historic Ship Association and was arranged by our tour director Byron Faber. Sincere thanks to both.

The Forest Sherman Class destroyer Turner Joy was built in Seattle, WA and was launched on 5 May 1958. The ship is 418 feet in length and can attain a speed of 32 + knots. Its final armament was three 5 inch 54 gun mounts and six MK 32 torpedo tubes loaded with MK 44 torpedoes. Of interest is that the MK 32 is still in use today. Hedgehogs, depth charges and smaller guns, part of the original armament, were removed during the 1970s. The ship was decommissioned in 1982 and has been a museum ship, serving as a Navy Memorial, since 1990.

In August 1964, Turner Joy and USS Maddox (DD 731) were involved in the Gulf of Tonkin inci-

dent which was the point at which the US involvement in the Viet Nam war significantly escalated. The ship is said to have fired the first and last naval rounds of the war. Nine battle stars were earned during that time.

Most of the ship is open, for usually self guided touring. Almost everything from the forecastle to the fantail, both above and below deck, can be visited. This includes the bridge, wardroom, galley and mess area, captain's quarters, berthing areas, gun mount loading/handling mechanisms and the engine room...and much more.

In 2016, the ship needs to be dry docked for the hull to be inspected/maintained/repared and the cost is expected to be well in excess of \$1 million. Fund raising for this is already under way. Navy League members, families and friends are encouraged to visit the ship and ship's store. We are most fortunate to have such an asset so close by.

Thanks again to all involved.

Norman Marten

Pamela Barnes Blue Jacket of the Quarter

For superior performance of duty while assigned to the Food Service Department, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to her selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011. Seaman Apprentice Barnes consistently performed her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Demonstrating exceptional initiative and technical ability, she provided outstanding customer service and aided in the production of over 30,000 quality meals per month. She was instrumental in maintaining the highest level of sanitation, averaging 98 percent on monthly Health and Sanitation Inspections, and contributed significantly to Naval Base Kitsap receiving its tenth consecutive "Five Star" Accreditation Award for Food Service Excellence. She expertly prepared and delivered over 10 cakes including the monthly birthday cake, as well as numerous retirement and reenlistment cakes. As a community ambassador, she volunteered numerous off-duty hours to community relations programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, Green Mountain Elementary School and Poulsbo Middle School. Seaman Apprentice Barnes' professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

P. M. DAWSON

*Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer*

Great Spirit/Fun Army-Navy Game



On December 3, people filled the Silverdale Stadium stands to watch a team of Navy, Marines and Coast Guard from the NW area play against JBLM Army team.

It was an exciting game enhanced by the music of the Navy Region Northwest Band.

Both teams played well. Navy was ahead at the first half, but

Army went on to win.

The teams and coaches were invited back to the Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill to see a replay of the game. This event was hosted by our Council and was great fun.

The Army coaches were surprised at the large turnout of fans at the game. And, at the community support.

David Vally Junior Sailor of the Quarter

For superior performance of duty while serving as Assistant Anti-terrorism Training Officer, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to his selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011. Petty Officer Vally consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His unrelenting support of the Command's mission are hallmarks of his contributions to the Security Department and were instrumental in providing the highest quality of Security and Force Protection services for over 18,500 military and civilian personnel under Naval Base Kitsap's jurisdiction. Demonstrating superb Anti-terrorism support and technical expertise, he initiated 10 drill packages and coordinated multi-agency participation. His actions were key in Naval Base Kitsap maintaining the highest state of mission readiness. Civic minded, he supported the Special Olympics and volunteered 27 off-duty hours, raising awareness and contributions totaling over 35,000 dollars during the Law Enforcement Annual Torch Run Campaign. His contributions ensured positive relations and improved the Quality of Life for the community. Petty Officer Vally's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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Catherine Cline Senior Sailor of the Quarter

For superior performance of duty while serving as the Administrative Department Leading Petty Officer, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to her selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011. Petty Officer Cline's expertise, superb managerial ability, and persistent attention to detail were instrumental as she led five Sailors and two civilians in the daily operations of the Administrative Department. She demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional knowledge as the Command Indoctrination Coordinator by assisting with the coordination and facilitation of three Command Indoctrinations to over 60 newly reporting Sailors. As one of the most seasoned Command Duty Officers, her professionalism, integrity, and ability to handle any given situation has made her a true asset to the command. She performed flawlessly as the Alternate Command Pass Coordinator by preparing skeleton files, organizing check-in packages, and requesting sponsors for inbound personnel. As the Command's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Advocate, she volunteered 732 hours manning the Sexual Assault Response Helpline and personally handled 6 sexual assault cases from start to finish without query. Petty Officer Cline's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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Gricel Rodriguez Sailor of the Year

Yeoman First Class Gricel Rodriguez was raised in Sun Valley, California, and enlisted there as well. A former Electrician's Mate, she converted to the Yeoman rating in 2009 and has continued to excel. Her sea tours include USS CAMDEN (AOE 2) and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74). Petty Officer Rodriguez is currently assigned to the Staff at Navy Region Northwest where she serves as the Leading Petty Officer for the Regional Administration Office. Her superb performance is readily identified by her presence here today as the Navy Region Northwest Staff Sailor of the Year for 2011. Furthermore, she was also the Staff Sailor of the Year for 2010.

She is happily married to Chief Boatswain's Mate Rigo Rodriguez and they have a daughter, Janelle.

What is an IA?

Individual Augmentees (IA) are sailors in receipt of Individual Deployment orders. They deploy individually rather than with their ship, squadron, unit or command. Individual Augmentees support or "augment" other Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Army commands in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Approximately 50% of IAs are Active duty and 50% are mobilized Reserve Sailors with needed or specialized skills. They deploy to locations such as Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti Africa, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Iraq, and Kuwait.

*Submitted by Teresa Dibley
Fleet & Family Service*

Remembering Events from 2011



Summer Parade



Uncle Sam at Veterans Day event



Departure of USS Lincoln



Summer Parade



Armed Forces Day parade



Stennis wheel



Lighthouse tour



Lunch, USS Bremerton

Planning Ahead

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

Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 5	Deadline for lunch reservations, Call CTC at 360 782-5500
Jan 7	Board training, Jackson Park, Social hall - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Jan 10	Luncheon, Installation of Officers and Board members for 2012/ Keynote Speaker, Captain Steve Vincent, CO of NOSC, Kitsap
Jan 16	Tour of the Fire Training Facility in Silverdale, Contact Byron Faber, tour director
Jan 7	Adoption Ceremony for the Maritime Force Protection Unit (details TBA)
Feb 8	Board Meeting, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Café Noir, Silverdale
Feb 9	Deadline for lunch reservations. Call CTC at 360 782-5500
Feb 14	Luncheon "Troubled Spots Around the World," Guy Stitt
Feb 16	Westsound Business Expo

Watch for announcements of special events



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Navy League of the United States Mission Statement and Goals

A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that it's national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and the United States Merchant Marine.

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.**