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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Craig Beitinger
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- ★ Josh Brown
- ★ Henry Morley
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- ★ Bruce Morris
- ★ Richard Harwood
- ★ James Taylor
- ★ William McCleary



President's Corner

Former President, Roger Nance, told me that after the Gala, it is all down hill for the rest of the year.

So far, I have not noticed the pace to be slackening. Since the last newsletter, we have had the Memorial Day ceremony, USS MICHIGAN Return to Service, the joint luncheon meeting with the Naval Submarine League for the Battle of Midway presentation, and the regional meeting of all the NL councils. As I am writing, we still have a visit from VADM Donnelly, Commander of the Submarine Forces, and a ceremony at which Bud Hawk will receive the French Legion of Merit before the end of June. Maybe July will be a quiet month. Thanks to all who attended the June luncheon, and thanks to Will Lent for all the work that he did to put together his presentation on the Battle of Midway. It was a great reminder that freedom is not free and that seapower is a critical component of our national security.

Check out the Navy League website. You can view the latest edition of "Seapower" magazine and the most recent legislative agenda. The Maritime Policy 2007-2008 is also available there. As a member of the Navy League, each one of us should be knowledgeable of the issues facing our

political and military leadership, so that we can help to educate our family and friends.

We are growing, and it is because of members asking people to join. Please continue to invite people to NL events and tours, and then invite them to join.

Thanks,

Stan Mack

**The luncheon
reservation phone
number has changed.
Please call CTC at
360.782.5500**

Membership

Since January, National has been updating the membership database with new software. For our new members, who have been new members for a while, I apologize for not recognizing you sooner, but the new database just recently became accessible. Our Council is growing, we are up to 523 members. Thank you for your recruiting efforts--keep up the good work.

*Larry Salter
Membership Chair*

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Turner Joy Memorial Day Service

It was an absolutely wonderful Memorial Day Service and a beautiful Monday morning on the fantail of the Turner Joy. Navy League President Stan Mack presided over the ceremony. Our very own Kitsap Battalion, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps presented the colors while the Dist 4 VFW Ceremonial Honor Guard provided the rifle squad for the three volley rifle salute. Rear Admiral Scott Van Buskirk gave the primary remarks and challenged the audience to look in the Military Times and read the names and look at the pictures of those fallen service members documented since the last Memorial Day. Additionally, he brought thought provoking ideas revolving around the three-day weekend and how the pursuit of recreation has distracted the Nation from the true

purpose of the day. The Dist 4 VFW Ceremonial Honor Guard also provided the bugler who gave a tear drawing rendition of taps which echoed off the Bremerton waterfront, across Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard bay. A beautiful wreath of red, white and blue flowers was laid over the side to honor all those service men and women buried or lost at sea.

The audience, although not large, was diverse and included members of the Combat Veterans International and other Veteran groups and their families. The ceremony concluded and the Navy League provided donuts and coffee on the Turner Joy's crews Mess.

Submitted by Tim Katona



President Stan Mack (in red shirt), active duty and retired Navy personnel enjoy the fun aboard the Navy League float during the Armed Forces Day parade on May 19. Riding in the front of the float is 99 year-old Leo Perry. Leo is a Navy Officer who retired in 1956 after having served for 26 ½ years. Our float will also be participating in the "Fathoms 'O Fun" parade on June 30th in Port Orchard at 6 pm and the "Whaling Days" parade in Silverdale on July 28th at 10 am.

Dave Shafer - "Scroll of Honor"

Bremerton - Olympic Peninsula Council Member, Dave Shafer, received the "Scroll of Honor," at the June Regional Meeting in Portland, Oregon. It is the highest award the Navy League can give to a council member that has gone above and beyond the normal activities. Dave has been active in our council for many years and he has received many Certificates of Appreciation. This is his first "Scroll on Honor."



Congratulations, Dave, and thank you for your many years of hard work for our Council.

Submitted by Carol Meteney

RSVP Guidelines

Ever wonder why you have to RSVP the week before our monthly luncheon? It is to meet the Navy's security requirements and we as a Council are obliged to follow their procedures. We use the RSVP list for two things—to clear our members who do not have base access and to provide the caterer with a good head count. If you do not have base access, it is imperative that you RSVP by the deadline. We have to submit the request three working days before the event—once the list is submitted to security, we can't add names. Remember, these are the Navy's requirements, so the RSVP receptionist has no influence on the process—please do not give her a hard time if you call after Wednesday the week before our luncheons. If you are late and have base access, we can include you—at that point it is the head count that matters. It is much easier for everyone if you get your RSVP in on time. Again, the receptionist is just taking names, she has nothing else to do with the process. Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) volunteered to relieve Pioneer Services (who has been the RSVP POC for a few years)—Dave Thomas (Treasurer) and Larry Salter (Immediate Past President) work for CTC, so if you have an issue, ask the receptionist to transfer you to one of them.



Bremerton Natives Reunite. Congressman Norm Dicks poses with a fellow Bremerton native and fellow Navy Leaguer Captain Steve Westover, USN Retired.



Junior Officer of the Year receives Honors at the June luncheon. CAPT Mal Wright, USN (Ret), recognizes LT Bryan Wooldridge, USN - USS OHIO (SSGN 726) GOLD-COMSUBRON 19 Junior Officer of the Year 2007.



President, Stan Mack and wife, Jane, enjoying the company of RADM Frank Drennan at the Rose Festival Reception during the 2007 NW Region Conference held in Portland, Oregon, June 7th thru 10th.



Local Member, Tina Salter, enjoys a chat with Gloria McGrath, Michael McGrath (National President Elect), VADM Wurster (USCG Pacific Area Commander), Diane Jaffa (National Director, Seattle Council), Kathleen Todd and Elsie Lasher (Portland Council) at the Rose Festival Canadian Reception in Portland.



Our Past Pres., Larry Salter and Tina Salter enjoying the Third Fleet Reception at the NW Region Conference in Portland with Michael and Gloria McGrath the National President Elect and his wife, Gloria.



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Planning Calendar

- Wednesday July 4 Happy Birthday United States
No Board of Directors Meeting
- Tuesday July 10 Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
- Saturday July 28 N/L Float in the Whaling Days Parade
Downtown, Silverdale
- Wednesday August 1 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm.
Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
- Tuesday August 14 Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza



Note: Look for an announcement for the arrival of the Seawolf SSN21

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On This Date

July 20, 1969 - Former Navy pilot Neil Armstrong is first man to set foot on the moon. While taking the first step, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong was Commander of Apollo 11 which during its 8 day mission landed on the Sea of Tranquility. Recovery was by HS-4 helicopters from USS Hornet (CVS-12).

July Luncheon

Date: July 10, 2007
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor
Program: "Terrorism"
Speaker: CAPT J. D. Dowell
 CO NUWC, Keyport

Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) at 360.782.5500 before 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 5th 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.