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- ★ Skookum Contract Services
- ★ Scott Bell (Skookum)
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- ★ Barbara Quinn



## President's Corner

Fellow Navy Leaguers! February is a short month anyway, but it seemed about two weeks long. The newsletter deadline was upon me before I knew it. The monthly luncheon was well attended, and those who attended heard a very interesting program on Saudi Arabia. The speaker was Commander Brian Adams, CSO of Keyport. I also had the privilege of unveiling a new and very exciting Navy League initiative. Your board has decided to pursue a grant from the C. Keith Birkenfeld Trust to obtain

and place a statue of the "Lone Sailor" on the Bremerton waterfront. Keith was a member of our Navy League chapter, and although I did not know him, I am sure many of you did. We believe that the Lone Sailor is a project of which he would have approved. As you can imagine, there is a lot of work to be done to bring this about. We have a talented and dedicated group of people hard at work to make it a reality. Information on the Lone Sailor program can be found at [http://www.lonesailor.org/status\\_intro.html](http://www.lonesailor.org/status_intro.html). Please take a few minutes to follow the link and see what this is all about. Next months luncheon program will be presented by the CO of the Naval Hospital. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

*Stan Mack*



The "Lone Sailor" Statue is the creation of Stanley Bleifeld.



Navy League President, Stan Mack, presenting a commemorative NL cup and congratulating CDR Brian Adams, XO Keyport, at the conclusion of a memorable presentation about his experiences in Saudi Arabia.

## WINNER!

The luncheon raffle winner was Mal Wright. He also won Red Robin gift certificates as well as the next luncheon free.

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## Public Invited Navy League Luncheon March 13th



The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, March 13th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza (formerly called the Trident Ballroom, CMO) Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. The luncheon will feature Captain Catherine Wilson, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Bremerton, as the guest speaker. CAPT Wilson's last command was as the Commanding Officer of the Expeditionary Medical Facility, Kuwait. Come and hear what it was like commanding the Naval hospital and nine troop medical clinics located throughout Iraq.

All guests must RSVP and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Reservations are required. Call Pioneer Services (360-405-6336) no later than Thursday, March 8th. The cost of the luncheon is \$12/person. Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and help support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

## Armed Forces Day And Navy League's Annual Armed Forced Day Gala - Saturday, May 19

The plans are underway for this year's Armed Forces Day celebration. The Bremerton Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring this fun event. The Armed Forces Day Parade, booths and exhibits, a soap box derby, and the annual "Armed Forces Day Navy League Gala" at the Admiral Theatre are among the activities.

The Bremerton- Olympic Peninsula Council of Navy League will be the sponsoring the "Armed Forces Day Navy League Gala," Saturday, May 19th at the Admiral Theatre, which is located between 5th and 6th Streets on Pacific Avenue. Parking will be provided at WestSound Bank and Mortgage at Pacific and Sixth Streets. The featured guest speaker for this fun event is Admiral Kirk Donald, Chief of Naval Reactors. Entertainment will be provided by the "No Inhibitions Jazz Band."  
([www.noinhibitionsjazz.com](http://www.noinhibitionsjazz.com))

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for networking and cocktails. The presentation of colors is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year's entree, "surf and turf,"

features salmon and beef or you may request a vegetarian plate. The vegetarian plate must be requested at the time of reservation. The cost for this event is \$45.00 per person. All reservations are being taken by The Admiral Theatre Box Office at 360-373-6810 with a credit card, or you may mail in your reservation to: Admiral Theatre, 515 Pacific Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337 with the coupon provided below.

Civilian Attire: Black tie or Business  
Military Attire: Dinner Dress White

If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring a service member and spouse.

## Navy League Salutes SKOOKUM Contract Services



### SKOOKUM CONTRACT SERVICES

Skookum Contract Services, a division of Skookum Educational Programs, a Washington Based nonprofit corporation accomplishes their mission of creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities by performing services for government entities.

Skookum began in the early 1980's when founder and current CEO, Jim Westall, wanted to expand the horizons of students with developmental disabilities at Port Townsend High School. In 1992, Skookum received national acclaim after their small jump rope company which was started out of a rented garage in 1988 was profiled on NBC's Today Show and their jump rope was chosen one of the "100 Best Products" at the prestigious

New York Toy Fair. The jump rope company still operates in Port Townsend.

Skookum began working with the Military 10 years ago performing grounds maintenance at Naval Magazine Indian Island employing people with severe disabilities. Their contracts now include, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Fort Worden, and most recently, as the Prime Contractor for Janitorial, Hospital Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance Services throughout the Navy Region Northwest. They also provide services to Fort Lewis operating the Central Issue Facility and providing wheeled vehicle maintenance for the Stryker Brigades. In 2006, they were awarded a contract to maintain the GSA vehicle fleet at Fort Riley, KS, leaving the Northwest for the first time.

Today Skookum provides employment for over 500 people with severe disabilities. More information about Skookum Contract Services can be found at [www.Skookum.org](http://www.Skookum.org).

*Contributed by Marie Campanoli*



(Right)  
YN2(SS) Jason Revitzer; Kitsap Junior  
Sailor of the Quarter; 4th Quarter  
Command: COMSUBGRU 9



(Left)  
PSSN Ernest Baah; Kitsap Blue Jacket of  
the Quarter; 4th Quarter 2006  
Command: Naval Hospital Bremerton.

(Below Left)  
MA1 (SW/AW) Brandon Denison, Kitsap  
Senior Sailor of the Quarter; 4th Quarter  
2006; Command: SWFPAC/MCSFO



## Tours, Trips & Travels

I am now looking for tours to bring our members to new Commands and revisit areas we have been to but many have not yet had the opportunity to visit. I am willing to look into any request brought to my attention. Some things I am working on are: Ship visit to Abraham Lincoln CVN 72; Submarine visit USS OHIO; Marine Security Force; Naval Station Kitsap Base tour (Bangor & Bremerton); Madigan Army Hospital and Naval Hospital Bremerton.

All help is gratefully accepted.

Carol A Meteney  
Tour Director



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## Planning Calendar

- Thursday March 8 Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday March 13 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
- Wednesday April 4 Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday April 10 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
- Wednesday May 2 Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Birthday
- Saturday May 19 Armed Forces Day Parade
- Saturday May 19 Armed Forces Day Navy League Gala
- Monday May 28 Memorial Day Service



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## On This Date

- March 4, 1925 - Congress authorizes restoration of USS Constitution.*
- March 16, 1945 - Iwo Jima declared secure.*
- March 17, 1898 - USS Holland, first practical submarine, launched.*

### March Luncheon

- Date:** March 13, 2007
- Time:** 11:30 AM
- Place:** Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor
- Program:** Captain Catherine Wilson  
Commanding Officer of  
Naval Hospital Bremerton

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday, March 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.