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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Tim Arnold – Life Member
- ★ Bob Aronson

Lone Sailor Reception a Smashing Success

On Friday night, 25 January, 2008, the Lone Sailor Statue Project Committee of Navy League's Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula

Council held a "Wine and Cheese" social for about 50

Community Leaders of Kitsap County, Washington. It was a smashing success, based upon attendee feedback.

Washington's 6th Congressional District Congressman, the Honorable Norm Dicks, and Bremerton Mayor Cary



Congressman Norm Dicks D-WA 6th Congressional District <http://www.house.gov/dicks/> and Navy League of the United States Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council President Guy Stitt stand in front of "throws" display of the Navy League and the Lone Sailor.

Bozeman both addressed the gathering and offered their strong support to see this project through to completion.

Both Dicks and Bozeman generously expressed their gratitude to the Navy League

for undertaking this important community project. With \$150,000 collected so far, the project committee recently celebrated reaching half-way towards their \$300,000 fundraising goal.

Submitted by Ron Testa



(Above) Navy League of the United States Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council President Guy Stitt and Congressman Norm Dicks (Right) Congressman Dicks addresses Kitsap County community leaders on the Lone Sailor Statue Project for Bremerton, Washington's, new Harborside District.





President's Message

Hello Navy League members and friends! What a great Luncheon we

had on February 12th with Will Lent's excellent presentation on the Battle of Leyte Gulf. We were blessed to have several members in our audience that were veterans of that battle.

Next month our luncheon is on March 5th and our guest speaker is Capt. Jim Stone, the Commanding Officer of the Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

In preparation of The Great White Fleet celebrations during May 20-25, Will Lent will present to our April luncheon a history of the Great White Fleet.

We will begin holding a quarterly "Social". Please keep your ears out for the March social event where we will be celebrating our Affiliates.

See you there!

Gary Stitt

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Luncheon Date Change

The March luncheon will not be held on the normal 2nd Tuesday. For March only, the luncheon will be on the first Wednesday – March 5th, 2008.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360) 782-5500 for reservations.

Meet Your Board Members



Stan Mack

We are all missing our Past President, Stan Mack, now that he is residing in Oregon, but Stan remains a member of our Council and on our Board of Directors as Past President. A little about Stan – Stan is married to Jane and has three children, Melissa (32), David (29) and Peter (24) and until recently resided in Kingston. Stan graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy with a BS degree in 1972 where he studied Physics. He graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in 1997 with a MA degree where his field of study was National Security/Strategic Studies. His specialized experience ranged from Operation Officer for Pacific Strategic Submarine Force, Command of Nuclear Submarines to Allied Naval Operations (Mediterranean).

Stan spent 31 years in the Navy and retired as Captain with a Nuclear Propulsion/Submarine specialty. He was Chief of Staff of Submarine Group Nine when he retired in June of 2003. Prior to that, he was the Asst. Chief of Staff for Strategic Operations of the Pacific at Pearl Harbor. He also served as the Commanding Officer of the USS Nevada Gold (SSBN 733); Operations Officer of Submarine Group 8 in Naples, Italy; Commanding Officer of USS Flying Fish (SSN 673), Norfolk, VA; Executive Officer on the USS Tinosa (SSN 606) and

Squadron Engineer for Submarine Development Squadron 12 – both in Groton, CT.; among a number of other assignments.

Stan has been a strong supporter of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League and is currently the National Headquarters Representative to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Eugene, Oregon. Correspondence can be sent to Stan at 1671 Walnut Street, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

An Open Letter from Byron Faber to Captain Johanson

Yesterday at the luncheon I asked some of the people at our table about their thoughts regarding your contributions (to our Newsletter) & they gave great praise, so I think you are hitting the nail on the head. Thank you very much for your "insider's view" of things most of the nation sees only on the news. You present it very well, and I appreciate the common sense approach to things.

*Respectfully,
Byron*

Our Council is very honored to have Captain Brad Johanson take time from his very busy schedule to write a monthly column for "Now Hear This." I received a copy of this E-mail from Byron Faber, a Council Board Member, and felt it was worth sharing.

Norma Parker, "Now Hear This" Editor

Correction

Last month's newsletter stated "...of our accomplishments this past year some of which were the restoration of the "Lyman" Memorial located at the Sylvan Library..." This is incorrect. The Memorial is the "Irving Allen Memorial" located at the Sylvan Library. Our apologies to Dick Vlist who headed up this project for the error and our thanks to all who worked so hard to make this project a reality.

Captain's Corner - Navy Mission/Navy Pride"

by Captain Bradley Johanson, Commanding Officer of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)



Hello Navy Leaguers! Hope you are having a wonderful 2008. Whales in Sinclair Inlet, eagles on the mast of the TURNER JOY, a marina about to open to hundreds of boats,

what could be better than the beauty of Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and the Pacific Northwest?

I thought this month might be a good time to reflect for a few minutes regarding the mission, the value, the source of pride that constitutes the foundation of the United States Navy. We are a service that provides a unique opportunity for global engagement through exercising teamwork with our allies, by providing relief to challenged nations, by deterring war in regions of instability and by extracting the cells of terrorism with surgical strike capability in regions where they may falsely think that they are beyond our watch. The United States Navy provides global presence to keep our nation safe.

When we deploy, not a cruise goes by where we are not engaged in multinational exercises to build our relationship with our coalition partners. During this past deployment the JOHN C. STENNIS had the opportunity to work with vessels from France, Britain, Australia and Japan, as well as providing air support to the 37 partner nations that make up the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan. We also had the opportunity to participate in community relations projects in Dubai, Singapore and Hong Kong, where hundreds of Sailors supported local hospitals and schools. But of course the brightest example of humanitarian assistance/disaster relief was USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN responding to the Tsunami in Indonesia. Making friends encourages peace, deters aggression and helps keep our country safe.

Whether the mission is in support of combat operations or coalition exercises, the thing that makes our Naval Services unique is our geographic flexibility. To move 65 combat aircraft, plus their fuel, ordnance, spare parts and repair capabilities from a mission in Afghanistan

to support a mission in Iraq would be impossible, but for the geographic flexibility of the Navy's flagships - the Aircraft Carriers. These mobile bases of operation bring phenomenal combat power, greater than the power of most nation states from geographic region to geographic region in a matter of days. And that's just the tip of the iceberg as our Cruisers, Destroyers and Submarines bring the capability to monitor, assist and counter enemy actions across broad stretches of regions where stability is threatened. Our Navy is very engaged at the front lines in a very positive mission of sewing regional stability and security that holds our planet's future secure.

The other very significant advantage enjoyed by the Naval services is the very small footprint we require ashore. Some cultures enjoy interacting with other nations ashore, but there are also many cultures that view a large footprint on their sovereign territory as a negative thing. By sailing the high seas and supporting our missions from over the horizon, we have the ability to influence regional security without aggravating our host nations/allies overseas. Maximum power, significant influence effecting security, while preserving the sovereignty of our friends and allies, that is a great attribute of our Navy.

This is a time in our history where Naval Leadership is making a remarkable impact on our nation's security across the entire planet. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, ADM Mullen, the Commander of Pacific Command (covering the Pacific Ocean and most of Asia), ADM Keating, the Commander of Central Command (the Middle East), ADM Fallon, Commander of Southern Command (South America), ADM Stavridis. Navy leaders who are winning the global war on terror and preserving the security of our nation. I don't think there's ever been a time in history when the Department of Defense (all services) have been led by this many Naval Officers. This is a testimony to the power of the United States Navy.

Accelerate your life! Go Navy!

Warm regards,
Brad Johanson

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors



Board members get down to business

■ **Membership Directory** – Watch for the new Membership Directory to be available soon. Copies will be available at the luncheons. Please contact Carolyn Dankers by e-mail at c.dankers@wavecable.com for all updates. This year's directory will be adding your e-mail address.

■ **New Website** – The complete minutes from the Board of Director's Meeting is published on the Website each month. Look under "Board Members Only." Check it out!! <http://brem-olympic.nlus.us> The current copies of "Now Hear This" as well as back issues can be found on the website.

■ **Committees Formed** – A new committee is being formed to set policy for Members and guests who make reservations for events and do not show up. For many events, our Council must still pay for these "no shows" even if they did not pay when they made a reservation. Look for new rules in a future newsletter. A motion has been passed to have four annual social events to celebrate and get to know our Affiliates. A committee was formed to plan these events. The first event to be held in March will consist of cocktail/beverages and appetizers. The date and location is to be announced at the March luncheon. If you have interest in working on the committee, please contact Guy Stitt at gstitt@amiinter.com.

■ **Great White Fleet** – New dates are May 20-25. More info in next month's newsletter.

■ **Council Speaker's Bureau to be Formed** – K\Guy Stitt will be heading a Speaker's Bureau. A meeting will be held at 11am at AMI to discuss and get this rolling. The goal is to have a group of members who are willing to make presentations to other groups to build membership and promote our projects such as the Lone Sailor Memorial. If you would like further information, contact Guy at gstitt@amiinter.com.

Commanding Officer of IMF to Speak at Navy League Luncheon

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor.

Captain James Stone, Commanding Officer of the Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF), Bangor, will serve as the guest speaker. Captain Stone comes to Bangor from Pearl Harbor.

In June 2005, Captain Stone assumed duties as the Deputy Commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard until June 2007. In July 2007 Captain Stone relieved



as the Commanding Officer NIME, PacNorWest. The IMF has the reputation of being the most capable ship repair facility in the country. Captain Stone runs a high tech operation that has never failed to get our strategic submarines out on schedule.

Captain Stone has received many awards and accomplishments. In addition to the Surface Warfare Officer's pin, Captain Stone is entitled to wear the Submarine Enlisted Dolphins, Strategic Patrol pin, Scuba Diver's pin as well as the Command Ashore pin. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit,

Meritorious Service Medal with one silver star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.

In addition to our Council members, the public is invited to attend. Bring a guest and encourage them to join Navy League. Please make reservations and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road.

Call:

**Concurrent Technologies Corporation
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(360-782-5500)

No later than Thursday, February 28th

The cost of the luncheon is

\$15 per person

January Membership Declines

Our membership numbers declined this month--we are at 507, down from 522. Membership is an area that all our members can help with--sign up your friends and neighbors. One of the questions/comments I get is that "I am too busy and I just cannot support another organization!" We are all very busy these days, but please tell your friends that just being a dues paying member is very helpful in supporting our mission--when they sign up, all they are committing to is being a member. We, of course, would welcome their involvement, but that can come later if they are interested in getting more involved at some point.

Please help.

*Submitted by Larry Salter
Membership Chairman*

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January 19, 2008

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Dear Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Officers and Board of Directors:

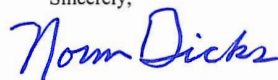
My duties representing Washington's 6th Congressional District in the House of Representatives prevent me from attending tonight's installation ceremony, but I want to congratulate all of you for being elected to the Council this year. Thank you for your continued dedication to our community and to those in uniform.

The Navy League of the United States has been a vital advocate for a strong and well-prepared maritime defense force for the last one hundred years. President Theodore Roosevelt recognized the merit of a civilian organization to support America's maritime forces, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine.

The continued support the Navy League provides to our armed forces remains critical to our national defense. As officers of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council, you represent a region with a proud maritime history. I look forward to our continued partnership supporting our Navy and brave sailors.

Again, I would like to offer my congratulations to all of you on being elected to lead the Navy League Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council. The Council clearly holds your leadership qualities in high regard. Best wishes in the coming year.

Sincerely,



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Save the Date – May 17, 2008 – Armed Forces Gala

Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Welcomes the USS Connecticut and Families to the Great Northwest

On January 29, 2008, Carolyn Dankers and Carol Meteney attended the Homecoming of the USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) now stationed at Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton.

RDML Tim Giardina Sub Group Trident, RDML Jim Symonds, Region Northwest, Commodore H.H. Howard III, Commander Submarine Development Squadron Five, Ryan Dumm Staff, Congressman Dicks Office, Capt Reid Tanaka CO Naval Base Kitsap, Capt Dan Peters, CO PSNS, and families and friends of the Navy were present on Delta pier to watch this ship come in to her new home.

The weather was very cold and the welcome was extremely warm. Welcome to this fine group of Officers, Crew and Families.



(Above) USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) background, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) foreground. (Right) RADM Tim Giardina, (left, center no hat), Ryan Dumm, unidentified officers and staff of Sub Groups Trident and Sub Dev Five.



Blaine Resident Becomes Sea Cadet Commander at Age 74

There are 11 general orders in the U.S. Navy. Blaine resident Ed Mitchell, 74, can recite all of them in less than five seconds from memory. What makes Mitchell's feat impressive is the fact he's retired from another branch of military service - the U.S. Army National Guard. Mitchell said his 34 years as a non-commissioned officer continue to serve him well in his new role teaching youth.

The Sea Cadets are a nationwide organization that helps youth realize personal success and achievement

through nautical training. They are instructed by active, reserve and retired naval personnel, senior cadets and adult volunteers who devote time to the activity. Young men and women ages 13 to 18 years learn about the sea-going military services, community service, citizenship, discipline and teamwork.

Specifically, Mitchell is now a lieutenant in command of the Poseidon Division that currently trains out of the American Wings Air Museum located at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport (Janes Field).

Mitchell's official retirement from the National Guard date was Nov. 15, 1992. "That's what my discharge papers read," he said. Nevertheless, as the years rolled by, Mitchell began searching for another way to put his service to use. That led him to volunteering with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. "I was just sitting at home with a ton of knowledge," Mitchell said. "It's been a pleasure and a real opportunity to take what I've learned and share it with eager young people," he added "I'm learning the U.S. Navy ways, too."

"Elvis is Coming! Sat, May 17th, 6pm, Admiral Theatre"

Gig Harbor Council Tasting Celebrates Washington Wines

A good crowd and some great wines made the Gig Harbor Council's recent wine tasting a big success. A delightful time was shared by some of our Council members at the wine tasting party sponsored by the Gig Harbor Council of Navy League held in Gig Harbor at The Club House at the Lakes. It was attended by Carol Meteney, Carolyn Dankers, Betty Freiwald, Norma Parker, Cara & Bill Tiegh, Bill & Mary Mullins, Jean & Jerry Home & Phyllis Harris. Jacque Burdette, President, of the Gig Harbor Council was a gracious hostess.



Tours Trips and Adventures – Navy League to visit Bangor & Keyport

Our Council has been invited by Sub Group Trident for a tour scheduled for June 3, 2008. We will gather at the Keyport Museum parking area where a bus will take us to Bangor. The tour will begin at the TTF facility then we will enjoy lunch and go on to the Delta Pier for a static tour of a submarine.

The tour is limited to 35 people. Sign up early so you won't be left out. There is no cost for the tour, but there will be a nominal fee for lunch. Please have cash (less than \$10.00). Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

To go on the tour, we need your full legal name as it appears on your photo ID. You must fill out and sign an "Event Form." Please mail the Event Forms to: Carol Meteney, 7033 Prestwick Lane SW, Port Orchard, WA. 98367. Event Forms can be found on our Website at <http://brem-olympic.nlus.us> under the

"Tours" Icon.

If you have never been on a Council tour and have not filled out a Personal Data Form, you **MUST** also submit that form prior to this tour. Personal Data Forms are confidential and are maintained only by the Council Tour Director. These forms are also available on our web site. Reservations for the tours will be closed when our 35 person limit is reached or a few days prior to the projected date for security check.

Our next tour will be to Keyport on July 10, 2008. We will again meet in the parking area of Keyport Museum where we will be bused onto the base and will visit the many areas of interest. We do not have the full itinerary yet, but it will be in the newsletter and posted on the website as soon as details are available. We hope to see the Torpedo building and decompression chamber and many other areas of interest. A great tour is

planned. Lunch will again be available at Whiskey Creek Steak House. The lunch is "Dutch Treat." The tour will resume after the lunch break or you can go home after lunch. This is a very popular tour so sign up early. The same forms are required as the tour to Bangor.

We are awaiting information from SWFPAC to arrange a tour of their facility. The date has not been set, but watch for more information in the newsletter, on the website and at the monthly luncheon.

Tours are a great opportunity to invite your friends and family. Guests are welcome. Joining our Council members on these fun events is a wonderful way to show our Council in action. Give them a membership application!

For more information you may contact Carol A Meteney, Director of Tours, 360-876-5744.

Watch for the "Great White Fleet" Coming in May

A Veteran's Memorial in Silverdale



Did you know? Kitsap County Veterans Memorial on the northwest side of the Silverdale Waterfront Park, next to the gazebo, is a unique tribute to Veterans who have served in the branches of our armed services and a really cool place to explore with your children. The Kitsap County Veterans Memorial was built with the joint efforts of the Silverdale Sunrise Rotary Club, the Kitsap County Homebuilders Association, and Kitsap County businesses. The Memorial includes emblems of the Army; Air Force; Navy; Coast Guard; Marine Corps; and Merchant Marines set inside a curved wall facing the water. Incorporated into the surrounding grass is a concrete global pattern that's over 50 feet. Challenge your children to hop from South America to Kansas, then to Russia and end up on Africa. The Memorials purpose, according to the Kitsap County Veterans Memorial website <http://www.kcvm.org/>, "is to be a place where individuals may reflect or

where groups may hold functions and gatherings to remember those that have served our country." The park has other attractions – sidewalk impressions, a colorful play toy, a huge rock to play on and great hills to roll down. Take a walk out on the floating piers, sit and watch into the water for an incredible sealife community right under you.

The Memorial Maintenance Fund is established to ensure that the flags are always in good shape and that the Memorial is well maintained. Contributions are accepted by the Silverdale Sunrise Rotary and the Home Builders Association of Kitsap County. See the website for details.

Driving Directions:

Silverdale Waterfront Park is located in Old Silverdale. From Highway 3 take the Newberry Hill exit. Go east into Silverdale. Turn right at Byron Street. The Park is at the end of Byron Street on the right. Silverdale Waterfront Park is open year round, dawn to dusk.



The Blue Star Banner Program of Kitsap county is to recognize and support the "local" military personnel who are serving in our Armed Forces.

A large Blue Star banner will be created for each "local" military member proudly serving our Country. These will be displayed throughout Bremerton, Poulsbo, Silverdale and Port Orchard for as long as the member is serving. We will also be displaying a banner for those who have died while serving our Country; they will be displayed with a Gold star.

You could help by sponsoring a banner or submitting a name for a banner. Both the service members name and the sponsor name appear on both sides of these banners.

The banners will remain hanging until either the military man or woman departs the Armed Forces or 3-5 years (the life expectancy of the banners).

Please visit our website at
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Any and all
contributions
are greatly
appreciated.



Luncheon Door Prize Winners

The luncheon cost has increased to \$15.00. With the increase, each lunch includes a ticket for the door prize drawing. The winner for the February was:

Mr. Pat Goodfellow– A free lunch for the March luncheon.

(Pat was a guest from Indiana attending our luncheon.)



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Planning Calendar

	Wednesday	March 5	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30am Speaker - Captain James Stone, Commanding Officer, IMF
	Wednesday	March 5	Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Sunday	March 23	"Happy Easter"
	To be Announced		First Affiliates Social
	Wednesday	April 2	Board of Director's Meeting 6:00pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Wednesday	April 8	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30am Speaker - To be Announced

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On This Date

April 11, 1900 - Navy accepted its first submarine, *USS Holland*

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