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"Troubled Spots Around the World" Topic of our March 8 Luncheon

Mr. Guy Stitt is at the top of the class when it comes to knowing what is happening around the world. For 25 years, his company has been tracking the industrial activity of the 151 countries operating an ocean-based navy. He has a worldwide network of naval experts providing him with primary insight into what is happening

today. Guy is an internationally known expert on naval acquisition, shipbuilding and maritime industrial issues. The world's leading shipbuilders and naval systems providers have relied on Guy for his insight and strategic advice to shape decisions driving billions of dollars of naval construction.

Guy's unique perspective of naval and acquisition issues stretches from deckplate to boardroom. He enlisted at age 17 and spent 5 years as an operational U.S. Navy submariner before going on to serve as test and trials engineer for the FFG-7 new construction program. He built on this unique experience to found AMI and has spent the last 25 years as an advisor to shipyards, navies and governments on naval ship issues.

We know Guy as a life member of Navy League of the United States and as a past president of the Bremerton-Olympic



Will Lent (left) and Guy Stitt (right)

Peninsula Council. He currently serves as our Ambassador and is responsible for our major fund-raising.

Guy is also a life member of the U.S. Naval Submarine League, U.S. Submarine Veterans, U.S. Naval Institute and American Society of Naval Engineers. He is a past president of the Puget Sound Naval Base Association and is active in the East Bremerton Rotary. He is well known for his tremendous on-going support of the men and women in the military.

We also know that behind every successful man is a very bright and wonderful woman. In this case, credit goes to his wife, Mary Ann who is a jewel. His two sons, Jeremy and Michael are also outstanding.

Make your reservation now for the March 8 luncheon. You won't want to miss this presentation.

Reminder

Call CTC by March 3 for your luncheon reservation
360-782-5500



President's Message

We have an exciting year ahead of us with plenty of opportunities to support the fine men and women of the military. Your new officers and board members are finalizing the annual calendar and budget to make certain that we are continuing to build on all of the good things of the past and yet keeping current with new ideas.

We are already beginning to plan for the **Armed Forces Day Festival** on **Saturday, May 21**. Save the date now so that you can be part of the largest and oldest Armed Forces Day Parade in our country. Actually, connected events span a six week time period, so watch for more information. There will be a Military Iron Chef Competition, a special golf tournament, a 5K run, breakfasts, a Poker Run, our Gala, a Chiefs' Party, and a Hospital Talent Show, just to name a few of the activities.

In other news, **Will Lent** our program chair has arranged for some top notch, cutting edge speakers to help keep you current with what is happening around the world.

Norma Parker and her membership committee are working hard to keep members interested and involved. Take time to thank her for the neat nametags that she prepares for each luncheon.

Tom Danaher and **Eric Sorenson** are busy gathering information on Sailors of the Quarter and the Year so that we can recognize them properly at our meetings.

Thanks goes to **Larry Salter** for bringing in several new Community Affiliates. Way to go, Larry.

Byron Faber and **Ken Weller** are doing an outstanding job with adopted units. We will hear more about this later.

If you want to be involved in some of these activities, please let a board member know.

Give thanks to those who protect us.
Carolyn Dankers

Options for Making Luncheon Reservations

A new person will be taking your luncheon reservations for Concurrent Technologies (CTC). Her name is Diane Garrett. She can be reached by telephone at 360 782-5500 or by email at Garrett@ctc.com.

She cautions us to be certain to put Navy League in the "Subject" line at the top of the email or the message might get blocked.

Also, make certain that the name you give her matches your picture ID.

This new option provides you with more flexibility. You can email in the middle of the night or on the weekend and be okay. We will try this option for the next couple of months to see if you like it.

Making reservations is important. This helps give an accurate lunch count and it helps Norma Parker make certain that you will have a nametag. Of course, this is in addition to making easier for you to get through the gate. Once the list is finished, the base security people carefully screen the list, as we are definitely guests on a very high security property.

Thank you for your cooperation to make this process work smoothly.

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

March 8	Mr. Guy Stitt, "Troubled Spots Around the World"
April 12	Captain Monger of the USS Nimitz
May 10	Celebration of Naval Aviation
June 14	Unmanned Undersea Vehicles
July 12	Battle in Leyte Gulf, Will Lent, Historian
August 9	United States Coast Guard

We are also working on some evening programs so watch for further information.

The Important Navy Messages for 2011



♦ America's Navy is a Global Force for Good.

♦ The Navy is the brand of the military that fights on the water, under the water and over the water.

♦ What the Navy does is important remembering that the water covers about 70% of the Earth's surface, about 80% of the world's population lives near the ocean, and over 90% of all international trade travels by sea.

♦ The Navy is America's away team, meeting threats and providing assistance whenever needed.

♦ The Navy is leading our country's efforts to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy independence.

♦ All of these are initiatives that might win our next war – or even avoid it!

Tradition of Ringing the Bell

Several people have asked the history of our beautiful Captain's Bell that is used to open our programs each month. When Carol Meteney became President in January of 2000, her late husband, Al used his great talents to put together this beautiful bell and presented it to her and the council.

The naval tradition of ringing bells to mark the changing of the watch dates to the clipper ship era before



reliable and affordable pocket watches were available. The ringing of the bell was a simple way of informing the entire crew of the time. The ship's boy was responsible for turning the half hour glass and marking the time and assuring the rest of the crew that this task had been done.

The 24 hours of the day were divided into six watches of four-hour duration. Bells were rung to indicate the progress of the watch.

Now we use the ringing of the bell to let members know that we are ready to start our program. It is also a time to thank Al and Carol for all that they have given to our council over the years.

"Olympic Brass Choir" Navy Band Northwest

Once again, the Navy Band Northwest delighted the audience by their performance on Sunday, February 20 at Keyport.

Lt Patrick K. Sweeney led the Brass Band through twelve different selections ranging from Caravan to Bourbon Street Parade. He had the crowd clapping to the Mexican Hat Dance and thinking of times past with the Irish Tune from County Derry.

There is still more to come.

March 20, 2011, Navy Band Northwest's "Five Star Brass" Quintet

April 17, 2011, Navy Band Northwest's Showband "Deception Pass"

These performances are free and start at 2 pm in the Keyport Auditorium.

Upcoming Tours



USS John C. Stennis

Byron Faber, our wonderful “fun boss” has been busy again arranging two great tours for March and April.

Tour of the USS John C. Stennis, March 22

Meet at 10:15, Pendergast Park in Bremerton for bus ride.

Wear good walking shoes and bring a jacket.

We will tour the ship and have lunch.

Cost is \$10, includes lunch and any extra will go to the MWR fund for the ship.

Sign up, no later than **Friday, March 11**, call Byron at 360 638-1235

Tour of the Manchester Fuel Depot & Fish Hatchery Tour, April 15

Let Byron know that you are interested and he will provide all of the details. Plan on 3 to 4 hours for this tour.

This is a great opportunity to get an insider's view of what is in our backyard. Watch the eagles come in for lunch at the hatchery and learn of the multiple historical uses of the area by the Manchester fuel depot.

Thanks Byron

USS Kidd – DDG 100

The commissioning of the latest U.S. Navy ship named, the USS Kidd, DDG 100 occurred at Galveston, Texas. This is the third ship to be named after Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd, who was killed aboard the Battleship Arizona when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

When the first Kidd left Brooklyn Shipyard in 1943, flying the skull and crossbones of the Jolly Roger high from her foremast, the edition of Time Magazine that week carried a photo, announcing that it had been 100 years since the Jolly Roger had flown in New York Harbor. Ironically, the pirate hailed from New York.

The crew quickly adopted the Jolly Roger as its mascot and hired a local cartoonist to paint the famed buccaneer's image high on the forward smokestack.

Not wishing to dishonor Admiral Kidd, however, the crew asked for permission from Mrs. Kidd first. On their behalf, she obtained permission from the Navy. This buccaneer flag is the only nonofficial Navy flag ever allowed to fly on a U.S. Navy ship.

The first Kidd, DD 661, is a famous World War II ship that earned 12 battle stars during that war and the Korean war.

She participated in most of the major Second World War battles in the Pacific. The Kidd, with her high speed and equipped with depth charges, K guns, torpedo tubes, sonar detection and five-inch gun mounts, was well equipped to provide surface, submarine and anti-aircraft protection for carrier task forces.

Additionally, she participated in shore bombardment for numerous Pacific island invasions.

The Kidd rescued 45 downed airmen at sea. In the heaviest battle of Okinawa, during which many ships were sunk, the Kidd was struck by a Japanese kamikaze pilot and lost 38 crewmen, with 55 injured.

During more peaceful moments, the ship was well known for quickly running up the Jolly Roger when pulling alongside another U.S. Navy warship.

Fletcher Class destroyers such as the Kidd did not have all the goodies that the larger carriers and battleships carried so, when pulling alongside a battleship or carrier at sea, the ship would playfully run up its pirate flag and the larger vessel would highline over whatever goodies it had while the crew of both ships lined their rails and cheered.

On another occasion, while the Kidd was taking a two-week rotation from the Korean conflict and in port at Saesbo, Japan, a few members from the destroyer Hopewell snuck aboard and stole her Jolly Roger.

A few days later, the Hopewell made a point of pulling alongside the Kidd while under way at sea and running up the Jolly Roger.

The Hopewell's sailors manned the rails laughing and cheering, only to see the Kidd run up a skull and crossbones twice as big.

Of course, the Hopewell had to give back the Jolly Roger because the Kidd was the only ship allowed to fly it.

The new USS Kidd that was commissioned in Galveston is an engineering marvel with sophisticated surface-to-air missiles, along with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

It will continue the tradition of flying the Jolly Roger, along with the buccaneer symbol painted on its stack, as a reminder of all who have gone before us.

The Jolly Roger flag flying high on the foremast of the USS Kidd whispers stories of courage, bravery and sacrifice.

Sixty-four years later, a new generation of U.S. sailors have put their lives on the line in defense of all we enjoy as a free people.

Written by Jack Cross



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Kidd (DDG 100) arrives in Seattle last year, to participate in the 61st annual Seattle Seafair Navy Week. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Thomas J. Brennan/Released)



Navy Leaguers enjoying a monthly lunch with good food and conversation

CG Enlisted Person of the Quarter and Year

Air Station/Sector Field office, Port Angeles, invited our council to participate in an “All Hands” event to honor their Enlisted Person of the year 2010, Health Services Technician First Class, Deanna M. Palmisano and Enlisted Person of the Quarter, 2010, Storekeeper Second Class, Autumn Sanchez.

The Air Station is one of our adopted units. We have been trying to trace our exact history with the unit and we have no records. We think that the unit might have been adopted by the Olympic Peninsula Council before it joined with the Bremerton Council many, many years ago. Over time, we have enjoyed helping this unit celebrate the Coast Guard Birthday in Port Angeles and have certainly enjoyed some great tours and Changes of Command and Commissioning of some new vessels.

This is the first time in many years that we have been involved in presenting recognition plaques to members of the unit. Ginger (Ann) and Dale Nichols will be the Chief Liaison Officers with the adopted unit and we look forward to building a very positive relationship with them. We were also pleased to be able to present each of the awardees with a \$100 savings bond in recognition of their outstanding performance and contribution to the Air Station.

I would like to thank Commander Richard Hahn, the Commanding Officer for the Air Station and AETCM Jon “Eric” Moan, the Command Master



(Left to right) Commander Richard Hahn, Autumn Sanchez and me at Air Station /OFC Port Angeles



Deanna Palmisano and Autumn Sanchez get ready to celebrate

Chief of the Air Station for their very warm welcome and for the fine job that they are doing.

The Air Station is the oldest Coast Guard Air Station on the west coast

and they are planning a year full of wonderful events.

We really look forward to more visits and more opportunities of partnership.

Carolyn Dankers

Memo from Membership

January rolled through like an Icy Wind off the Pacific and I didn't accomplish all that I intended, but we are getting organized, printed, spindled and stapled. Here is the January recap:

Regular Members	183	-5
Active Duty Spouse Members	5	-1
Husband & Wife Members	81	+2
Life Members	151	+2
Business Associate Members	1	
Community Affiliate Individuals	79	
Community Affiliates	20	
Corporate Individuals	4	
Corporate Members	1	
Total Members	525	-2

We are in the middle of updating our Membership Booklet. They should be ready by early Spring. At the February luncheon, everyone was asked to fill out a new membership card so our records can be updated. We will be verifying addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If your information has changed within the past two years and you were unable to be at the luncheon, please email your changes to nparker@reidrealestate.com. We are also upgrading your luncheon Name Tags. You will see the date you joined Navy League on your Name Tag now. Look for those that have flags on their name tags. There is a flag for each ten years they have been members.

Remember, we are "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services." All are welcome.

*Submitted by Norma Parker
Membership Chairman*

Planning Ahead

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


March 3	Call CTC for lunch reservations, 360 782-5500
March 8	Monthly luncheon, Bangor, Guy Stitt, "Trouble Spots Around the World" – 11 am
March 11	Deadline for contacting Byron Faber regarding Tour of the USS John L. Stennis
March 20	Navy Region Northwest Brass Quintet, Keyport – 2 pm
March 22	Tour of the USS Stennis – 10 am to 1 pm
April 7	Call CTC for lunch reservations, 360 782-5500
April 12	Monthly luncheon, Bangor, CAPT Monger, USS Nimitz – 11 am

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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.