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President's Corner

For those of you who attended Trafalgar Night, I hope you enjoyed yourselves. For those who didn't, you missed a great evening. Our guest speaker, Commodore David Jarvis, Royal Navy, did a great job entertaining the crowd.

I would like to thank Will Lent for all his hard work in orchestrating the evening; a great job, Will. He had some very qualified help supporting him with Carol Meteney, Dave Shafer, and Guy Stitt. See article and pictures in this months newsletter for additional details.

In addition to celebrating the 201st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, we also conducted our annual meeting and elected the Officers and Board for 2007.

There are two big events in November that I hope you will be able to attend. The first is the Veterans Day Celebration at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 11th. Earle and Sandra Smith have done an awesome job coordinating the event in concert with over 20 different organizations. RDML William French will be our quest speaker and we are holding the event in the larger building this year to

accommodate the 1000 plus attendees we are expecting.

On November 14th, we will be celebrating the U.S. Marine Corps birthday at our monthly luncheon. Colonel Charlie Tyrian, USMC (Retired) will again be conducting the festivities, please come help us celebrate, honor the Corps, and congratulate the Marine of the Year.

At our October luncheon we had Captain John Dowell, Commanding Officer, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport, as our guest speaker. See Dave Thomas's accompanying article for details. Captain Dowell was such a great speaker, we have invited him back for our January luncheon to give a presentation on the Global War on Terrorism.

We had another good month for recruiting new members, they are listed on the left. I would like to provide them with a hearty "Welcome Aboard" and thank them for supporting the Sea Services.

See you all at the Veterans Day Celebration. Unfortunately, my business travel is interfering with the scheduled luncheon, so Stan Mack will again be covering for me and practicing for next year when he will be on the hook for all events as your 2007 President. Thanks for all that you do.

Larry



Navy League to Host Marine Corps' 231st Birthday Luncheon Celebration

Navy League welcomes Guest of Honor and Speaker:
Lt. Colonel James T. Dillion, Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Security Forces Company, Bangor

Highlights:

The Marine of the Year will be honored
The March on the Cake with additional Guests of Honor
Oldest Active Duty and Youngest Active Duty Marines
Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Marines to distribute.

"Toys for Tots"

See November Luncheon information for more details

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Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport

On October 10, Captain John Dowell, Commanding Officer, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport, addressed the Council. Captain Dowell's career includes 24 years of service on various submarines, including Command of USS Alabama. He now serves in the Acquisition Professional community. He came to Keyport following an assignment at Strategic Systems Programs Office in Washington, DC.

Captain Dowell discussed the history of Keyport, which started as a torpedo station and earned the informal title of "Torpedo Town" during World War II. Keyport provides in-service engineering solutions to a broad spectrum of areas. These include air, surface, and subsurface applications. The torpedo projects at Keyport currently include the Common Broadband Sonar System (next generation sonar) and the MK 54 lightweight torpedo.

The people at NUWC Keyport include 27 military, 1449 civilians, and 517 contractors. Besides engineering services, NUWC Keyport manages and operates the Northwest underwater ranges including one at Nanoose on Vancouver Island.

Captain Dowell gave an overview of the Navy's current status, with currently 281 ships but needing to build up to 313 (about \$13.4B per year of new construction). He discussed the Navy's involvement in the Global War on Terrorism, including Navy sailor's participation on the ground in Iraq, in increasing numbers. He also

discussed the concept of the "1000 ship Navy" using our friends and allies around the world.

Captain Dowell invited council members to take a more complete tour of the NUWC Keyport facilities than the recently completed tour which was time constrained. President Larry Salter concluded the presentation by presenting Captain Dowell with a Navy League mug.

by CAPT David Thomas, USN (ret)



Council President Larry Salter presents luncheon guest speaker CAPT John Dowell, CO, NUWC Division Keyport, with a Navy League mug.

Naval Museum sends call for help

The Naval Memorial Museum of the Pacific in Bremerton is sending out a call for help.

The museum library will be expanding into Building 50 at Harborside Park in 2007 and is in need of history books & materials on almost any topic, i.e. WWII naval ops, administration, histories, unit histories, "life in the navy stories," personal narratives, recent Jane's fighting ships (latest item at the museum is the late 80's) or other books on naval ships. Guy Stitt has donated an old article on navy ships written by the founder of PSNS, Lt. Wycoff.

The Bremerton Naval Museum offers an up-close look at life on the sea, important moments for the Navy and the history of the Naval Shipyard.

It's collections include historical and Naval artifacts (which includes photos, uniforms, books, cannons, flags, etc.) since ca. 1377 to the present.

For more information contact Carol Campbell, Librarian, Naval Museum 360-871-7820.

Council members tour NUWC Division Keyport

Members and guests that attended the most interesting tour of NAVSEA's Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Division Keyport, on October 4th were: George Rose, Hugh Stanley, Carmen Stanley, William Metzger, Bonnie Metzger, Donald Kennedy, Daneal Kennedy, Harry Bedrossian, Donald Matheson, Henry and Theo Alexieff, Jerry Baltzer, Mary Ann and Bill Balyeat, Marvin and Helen Carter, Jerry and Jean Home, Michael and Eileen Lawrence, Gene and Maura Mattson, Jim McGrath, Helen Miller, and Carol A. Meteney.

We were greeted by the XO CDR Brian Adams and then visited various areas of the base including the Laser Cladding/Laser Sintering/AMCAST, Dive Locker, Torpedo Intermediate Maintenance Activity Depot, and Range Test and Evaluation Briefing. Many did not know the mission of the Keyport Base, which is to provide test and evaluation; in-service engineering, maintenance, and repair; Fleet readiness, and industrial-base support for undersea warfare systems, countermeasures, and sonar systems.

Submitted by Carol Meteney

NUWC Keyport is again hosting a Pearl Harbor Remembrance:



*"Lest We Forget. . . Pearl Harbor"
Thursday, December 7, 2006
Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium
Program Begins at 11:00 a.m.
Public invited, Parking free*

Trafalgar Night

Navy League again honored our British friends during our annual dinner by recognizing the 201st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. The night began with a social hour and then our distinguished guests were “piped” in by Mr. Van Bradley who provided bag pipe music throughout the evening. After opening ceremonial activities, the beef was paraded by the guests, followed by it being served as the main course. Following dinner, President Larry Salter conducted the annual meeting business, Guy Stitt introduced the 2007 nominated Officers and Board of Directors, and Larry conducted the vote to elect the new Officers/Board.

Our Guest of Honor was Commodore David Jarvis, Royal Navy. Commodore Jarvis is the Chief of Strategic Systems in the Royal Navy. The Commodore was stationed with RDML's Drennan and French at the Strategic Command in Nebraska which is how he became to be our guest speaker. The Drennan's invited the Commodore and his wife Ginney to visit them and participate in our Trafalgar

Night. Since it was a reunion of sorts, they invited another of their friends who was stationed with them, Major General Emile Bataille, U.S. Army (Retired) and his wife Carol. Commodore Jarvis had the crowd rolling with laughter with his jokes and stories of women who used to sail on the British Man-of-War ships. He finished his speech with a somber toast to the immortal memory of Lord Nelson, who perished from wounds sustained at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The evening also included parading the cake, a formal cake cutting ceremony, and traditional toasts (The President, The Queen, USN, USMC, USCG, Merchant Marines, Royal Navy, and Spouses/Sweethearts of those who sail the seas). The event was closed as it was opened, with Mr. Bradley “piping” the conclusion.

This was a great event and fun was had by all. The Trafalgar Night Committee (Will Lent, Carol Meteney, Dave Shafer, and Guy Stitt) did an outstanding job planning the evening with Will Lent orchestrating their plans and coordination duties.

Contributed by Larry Salter



Above: Commodore David Jarvis, Royal Navy, honored guest speaker at the Trafalgar Night dinner. Top: Newly elected Officers and Board Members for 2007 at the annual dinner.

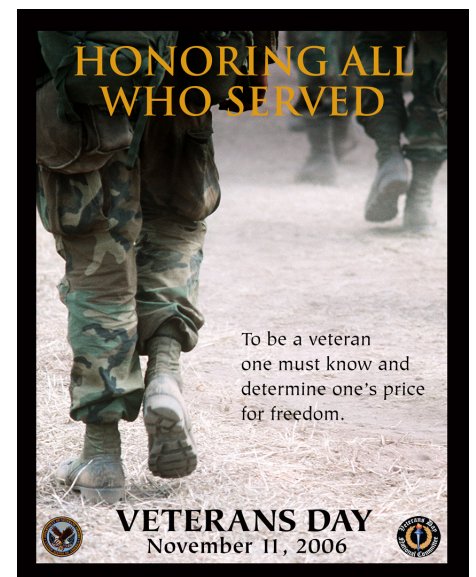
Veterans Day Ceremony, Sat, November 11th Kitsap Pavilion

Remember to attend the Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11th, in the Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Over 25 different organizations are working together to plan for this opportunity to “Honor All Who Serve.” The primary sponsors of the event are the Kitsap County Commissioners and our own Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council.


Highlights of this year's event are performances by the “Peninsula Pipes & Drums” and the “U.S. Navy Band.” The “West Sound Military Vehicle Preservation Club” will have several vehicles for viewing. And, Jurgen Brian will have his military memorabilia collection on display.

The Pavilion will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for viewing of the displays. The formal ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 11:45 a.m.

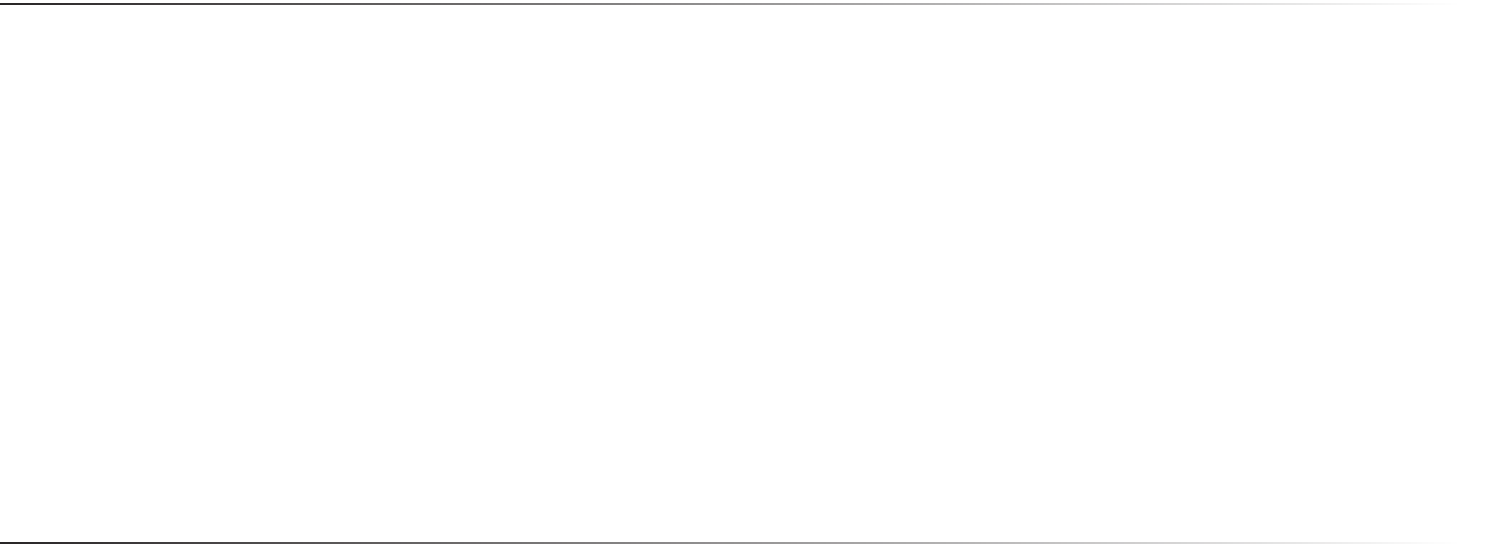
Rear Admiral William French, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, will serve as the guest speaker. The Knights of Columbus and the Kitsap Battalion Naval Sea Cadets will perform the Color Guard duties. There will be a ceremonial “Ring of the Bell” performed by disabled veteran, Carl Conn, who is also the Commander of American Legion Post #182. “Gold Star” families will be recognized. The program will conclude with a “Rifle Salute” provided by our local active duty Marine Corps personnel. And, “TAPS” will be performed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



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Planning Calendar

- Saturday Nov 11 Veterans Day Celebration, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Speaker, RDML William French
- Tuesday Nov 14 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
Marine Corps' 231st Birthday Celebration
Speaker, LtCol James T. Dillon, USMC
- Friday Dec 1 Presentation of "The Olympic Peaks" & Tour of USS John C. Stennis CVN 74
- Thursday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium
NUWC Keyport
- Tuesday Dec 12 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
Remembering Pearl Harbor
Speaker, Captain Will Lent USN (Retired)

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On This Date

November 7, 1881 - Naval Advisory Board submits report recommending the new ships in U.S. Navy be constructed of steel instead of iron.

November 11, 1981 - Commissioning of first Trident-class Nuclear Powered Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN-726).

November Luncheon

Date: November 14, 2006
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, NBK - Bangor

Program: Lt. Colonel James T. Dillon
 Commanding Officer,
 Marine Corp Security
 Forces Company, Bangor

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday, November 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.