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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

- ★ Gordon Jacobson
- ★ James Klose
- ★ Kirk Piering
- ★ Kendra Scroggs



President's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall and that you had a great Summer. Planning continues for a busy Fall schedule—please review the announcements pertaining to upcoming activities. We are going to combine our Annual Meeting with a Trafalgar Night celebration again this year—please sign up ASAP, the numbers have to be in by 11 October. Please review the 2007 slate of officers—I will be asking you to vote on them at the October dinner meeting.

Earle and Sandra Smith are still busy setting up for the Veterans Day Celebration for 11 November. If anyone is interested in helping with this, let Earle or Sandra know. There are two coordination meetings remaining (we have over 20 Veterans organizations participating) on 10/18 and 11/1 at the Eagles Nest (Fairgrounds) from 9 to 11 AM. This has been an awesome event—this year will be no different. RDML William French will be our guest speaker and we are holding it in the larger building this year to accommodate the 1000 plus attendees we are expecting.

Our 12 September luncheon featured a return engagement for Captain Reid Tanaka, CO of Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) who addressed the future growth of NBK. We also recognized two outstanding Sailors of the Quarter—HT1 (SW/DV) Robert Kuhn of the Intermediate Maintenance Facility and BM2 (SW/AW) Rigoberto Rodriguez from the Transient Personnel Unit. See the featured article for details.

I would like to welcome our newest Board member—Ms. Norma Parker. Norma has volunteered to be our editor and collect inputs for the newsletter. Since she was going to be involved in the newsletter and attending Board meetings, I convinced her she may as well participate as a Board member. Norma was voted in by the membership at the September luncheon. If you have inputs for the newsletter, please send them to Norma at nparker@reidrealestate.com.

We have many new members listed this month. I would like to provide them with a hearty “Welcome Aboard” and thank them for supporting the Sea Services. Two of our new members were recognized for their significant contribution to our Council by being presented Honorary Memberships. James Klose and Kirk Piering have been putting together our newsletter for over a year—an honorary membership is only a small token of our appreciation for their efforts. It was a good month for Community Affiliate Membership renewals—we had four. I would like to thank Countrywide Home Loans; Pacific Ship Repair and Fabrication, Inc; Tryck, Nyman, Hayes, Inc; and West Sound Bank for renewing their Community Affiliate Memberships. Our Corporate and Community Affiliate Members provide significant financial support for our mission—please support those who support us.

See you all at the October luncheon and Trafalgar Night. Thanks for all that you do.

Larry

★ Important Notice!! October Luncheon Location Change

Our October monthly luncheon will be held in the Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton on Tuesday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m. Please Note: This location change only applies to the October luncheon.

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Captain Tanaka Addresses Naval Base Kitsap Growth

For the September luncheon, we had a return engagement by Captain Reid Tanaka, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap (NBK). The topic for this presentation was NBK growth and challenges associated with that growth.

Captain Tanaka spent much of his time talking about the 8-2-4 growth plan and the challenges associated with it. 8-2-4 stands for 8 Trident Submarines; 2 SSGN Submarines; and 4 SSN Submarines. The biggest challenge is the mixed mission and the real estate required for this many submarines—life was simpler when Bangor only supported 6 Trident Submarines and one special mission submarine.

Captain Tanaka went on to address the challenges brought on by this growth and what he is doing to manage it. The challenges are significant and include housing additional personnel (including the newly assigned Coast Guard personnel), personnel parking, pier space for the addition submarines, weapons handling concerns/explosive arc requirements, vessel and transiting vessel security, and mission growth.

One of the most obvious mission growth areas is the addition of US Coast Guard personnel who will be manning the Transit Protection System (TPS)—this is a new mission area and has a Joint Regional Flag Board established for coordination. Bremerton will probably see operational submarines stationed there to alleviate the pier congestion at Bangor.

Captain Tanaka concluded his presentation by addressing the Navy's Individual Augmentee Program. The purpose of this program is for the Navy to send officer and enlisted personnel to support the land forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The challenge is that the Navy is organized to handle the deployment of entire organizations, not just ones and twos. When the Navy first started this program, they sent 4000 folks, they are currently supporting 8000, and expect to go to 10,000 in the near future. Most Augmentees are deployed for 6-12 months in country plus training stateside. The Captain asked if there was anyone who would like to volunteer to help him support the deploying member's family. If you are interested, contact Larry Salter and he will provide the list to Captain Tanaka.

The presentation concluded with a question and answer period and the traditional "mugging" by President Larry Salter.

Contributed by Larry Salter

Sailors of the Quarter Recognized

One of the neat things we do as a Council is recognize the outstanding efforts of our local enlisted Sailors.

During the September Luncheon, our Awards Committee Chairwoman, Alice Thomas, again put together a fitting recognition of these outstanding Sailors and we presented them with small tokens of our appreciation.

Being recognized were HT1 Robert Kuhn, Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Kitsap Senior Sailor of the Quarter (Second Quarter 2006); and BM2 (SW/AW) Rigoberto Rodriquez, Transient Personnel Unit, Kitsap Junior Sailor of the Quarter (Second Quarter 2006).

Unable to attend was FTSN (SS) Garrett Bollard, USS Nebraska, Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter (Second Quarter 2006). We will catch Seaman Bollard at a later luncheon.

HT1 Kuhn was accompanied by his Commanding Officer, Captain Ken Voorhees and Command Master Chief (SS) Brian P. Schell. BM2 Rodriquez was accompanied by his Commanding Officer, LCDR Kat Schneirla and Senior Enlisted Advisor, ASCM(AW/SW) James W. Huskey.

Congratulations to these two fine young gentlemen who are a credit to their Service and the Navy uniform.

Contributed by Larry Salter

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*



HT1 Robert Kuhn, Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Kitsap Senior Sailor of the Quarter (Second Quarter 2006)



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Sat, Nov 11th - Veterans Day Ceremony, Kitsap Pavilion

A Veterans Day ceremony and display of antique military vehicles/memorabilia will be held on Saturday, November 11th, in the Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA. 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 "Ringing 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.

For details of the event, visit the website: www.veteransdayonline.org



photo by James Klose

Above: Some of the antique military vehicles/memorabilia on display at the 2005 Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Kitsap Pavilion. These truly unique collections will again be on display this year.

West Sound Quilters Salute The Sea Services

This year the West Sound Quilters will be having their annual show on October 27-28-29, 2006. They will be showing their work at the President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Times for the show are Friday and Saturday from 10-5, and Sunday from 10-4. Donation is \$4.00.

The theme for the show this year is "Anchored in Tradition-A Salute to the Sea Services." They are especially saluting the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Special displays of flags and uniforms will be featured from the four services. They will also be displaying photos of family members who are presently on active duty in all our military services. There will be a tribute to our POW-MIAs. Decorations throughout the show will feature this sea-going theme.

The show will feature about 250 member quilts that have been completed in the past year. You will be able to vote for your favorite quilt each day by filling out your top three choices on the ballot in your program.

In addition, there will be a Treasure Chest where visitors may purchase quilt related items from guild members. Twenty-seven vendors from around the Pacific Northwest will also participate. A favorite section of the show is the full service café with wonderful soups, sandwiches and desserts. Doll lovers will enjoy the display of vintage and reproduction dolls owned by members of "Yesterday's Dolls" mini-group.

While you are at the show you will also see American Hero Quilts and Quilts of Valor. These are quilts presented to injured veterans from the Iraq and Afghan Wars. They will be donated to Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. and the Madigan Hospital in Ft. Lewis. Most of these quilts are made by members of the Friday's Girls on Thursday's mini-group. You will have a chance to thank a soldier by following the directions enclosed in your program.

Toys for Tots and a Food Bank donation bin are also available for your donations. Toys should be new and unwrapped.

We look forward to seeing you at our show.

Becky Olson Evans, Show Chair

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Notification to the Membership ★ Election of Officers

Officer Slate for 2007

Our by-laws require notification of the slate of officers for the following year be presented to the membership at least 30 days before they are voted on. We will be voting for the 2007 officers at our October annual meeting (Trafalgar Night). The nomination committee (Carol Meteney, Will Lent, John Payne, Ron Testa, and Tim Katona) present the below list for your consideration.

President	Stan Mack
Vice President	Guy Stitt
Treasurer	Dave Thomas
Secretary	Paul Lucas
Judge Advocate	Joe Hulsey



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Planning Calendar

Note Location Change!! →

- Tuesday Oct 10 Monthly Luncheon, Olympic Lodge, NBK-Bremerton
Speaker, CAPT J. D. Dowell, CO NUWC Keyport
- Saturday Oct 14 Trafalgar Night, Bangor Plaza
Dinner & Annual Meeting
Speaker, Royal Navy Commodore David Jarvis
- Saturday Oct 28 Kitsap Military Fall Festival, Kitsap Pavilion,
Kitsap Fairgrounds, 11AM to 3PM
- Saturday Nov 11 Veterans Day, Kitsap County Fairgrounds,
Speaker, RDML William French
- Tuesday Nov 14 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza

October

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On This Date

October 21, 1805 - Admiral Lord Nelson, defeated the combined French and Spanish fleet off Cape Trafalgar in the most decisive naval engagement of the Napoleonic Wars.
 October 27, 1922 - Navy League of U.S. sponsors first annual celebration of Navy Day to focus public attention on the importance of the U.S. Navy.

October Luncheon

Date: October 10, 2006
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Olympic Lodge,
 NBK - Bremerton

Program: CAPT Jonathan Dowell
 Commanding Officer,
 NUWC, Keyport, WA

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday, October 4th 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.