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NBK Ombudsmen Speakers for October 12 Luncheon

What is an Ombudsman? What do they do? Why are they needed? How do they fit into the overall support of the Navy families? Command Master Chief Fahrney and some Ombudsmen are invited to our October 12 luncheon to explain what they do and share some of their experiences.

Learn how their role compares to what military spouses and friends have done for centuries as loved ones are deployed. Learn also how the program directly benefits the Navy.

Gayle Brinkley wrote the following poem to help describe and define the Ombudsmen Program.

I AM AN OMBUDSMAN

I am an Ombudsman
I am not a crutch,
But I can support you.
I am not a Counselor,
But I know one.
I am not a taxi driver,
But I can steer you in the right direction.
I am not a rescuer,
But I can refer you to a caregiver.
I am not a gossip,er,
But I am a good listener.
I am not an enabler,
But I can provide tools to empower you.
I am not a master of anything,
But I know many experts who understand your needs.
I am not a Recreation or Health Specialist,
But I am concerned about your moral, welfare and health.
I am not a busybody as I have been called,
But I am an Official Command Representative.
I am a Navy Family Ombudsman and
I am of service to you.

The Navy Family
Gayle Brinkley

Come listen to this wonderful, dedicated group share their experiences. Please make reservations now by calling Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) today at 360.782.5500. Encourage your friends to attend and you will have a great time.



U.S. Navy photo

Luncheon Deadline

Call CTC now for your
luncheon reservation
360-782-5500



President's Message

Celebrating the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps birthdays each fall is a good time to reflect on their history and traditions. Their "services" born of necessity during the Revolutionary War, both being sea based, seriously began to define their missions in the late 1780's

President George Washington responded to the Barbary Pirate attacks on "Yankee" shipping by prodding congress... "if you wish peace, prepare for war." The Algerian demands for "tribute" accelerated the need to formalize a national government and ratification of our federal constitution followed in 1789.

The Tripolitan Wars provided an incubator for our government's foreign policy and established a heritage of Navy and Marine lore and traditions. Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794 commissioning the construction of six heavy frigates. Constitution "Old Iron Sides", United States and Constellation were the first three and most famous ships. The "New World's" superior ship building and skilled masters and commanders stunned the world. The War of 1812 clearly established the United

States as a global maritime state with a highly respected Navy and Marine corp.

The scale of today's global maritime trade is difficult to comprehend and we're supersizing again. As the enlarged Panama Canal nears completion, jumbo size container ships are being constructed to carry substantially more cargo even faster to the middle of the United States than ever before.

Today's average container ship carries approximately 15,000 containers...an 1860's Clipper ship carried the equivalent of one container. Imagine what the ports of Puget Sound would look like with 15,000 sailing ships trying to conduct business. The complexity of protecting the growing pressure on the world's sea lanes, ports and "choke points" like the Straits of Hormuz, Suez and Panama Canals, including Somali pirates and Iranian harassments is difficult to imagine...oh yes, and we're fighting a war too.

Our Sea Services are being tasked beyond our comprehension, so with this year's "Happy Birthday" greetings to our Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, let's reflect on more than 200 years of tradition, excellence, service and sacrifice that is unmatched ... anywhere in the world

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary S. Gunderson*

Upcoming Events Save the Date

October

- ★ Oct. 4 - NAS Whidbey Island Tour
Contact Byron Faber
- ★ Oct. 12 - Monthly luncheon
Ombudsman Program
- ★ Oct. 13 - U.S. Navy Birthday
235 years old
- ★ Oct. 15 - Naval Base Kitsap
Navy Birthday Ball
- ★ Oct. 27 - Navy League Birthday
118 years old
- ★ Oct. 17- 24 NL National Convention
(Jacksonville, FL)
- ★ Oct. 30 - Naval Aviation Panel,
Museum of Flight

November

- ★ Nov. 4 -Heroes' Welcome
Jackson Park
- ★ Nov. 9 - Monthly luncheon
Marine Corps Birthday Celebration
- ★ Nov. 10 - Marine Corps Birthday
- ★ Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Celebration

Reminder!

Council Elections for 2011

Greg Jose, the new Council Webmaster

We welcome Greg Jose as our new Council Webmaster. Greg also serves as our youth program coordinator working with both our Kitsap Sea Cadet Battalion and the three NJROTC programs in the area. Greg is certainly not a beginning Webmaster and we welcome his expertise. He will be working closely with Leah Wat-tree and with other members of the communications/education committee.

We thank Johann Schoberl for his work as Webmaster for the council and hope that his busy schedule will allow him time to return to a

more active role in council activities.

Greg hopes to have the website updated and give us a new look by using the masthead that is on the front of our newsletter. Greg deserves lots of credit for spearheading the "New Look" as a committee project with the communications committee. Everybody had great ideas and he was able to design something that everyone supported. Greg works for Art Anderson & Associates, one of our Community Affiliates and is also a member of the Bremerton Planning Commission.

Thanks Greg for all that you do.



YN2 Holly Nipp Recognized for her Excellence

YN2 Holly Nipp was honored for being the Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor Enlisted Person of the Quarter for the April 2010-June 2010 period. This awardee was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and photo sittings provided by Hudson Photography. These awards were presented by Alice Thomas, Awards Chair. YN2 Nipp was accompanied by her CO Michael Baroody, her supervisor and Master Chief Penny Koons.

These recognitions represent the outstanding achievements of these wonderful and dedicated young people. We in Navy League are fortunate to have the opportunity to meet these people and to be able to say thanks for their service to our country.

We are also fortunate to provide an added platform for their supervisors to applaud their good work.



Alice Thomas, Awards chair and CO Michael Baroody listen as YN2 Holly Nipp expresses her appreciation of receiving her plaque.

Hero's Welcome

The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council is proud to again join with Naval Base Kitsap Fleet and Family Support Program and MWR to help provide support for the Heroes' Welcome.

This outstanding event is in honor of the sacrifices made by all the Individual Augmentees and their families. This is the fourth year that this beautiful and very moving event has occurred and we are very fortunate to be invited to participate in the recognition and honor of these fine young men and women and their families.



U.S. Navy photos.

Thursday, November 4, 2010

Jackson Park Community Center
90 Olding Road,
Bremerton, WA 98312

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ceremony honoring all
Individual Deployers

Featuring Guest Speaker:
RDML Biesel, USN, Commander Navy
Region Northwest

- Info Fair
- Appreciation gifts
- Food provided

Child care available, register October 1-22
at Jackson Park CDC
360 396-41115 or 1-800-562-3301



Veterans Day, November 11, 2010

Plan now on attending this exceptional event to honor those who have served.

Each year, this event gets bigger and better, thanks to the hard work of two of our Navy League Council members, Earle and Sandra Smith. These two retired Navy Captains lead a group of about forty military support and community groups who come together once a year to provide support and a beautiful ceremony for military veterans. More than 1200 people generally attend this ceremony so that it is now the largest Veterans Day event in the State of Washington.

The speaker for this year's event will be Lt. Col (Ret.) Barry Bridger who is a highly decorated United State Air Force veteran and a survivor of six years in Vietnam's infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison camp for more than six years.

In October 1984, Barry retired after 22 years of service in the Air Force. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with V device, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and Prisoner of War Medal.



Thursday, November 11, 2010

Kitsap Sun Pavilion,
Kitsap Fairgrounds

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crazy Eric's will once again
provide lunch for everyone



Helping others... Project Connect

Helping others...Project Connect is an annual event that offers a one-stop opportunity for vulnerable individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes to secure vital supportive services to help them back on the road to self-sufficiency. Recent reports indicate there are at least 1,711 homeless households in Kitsap County, and 61 percent of those households list Bremerton zip codes. 21 percent have Port Orchard zip codes.

Project Connect is one of the mechanisms our local community is using to reach those who need assistance to prevent homelessness and to reach those who are already homeless whose basic needs for food, shelter, domestic violence services, advocacy, housing counseling, clothing and other needs are unmet.

Project Connect will be held on

January 26, 2011 at the Sheridan Park Community Center in East Bremerton. A local veterinarian will provide basic pet care and is also coordinating a pet food drive. We are planning to include some "quality of life" type opportunities at Project Connect, including free haircuts, foot care, and chair massages, courtesy of massage therapy interns from Everett College Ambassador Program. A free hot lunch will be available for all who attend this event.

Camping gear donations, such as gently used clean sleeping bags, lanterns, flashlights, tents, and tarps are desperately needed. Cash donations to help sponsor the event are also needed. Checks may be made payable to United Way; be sure to note that the donation is for Project Connect. Mailing address: 647 Fourth Street, Bremerton, WA 98337. Volunteers

are needed for the day of the event.

This request is included in the newsletter since so many of the homeless also are veterans. For more information contact the event chair:

Beverly Kincaid
soundgrants@wavecable.com



U.S. Navy photos.

Veterans Day



Photos by Ted Moore, Gold Wing Road Riders Motorcycle Club, Chapter "B".

Upcoming Navy League Tours

See Byron Faber today for reservations.

Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF)

Friday, September 24, 2011

This is an exciting Tour that few have ever experience

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

See what is included in the maintenance of the sub fleet, including a chance to view a periscope laid out in its components.

Schedule:

11:30 a.m. Keyport Underwater Museum parking lot

Noon Lunch, Bangor Plaza upstairs \$13.00

1:00 p.m. Tour begins at the IMF and will include a “windshield tour” of lower base to see the subs.

3:30 p.m. Return to Keyport and head for home

Special Note for this tour:

Please wear closed toe shoes, no cameras, recording devices, memory cards, laptops, contraband, etc. allowed.

Contraband is defined as weapons, knives, pepper spray, mace, self-defense items, alcohol and illegal substances.

Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island

Monday, October 4, 2011

Lots of great things to see. Kitsap Fairgrounds

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each time you go, you get to see different things - very exciting!

Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Tour starts –Meet at Langley Gate. (Go on Ault Field Road, turn on Langley Road, meet at Pass & ID Office)

Noon Lunch at the Officer’s Club approximately \$10.00

3:00 p.m. Tour ends

Byron Faber
byfaber@centurytel.net
360 638-1235



Navy League of the United States Mission Statement and Goals

A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and the United States Merchant Marine.

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.



Planning Ahead

**For best service, register early for the luncheon and the tours.
See article on tours for registration information and dates.**

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