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## Coast Guard Presents Award for Heroic Rescue in Puget Sound

The Coast Guard presented the Silver Life Saving Medal to Petty Officer 1st Class Juston L. Heacox and the Certificate of Valor to Barney McGinley for their heroic effort that saved two lives off of Point-No-Point State Park in Hansville, Washington on July 26, 2010.

Heacox and McGinley were on the beach when they heard screams coming from two boys who were caught in a rip current approximately 200 yards from shore.

The two men waded out into the 52-degree water toward the boys. They provided instruction for them to swim toward shore at an angle in an effort to draw them closer. While struggling to keep their footing in the strong current, Heacox and McGinley were able to reach the boys with a rope, which they carried from shore. Upon return to shore, Heacox and McGinley treated the boys for hypothermia and exhaustion. Despite their own hypothermic conditions they remained on scene and ensured the boy's conditions were properly treated.

The Silver Lifesaving Medal is awarded by the Commandant of the Coast Guard to any person who rescues, or endeavors to rescue, any other person from drowning, shipwreck, or other perils of water. The rescue or attempted rescue must either

take place in waters within the United States or subject to its jurisdiction, or one of the parties must be a citizen of the United States or be from a vessel or aircraft owned or operated by citizens of the United States. Since 1874, approximately 1,900 Silver Lifesaving Medals have been awarded.

For additional information contact the District 13 Public Affairs Officer at 206 220-7237

Editor's note:  
Rear Admiral Keith

A Taylor, 13th Coast Guard District Commander presented the Silver Lifesaving Medal and the Certificate of Valor with the help of the new Commanding Officer of the Maritime Force Protection Unit at Bangor, Thomas Sullivan and representatives of the unit.

Other recipients of this medal include General George S. Patton, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Richard E. Byrd.

I was told that this medal is given to very few in the Coast Guard because saving lives is part of their job description, so the award is only given to someone who goes "above and beyond" normal expectations.

Thanks to the Coast Guard for inviting our council to witness such a great ceremony.

(see photo on page 7)





## President's Message

Here, school has started and everyone is filling their calendars. Some of our members have left for a cruise from

Vancouver, B.C. to Southern California and we will look forward to hearing their stories. Thanks to our Judge Advocate, George Rose for putting this trip together.

Thanks to Byron Faber and Robert Cairns for setting up a last minute tour on the USNS Henry J. Kaiser at Manchester Fuel Depot. Usually ships are in and out of the Depot within 24 hours and so there is no chance for a tour. This ship had a longer turn around time and so we were able to take advantage of this opportunity. Check out the article that Norm Marten has written giving all of the details of the tour and the ship. The weather was perfect for the tour and it was great to have several "new faces" on the tour.

This month we have included several write-ups on the Sailors of the Quarter to give you an idea of the many wonderful accomplishments of these young men and women. They are truly impressive. Thanks to Tom Danaher and Erin Sorensen for all of the work they are doing in identifying these outstanding people and to the businesses who are contributing special opportunities

for them. All deserve big thanks.

We have several very exciting upcoming events and opportunities to honor our military, including our veterans. Heroes' Welcome at Jackson Park on November 3 is an excellent opportunity to say thanks to the young men and women who are deployed as individuals around the world. Our Veterans Day Program on November 11, 10 am at the Kitsap Sun Pavilion at the Fairgrounds is another time to say thanks. Last year we had between 1700 and 1800 people in attendance at that great event.

We were sorry to bid farewell to two board members, Terry Halvorson and Norma Parker and thank them for all of the work that they provided to our members. We welcome Patricia Germane as a new board member.

Almost 1000 people attended the PSNS Apprentice Graduation, Class of 2011 on Friday, September 23. This includes about 262 graduates who maintained extremely high grade point averages while working full time and going to school. Both the students and their instructors are to be highly commended.

Thanks to Carol Meteney for her article on the need for more volunteers on the USS Turner Joy. Contact the ship at [www.ussternerjoy.org](http://www.ussternerjoy.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

Here is to a safe and happy Fall.

## USS Bremerton Display A Partnership



Mayor Lent and the city of Bremerton are playing the lead role in putting together a permanent display honoring the USS Bremerton. The display is anchored by the huge bell cast at PSNS for the CA 130, Baltimore-class heavy cruiser.

The first USS Bremerton was built by the New York Shipyard Corporation in Camden, New Jersey and was commissioned 29 April 1945. More of her story will be explored in future newsletters or on the web. She was decommissioned on July 29 1960.

On March 28, 1981, SSN-698 became the second USS Bremerton, a Los Angeles-class submarine, built in Groton, Connecticut by the Electric Boat Company and named after the city of Bremerton. The USS Bremerton holds the distinction of being the oldest commissioned submarine in the United States Navy and is proudly sponsored by the City of Bremerton, Puget Sound Naval Base Association and the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council.

The display will be on the sixth floor of the Norm Dicks Conference Center and will include documents and photos of the vessels. Scott Bartlett, Curator of the Kitsap County Historical Association, is playing a major role in putting this display together.

Look forward to a dedication of this great display in the near future.

## Navy League Award



*Petty Officer Humen receiving a Navy League plaque for Sailor of the Quarter from Captain Baker, CO of the IMF Bangor*

Petty Officer MM1 Travis Humen demonstrated exemplary mentorship by working with a struggling sailor to solve his financial and security issues, allowing that sailor the opportunity to be retained in the Navy.

His exceptional managerial ability as Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society coordinator contributed to achieving 100 % contact of sailors at IMF Bangor and raising nearly 10,000 dollars for families in need. He exhibited notable esprit-de-corps by volunteering to work extra hours with no advance notice at the Pure Water Shop to support ship's operations, enabling ships to meet their operational commitments.



# Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets Train on USS Turner Joy



is for American youth ages 13-17 who have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Sea Cadets are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy

On August 20th, 2011, Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets went aboard the USS Turner Joy, DD-951, for an 8 hour day. We started at 0930 with PT then went aboard at 1000 for a long day of fun

This training was lead by Petty Officer Weiss from the Bremerton Historic Ship's Association. He showed us how to fight a fire, swab a deck, and gave us a tour of the entire ship. The cadets learned about different areas of the ship including the magazine, engine room, boiler room and the different directions on a ship.

The USS Turner Joy was named after Admiral Charles Turner Joy. She is the last in the FORREST SHERMAN destroyers and the first Navy ship to bear the name. She has done several tours of the Pacific and was an active part in the Vietnam War. The USS Turner Joy was decommissioned in 1984 and was taken off the Navy list in 1990. She now serves as a museum in Bremerton, WA near the ferry terminals.

Sea Cadets in attendance were PO3 Ezekiel Oliver, SN Daniel Krieg, and SR Patrick Hansen. Navy League Cadets in attendance were LC3 Alexis Eidsvaag, LC2 Katie Patrick and LC2 Casey Shaubell. Officers in attendance were LTJg Robert Medal, NSCC, Commanding Officer; INST Carmen Gorak, NSCC, Executive Officer; MIDN Peter Gorak, NSCC, Regional Staff and INST Rose Patrick, NSCC, Supply Officer. New enrollees, Diego Adamski and Mitchell Wortman were on hand as well.

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)

to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with the Sea Cadet Corps insignia. The objectives of the Sea Cadet program are to introduce youth to Naval life, to develop in them a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, and self-reliance, and to maintain an environment free of drugs and gangs.

The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is for boys and girls, at least 11 but not yet 13 years old, who are interested in the sea and ships, and our nation's seagoing services. The Navy League program is designed to introduce young people to maritime and military life, and to prepare them for later entrance into the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

If a Sea Cadet attains the rank of E-3, and the cadet decides to join any of the sea-going services, the cadet can come in as an E-3 in the United States Navy or United States Coast Guard or an E-2 in the United States Marine Corps.

If you would like information on how to join the Sea Cadets, please contact LTJg Rob Medal at 360-536-8098, or go to our website, <http://www.usnscckitsap.co.nr> and click on "Contact Information" and fill out the information.

If you would like our award winning Color Guard to perform for your event or if you need someone for parking detail (our unit has done several events like Whaling Days and the Brownsville Appreciation Days where we ran parking details), click on "Public Affairs" and we will get back to you within 24-48 hours of your request.

## "Navy SEAL Team Foundation" Fundraiser is a Big Success!



Sandra and Earle Smith represented our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council at a recent boat trip fundraiser for the "Navy SEAL Team Foundation." The group departed from the Bremerton foot Ferry dock on Sunday, September 18 for a ride to Blake Island's Tillicum Village. They enjoyed a delicious salmon dinner and native American dancing. The total cost of the boat ride and dinner were picked up by the following sponsors: "Applied Technical Systems, Inc.," "Paladin," "Kitsap SUN" and "Kitsap Harbor Tours." This allowed all donations collected to go directly to the "Navy SEAL Team Foundation" in support of the men who were killed in the August 6th helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Congressman Norm Dicks fully supported the fundraiser and was on board for the boat trip. All in all, over \$16,000 was raised by this event.

*Article/photo by Sandra Smith*

# Tour of USNS Henry J Kaiser T-AO-187



Through the much appreciated work of Bob Cairns, Deputy Director at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Puget Sound (a/k/a Manchester Fuel Depot) 14 very fortunate Bremerton-Olympic Council members were treated to the special opportunity to tour a fleet replenishment oiler docked there on September 21, 2011. And, as always, Byron Faber successfully coordinated the very short notice (2 days!) event for us. Thanks to both of them.

The USNS Henry J Kaiser T-AO-187 is the lead ship of a class of an original 18 oilers which provide fuel to underway Navy combat ships as well as jet fuel for aircraft aboard aircraft carriers. The Kaiser, launched in 1985, is 677 feet in length and carries 180,000 barrels of fuel. Some limited additional stores can be carried. The ship is operated under the Military Sealift Command and is "manned" (one woman) by a 100% civilian crew of about 80 professional mariners, although at one time there was a small component of US Navy personnel aboard for communications. There is still a signal flag hut above the bridge, but it is no longer used.

The ship's captain and the watch officer, showed us much of the ship... including the impressively clean engine room, of which the captain is justifiably proud, the engineering control room, fuel transfer stations on both sides on deck, crew dining and lounge facilities, fuel transfer control room and the bridge. And, of course, we got to see much of the ship walking and climbing from one area to another. The captain noted that, unlike the Navy where average age is on the lower

side, his crew tends to be older as they are all career mariners. The ship is under US Coast Guard licensing regulations.

The work of the Kaiser and other ships of the class enable US Navy combat ships to remain in service at sea to perform their duties. Underway replenishment can occur at any time of the day or night and under most any weather conditions. The oiler and ship being supplied operate on a parallel course only 160-180 feet apart where even the smallest steering miscalculation by either ship can be a disaster, a fortunately rare event.

Normally, fleet replenishment oilers are at the pier for a very short period, with many work operations going on that preclude safe touring. The Kaiser, however, is undergoing a five year tank

testing program in which personnel float on a raft inside a fuel tank filled with non potable fresh water which is gradually lowered and then pumped into another tank. They move around inside each tank checking for cracks. Not for the claustrophobic, for sure. At the end of the process, the Manchester facility receives the pumped out water from the last tank, cleans it of any oil residue, and legally discharges it into Puget Sound. The oil is sent for recycling. This all requires that it be docked for a longer period of time, with no otherwise dangerous work operations, thus our unique tour opportunity. When finished, the Kaiser will refill her tanks with fuel and return to service.

Our thanks again to all involved.

*Norman Marten*





## **Citation for Yeoman First Class (Surface/ Aviation Warfare) Catherine L. Cline**

**F**or superior performance of duty while serving as the Administrative Department Leading Petty Officer, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to her selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011.

Petty Officer Cline's expertise, superb managerial ability, and persistent attention to detail were instrumental as she led five Sailors and two civilians in the daily operations of the Administrative Department. She demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional knowledge as the Command Indoctrination Coordinator by assisting with the coordination and facilitation of three Command Indoctrinations to over 60 newly reporting Sailors. As one of the most seasoned Command Duty Officers, her professionalism, integrity, and ability to handle any given situation has made her a true asset to the command.

She performed flawlessly as the Alternate Command Pass Coordinator by preparing skeleton files, organizing check-in packages, and requesting sponsors for inbound personnel. As the Command's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Advocate, she volunteered 732 hours manning the Sexual Assault Response Helpline and personally handled 6 sexual assault cases from start to finish without query. Petty Officer Cline's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

P. M. DAWSON  
Captain, United States Navy  
Commanding Officer

## **Citation for Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Pamela R. Barnes**

**F**or superior performance of duty while assigned to the Food Service Department, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to her selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011.

Seaman Apprentice Barnes consistently performed her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Demonstrating exceptional initiative and technical ability, she provided outstanding customer service and aided in the production of over 30,000 quality meals per month. She was instrumental in maintaining the highest level of sanitation, averaging 98 percent on monthly Health and Sanitation Inspections, and contributed significantly to Naval Base Kitsap receiving its tenth consecutive "Five Star" Accreditation Award for Food Service Excellence.

She expertly prepared and delivered over 10 cakes including the monthly birthday cake, as well as numerous retirement and reenlistment cakes. As a community ambassador, she volunteered numerous off-duty hours to community relations programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, Green Mountain Elementary School, and Poulsbo Middle School. Seaman Apprentice Barnes' professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

P. M. DAWSON  
Captain, United States Navy  
Commanding Officer

## **Citation for Master-at-Arms Second Class David T. Vally**

**F**or superior performance of duty while serving as Assistant Anti-terrorism Training Officer, Naval Base Kitsap from April to June 2011, leading to his selection as Naval Base Kitsap's Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2011.

Petty Officer Vally consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His unrelenting support of the Command's mission are hallmarks of his contributions to the Security Department and were instrumental in providing the highest quality of Security and Force Protection services for over 18,500 military and civilian personnel under Naval Base Kitsap's jurisdiction.

Demonstrating superb Anti-terrorism support and technical expertise, he initiated ten drill packages and coordinated multi-agency participation. His actions were key in Naval Base Kitsap maintaining the highest state of mission readiness. Civic minded, he supported the Special Olympics and volunteered 27 off-duty hours, raising awareness and contributions totaling over 35,000 dollars during the Law Enforcement Annual Torch Run Campaign. His contributions ensured positive relations and improved the Quality of Life for the community. Petty Officer Vally's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

P. M. DAWSON  
Captain, United States Navy  
Commanding Officer



COMMANDING OFFICER  
USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)  
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15 September 2011

Dear Friends of STENNIS,

As we conclude our first two months of deployment, I want to pass on our crew's appreciation for the tremendous support that you provide. Our Sailors work hard, train hard, and accomplish amazing feats each and every day as we transit to the FIFTH FLEET Area of Responsibility for future combat operations.

In late August, after five weeks at sea, JCS Sailors were anticipating some well deserved liberty in our first planned port visit, Manila. However, mother nature had other plans. The strong winds and high seas spawned by Typhoon Mila prevented us from launching liberty boats and forced us back into the open ocean. This storm prevented hundreds of joyous reunions between JCS Sailors and their families, and halted our crew's well-laid plans to assist local citizens with community service projects. Nonetheless, the crew stoically continued its day to day tasking - and I am confident this great ship and its Sailors will one day return.

After sailing further West, we finally reached firm ground in Port Kelang, Malaysia, to implement a goal shared by both Admiral Faller and myself - "liberty with a purpose." We could not have been more proud of the results. During the next four days in Port Kelang and Kuala Lumpur, our Sailors displayed an unmatched level of competence, professionalism, and character to the citizens of Malaysia. On September 6, the ship hosted a reception for over three hundred dignitaries, including the United States Ambassador to Malaysia. Our host nation's Joint Defense Forces Commander, Chief of Air Force, Chief of the Navy, and Undersecretary of Defense were also in attendance. Meanwhile, thousands of JCS Sailors served as everyday ambassadors for our Navy ashore, by participating in multiple community service projects for the youth and senior citizens of Malaysia, and enjoying their liberty time in Kuala Lumpur without incident.

Our mission to strengthen relations with the people of Malaysia continued even after pulling anchor. As soon as STENNIS returned to blue water, the Ambassador and several of Malaysia's most senior military leaders arrived onboard to witness our Sailors in action. This visit was highlighted by

rides onboard an FA-18F and MH-60R, for Malaysia's Chief of Air Forces and Chief of Navy respectively. Simultaneously, KD LEIKU (F30) and KD SELANGOR (F176) from the Royal Malaysian Navy participated in a group sail with STENNIS and MOBILE BAY (GC 53), setting the stage for increased maritime cooperation in the years to come. To summarize, our port visit exceeded all expectations, and solidified the foundation for a lasting friendship between our two Navies and our people as a whole.

Only days ago, we remembered the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, in a moving ceremony in Hangar Bay Two. LCDR William Motes, the Administrative Officer for Carrier Air Wing NINE, provided a gripping firsthand account of how that day's tragedy at the Pentagon affected his family. In addition, both myself and Admiral Faller spoke to the crew and voiced a common theme - honoring the sacrifices of 9/11 with our own sacrifices today. As we briefly ceased our daily routines to reflect that Sunday afternoon, we could not help but think of our families and loved ones back home. It is your love and support, and the generous help from our Family Readiness Group and Ombudsman Team, that gives us the strength to persevere in the face of adversity.

As I write this, our ship steadily advances to the FIFTH FLEET Area of Responsibility. We will celebrate another milestone in days, when we promote dozens of deserving men and women to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Meanwhile, the rest of our Sailors fight off long hours and high temperatures to stand bridge watch, work in propulsion plants, plan combat missions, study for advancement exams, and prepare food on the mess decks.

From the most junior blueshirt to the most senior officer, our crew is well aware of its fundamental mission - providing timely and sustained combat power to save the lives of Soldiers and Marines on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. I hope you will continue to keep JCS Sailors in your thoughts and prayers as we assume our rightful place on the watch, forward deployed to protect you, our friends, and the American way of life.



Warmest Regards,

R. REIS  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

(Above) Sailors prepare an F/A-18C Hornet from the Golden Dragons of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 192 for flight operations aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) (photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Walter M. Wayman/Released) and (right) STENNIS sailors providing community support.





# Planning Ahead

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

October 11	Luncheon-Naval Hospital Bremerton-Stories from IA's
October 13	Navy Ball, Bangor Plaza Ballroom
October 15	Theodore Roosevelt, Re-enactor, Kitsap Mall, 1 pm
October 26	Tour of Point-No-Point Lighthouse and My Girl Museum Call Byron Faber
October 26-30	Navy League of the U.S., National Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn.
November 2	Board Meeting, Drake Evan's home, 5:30 pm
November 3	Deadline for luncheon reservation, Call 360 782-5500
November 3	Heroes' Welcome, Jackson Park, 5:30 pm
November 8	Luncheon, Marine Birthday, RDML Benedict, speaker
November 9	Lake Washington Council Dinner, Bellevue Red Lion
November 11	Veterans Day, Kitsap Sun Pavilion, 10 am
November 19	Tour of USS Turner Joy and Naval Museum, call Byron Faber



Coast Guard Rear Adm. Keith A. Taylor, 13th Coast Guard District Commander (center) presented the Silver Life Saving Medal to Petty Officer 1st Class Justin L. Heacox(left) and the Certificate of Valor to Barney McGinley(right) at a ceremony held at the Kvelstad Pavillion in Poulsbo, Wash., Sept. 23, 2011. Heacox and McGinley received their awards for rescuing two boys off of Point-No-Point State Park on July 26, 2011. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan W. Bradshaw)

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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.**