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### NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome Aboard*

- ★ Christine Rolfe

## Monday, November 12th - Veterans Day Ceremony

### Kitsap Pavilion

A Veterans Day ceremony and display of antique military vehicles/memorabilia will be held on Monday, November 12th, in the Kitsap SUN 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 the 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 and Dale Nitz will have their military memorabilia collections 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 am. Crazy Eric's Drive-In will provide FREE food in the Pavilion immediately after the ceremony as a way of saying 'thanks' to our veterans.

Rear Admiral James Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, will address the audience and then introduce the guest speaker. Mr.

John Lee, Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs 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". "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 to conclude the formal ceremony

Motorcycle riding veterans will be out in full force. They usually make up the largest group turnout for this event. They will be departing at 9:45 a.m. from the Legend Harley-Davidson dealership in Silverdale and will ride to the Kitsap County Fairgrounds together to show their support of the troops and our veterans. Immediately after the Veterans Day ceremony, they will all ride back to the Silverdale dealership where a "donations only" Veterans Day BBQ will be provided. All proceeds from the BBQ go to the "Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society."

Details of the event can be seen on the following website:

[www.veteransdayonline.org](http://www.veteransdayonline.org)



## President's Corner

Please put Monday November 12th on your calendar now. This is the Navy League sponsored Veteran's Day program which is supported by all of the local veteran's organizations. It is at the Fairgrounds Pavilion, thanks to the County Commissioners. The ceremony will start at 10:00 AM. The primary speaker is Mr. John Lee, Director of the Washington State Department of Veteran's Affairs. We expect 1000 to 1200 people, and this event receives national recognition. What better way to honor our veterans than participating in this quality event?

Our Lone Sailor Statue project is now in full fund raising mode. The next big opportunity is Bremerton Blackberry Festival over Labor Day Weekend. We will have a booth there for information and donations. We will be next to the TURNER JOY gift shop, so plan to stop by and make your pledge or contribution. We have now signed the contract for the statue with the Navy Memorial Foundation and made a down payment. Remember, the goal is to complete the project with a ribbon cutting ceremony next Armed Forces Day in May of 2008. Visit the website for more information:

[www.lonesailor-bremerton.org](http://www.lonesailor-bremerton.org)

If you can't make it to the Blackberry Festival, you can also find contribution information on the website. Please help the Navy League to bring the Lone Sailor home to Bremerton next May.

Thanks,

*Stan Mack*

### Luncheon Raffle Winners

**Betty Freiwald** — Free lunch at next month's luncheon meeting  
**Henry Alexieff** — A lap blanket from Patriot's Landing  
**Larry Ficca** — A lap blanket from Patriot's Landing

# Announcements

At the luncheon meeting, August 14th the membership elected Helen Miller and Pamela Ladd to the Nominating Committee to select the next members for election to our Board of Directors.

Look for the Navy League booth at the Blackberry Festival on the Bremerton Harborside Waterfront Labor Day Weekend. We will be providing information on the Lone Sailor Memorial and soliciting donations as well as distributing membership information.

## Public Invited Navy League Luncheon September 11

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza (formerly called the Trident Ballroom, CMO) Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. Captain Charles Richards, Commander Submarine Squadron 17, will serve as the guest speaker.

All guests must RSVP and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Reservations are required. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, September 5th. The cost of the luncheon is \$12/person.

Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and help support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

## Last Month's Lunch



*Commander Will Noftsker, USCG, the guest speaker at last month's luncheon discussed the Coast Guard's operations in Kitsap County as well as in the*

*State of Washington. CDR Noftsker stated the USCG Maritime Force Protection Unit had only one personnel in Kitsap County a year ago. Currently there are 32 and that number should double in this month.*

# Meet Your Board Members



Byron Faber is one of Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council's newest board members. Byron only joined Navy League in 2006, but jumped right in to lend a hand. Byron fills the position of Administrative Support, but he has become famous for his delicious chocolate cakes and desserts. Byron provided the wonderful cake for the Bud Hawk Legion of Honor Presentation last month.

Byron states that during WWII, his father was a Navy Corpsman and spent a bit of time in Bremerton. In 1964 while a Private in the Army, he decided to become a physician. After following his ambition, he arrived in Bremerton in 1977 to practice Radiology. Although his practice was mostly in Bremerton, he also covered clinics or hospitals in Poulsbo, Port Townsend, Sequim, Port Angeles and Forks until 2005 when he retired. In addition, he has a medical license in Hawaii where he enjoyed doing vacation relief work for doctors in Honolulu and Kauai. (Sounds like Byron was on vacation here!)

Byron has a great appreciation for the military and has always wanted to do what he could to support the Navy. He learned of the Navy League last year and instantly joined the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council.

Byron currently resides just north of Kingston in North Kitsap. He enjoys traveling, cooking, and especially the Corvette Club activities and can sometimes be seen doing things with the Ferrari Club.

# Bring "The Lone Sailor" Home!

"Ship's Homeport – Sailor's Hometown," Bremerton's catchphrase, is a perfect metaphor to describe the momentum behind our effort to place a "Lone Sailor" on the new Bremerton Marina. As many of you know, The Lone Sailor Statue®, the creation of artist Stanley Bleifeld, is the centerpiece of the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington DC. To purchase a full size replica of that statue from the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, and allow for erecting a fitting tribute to honor our military right here in the "other Washington", we need to raise \$300,000.

Some GREAT NEWS! – The council was recently awarded a leadership grant, in the amount of \$100,000, by the Seattle Foundation from the Memorial Trust of deceased council member C. Keith Birkenfeld of Bainbridge Island.

More GREAT NEWS! - The Port of Bremerton is providing the council a site to erect the memorial on their new breakwater pier, just adjacent to the ferry docks in downtown Bremerton where the Lone Sailor will render honors to our homeported Navy vessels returning from ex-

tended deployment.

We are on our way! - But we need more money to make this a reality. Be a part of this exciting new chapter in local history – DONATE NOW! Visit our website at [www.lonesailor-bremerton.org](http://www.lonesailor-bremerton.org) for more information and instructions. You can send in your donation to the council at "Navy League - The Lone Sailor; PO Box 626; Bremerton, WA 98337". Thanks for your interest. "Let's Make it Happen!"

Ron Testa, Co-Chair  
The Lone Sailor Statue Committee

## Tours & Travels

Stay tuned for an announcement of a tour to visit the "Dream Liner" at Boeing and a trip to the Museum of Light. More information in next month's newsletter.

For information on tours, contact Carol Meteney, Tours Director, by E-mail at [cmeteney2@wave-cable.com](mailto:cmeteney2@wave-cable.com) or visit our website.

# Navy League Wins Award



Navy League members and Navy personnel again enjoyed a fun morning aboard the local Navy League float at the Whaling Days Grand Parade on Saturday, July 28. Navy League received a "3rd Place Award" for their participation.

Our "Thanks" to our float committee, John Payne, Louis Mejia and Tim Katona for all their help this summer.

## Letters to the Editor



Dear Norma,

Tecumseh is another 41 for freedom not named for a president. Two other Tecumseh tidbits. The original name was William Penn. The Quakers did not want a war machine named after their leader. I believe Tecumseh is also the only US warship named after an enemy.

Dene Rogers

Dear Dene,

Thank you for the information. I welcome and encourage comments from our members.



Lone Sailor Statue Memorial Committee members Carol Meteney, Ron Testa and Stan Mack are all smiles as they hold up a BIG CHECK: \$100,000. The Seattle Foundation, with funding from the Memorial Trust of deceased council member C. Keith Birkenfeld of Bainbridge Island, provided this leadership grant to our council's The Lone Sailor Statue® Memorial fundraising effort.



President, Stan Mack and MCPO Wayne North join Alice Thomas, NL's Awards Chair, in presenting GM1 Joel Burkhardt with a plaque recognizing him as the 2006 Bangor/Keyport Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year.



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## Planning Calendar

- Tuesday      September 4      Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm.  
Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
- Tuesday      September 11      Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza  
Speaker: Captain Charles Richards  
Commander Submarine Squadron 17
- Wednesday      October 3      Board of Director's Meeting 6:00 pm  
Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
- Tuesday      October 9      Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
- Thursday      October 25      Navy Day Birthday Dinner, Bangor Plaza  
Keynote Speaker: Past President, Teddy Roosevelt
- Monday      November 12      NL Veterans Day Observance  
Kitsap County Fairgrounds

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## Navy League Online

*Access this link to find more Navy League news, stories and upcoming activities.*



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