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BROLPN Council Attends Seafair Week



The 59th annual Seattle Seafair Fleet Week came to a close Aug. 4 in Seattle. Rear Adm. James Symonds, commander Navy Region Northwest stated, "The Navy owes a big debt of gratitude to the Navy League, who coordinates so many of these events."

The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser USS Princeton (CG 59) and Whidbey Island-class amphibious dock landing USS Germantown (LSD 42), both ships home ported in San Diego, made an overnight stop at NAVSTA Everett prior to leaving for the Seattle Seafair festivities. While at Everett the crews of both ships were treated to a great barbecue with live music, exhibits, sports activities which was sponsored by the Everett Navy League Council. The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council assisted Everett with a \$500 finan-

cial contribution. There were other recreational activities sponsored by the NAVSTA Everett. The barbecue hosted over 800 sailors.

The Navy vessels kicked off the week with a parade of ships in downtown Seattle's Elliott Bay and then offered ship tours to the public on Pier 90 during their week-long port visit as part of the Seafair Fleet Week celebration.

Sailors enjoyed discounts at various venues, many different Morale, Welfare and Recreation trips including white water river rafting, a Seattle Mariners baseball game, where two Sailors got to throw out the first pitch, a winery tour and a golf tournament.

Way to Go Navy League and MWR!!!



Kathy Gambill, President of the Everett NL Council discussing Navy League events past and future with Guy Stitt, President of BROLPN at the Seafair Bar-B-Que.

Proposed New Slate of Officers for 2009

We have a new slate of officers for 2009 according to the Council Nominating Committee. The recommendations will be presented formally at the Annual Dinner Meeting on October 17. Nominations from the floor are always welcomed at that time. Members will vote and the results will be announced that evening. Actual installation will take place in January.

Proposed Slate of Officers:

President	David Thomas
Vice President	Gary Gunderson
Treasurer	Tim Katona
Secretary	Susan Larsen
Judge Advocate	George Rose

A minimum proposal of ten Board Directors will also be announced.

We thank our members for stepping forward to serve our Council and carry on the great work that has been accomplished in the past.

Grass Roots Legislative Affairs

The Grass Roots Legislative committee has become a priority for Michael McGrath, our National President. As Northwest Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs, I am pleased to say we are making a difference. The Members of Congress and Senators that we have contacted are now aware that our fleet size needs to be expanded. The current number of ships in our fleet is at a low of 278. Our Navy League is supporting the size of our fleet to increase to 313 ships. This will take letting our elected Congress know our wishes for a strong Sea Service. Please support this effort and let me know if you would be interested in assisting me to accomplish this.

At this time we have contacted 19 of the 28 Members of Congress in our region. Our mission of educating our legislature is being worked on. Thank you for your membership and support.

*Submitted by Carol Meteney
Legislative Affairs*

Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony October 17

Save the date of October 17, at the Kitsap Conference Center for our Annual Dinner and community celebration of the people and organizations who have really made a difference in the support of the sea services.

At previous annual dinners, we have celebrated Lord Nelsen's victory at Trafalgar and have honored the memory of Theodore Roosevelt. This year we will salute those within our own community who have helped protect and strengthen our country, helped our Council meet our mission and goals and who have shared their talents and resources so generously.

Check your mailbox after September 17 for more specific information.

Planning Ahead

The November luncheon will be changed due to our normal 2nd Tuesday falling on Veteran's Day. November is also the Marine Corp's birthday and we are working on getting an active duty General for our speaker. Please check your October newsletter for more information on date and speaker.

Finishing Touches on Our Lone Sailor

Our Lone Sailor Statue nears completion at the New York Foundry before getting his orders to come across country to stand watch on the new Bremerton breakwater in Puget Sound. Our Council is doing a superb job of coordinating the fundraising efforts to make certain that this sailor stands tall and proud on our shores for the next hundred years.

The Lone Sailor committee headed by Ron Testa and Tim Thomson has been reaching out to community groups, friends and military contacts to bring this wonderful symbol of honor, courage and commitment to the Northwest.

The great news is that we have raised the necessary funds for the statue. Now we can focus on the remaining \$50,000 needed for the installation and dedication.

Check out the website at www.lonesailor-bremerton.org to see how you can support your Lone Sailor.

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

August Sets Yet Another Record for Membership

We continue to set new records each month for membership. As of 17 August we are at 547. Thanks for everyone's efforts in increasing our membership. Between signing up new Community Affiliates and individual members, Norma Parker has been the single biggest contributor to our increased membership numbers. Thanks Norma! Norma's response to her success is "all you have to do is ask".....something we might all

learn from. All you have to do is ask your friends and business associates to support Navy League — in many cases, that is all it takes. Not only are we making steady progress in meeting our membership goal, but we are also very close to becoming the largest council in the NW. Please keep up your good efforts in recruitment.

*Submitted by Larry Salter
Membership Chairman*

September Proclaimed Navy Sea Cadet Corps Month

J. Michael McGrath, Navy League National President, is pleased to inform you that he has proclaimed the month of September, 2008 as Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month in recognition of the many benefits we all realize from this premier youth program. While he urges you to support the NSCC program fully throughout the year, designating September as NSCC Month will give you an opportunity to place special emphasis on the Navy League's exclusively sponsored youth education program.

The NSCC program is an important part of the Navy League and this great country. The training and education provided to NSCC cadets prepare them exceptionally well for whatever career field they choose. Moreover, the discipline, core values and team work these cadets learn will form the basis of their lives as future citizens and leaders in their communities.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas:

The National President of the Navy League of the United States has declared the month of September 2008 as U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month,

Whereas:

All NLUS Councils are called upon to support the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and recognize its contributions to the mission of the Navy League of the United States,

Whereas:

All Navy League members will reap the benefits of supporting the extensive educational program the Sea Cadet Corps offers our youth today,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National President of the Navy League of the United States urges all Navy League Councils to become involved in promoting the month of September as NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS MONTH, and offers assistance in connection with this program of mutual interest to the Navy League, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Sea Services.

J. Michael McGrath National President

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

■ **Guy Stitt Reviews the Everett Seafair Bar-B-Q** – Grand success! Our Council donated \$500 towards the cost of food for this event for local and visiting sailors sponsored by the Everett Navy League Council. Following a discussion at the B-B-Q with Kathy Campbell, President of Everett Council, we are pursuing information from Navy Relief and the Navy Chaplain, to look into the feasibility of helping make the holidays merrier this year for some Kitsap Navy families that may need a “hand up.” Look for more information on this project in the future.

■ **Membership** – Larry Salter announced another new record. We currently have 547 members (...and counting) and are at approximately the same membership as the Seattle Council. Great going BROLPN!!

■ **Veterans Day** – Earle Smith announced that plans are in full swing for the Veterans Day Celebration at the Kitsap Fairgrounds. Washington State's first husband, Mike Gregoire will attend representing the Governor. Times have been set for the planning meetings. Anyone interested in helping with this important event should contact Earle or Sandra Smith at captstwo@wavecable.com.

■ **Annual Awards Dinner and Awards Celebration** – Guy made a motion that we form a committee to plan the October Annual Dinner and that we focus on community leaders and Navy Leaguers who can be acknowledged and awarded for their contribution to Navy League and our Council. The motion passed and a committee was formed. Look for more on this fun evening in the near future.

■ **Quarterly Social** – The Council passed a motion to allocate \$400 towards the September 29 social. We will work on getting sponsors to help defray costs and decided to charge \$10.00 per person for Navy League members. Affiliates will be hosted. See Article in this Newsletter.

■ **Lone Sailor** – The Board voted to approve the final \$50,000 payment for the Lone Sailor Statue. Funds are currently being raised for construction and installation of the statue on the boardwalk and for the dedication ceremony.

■ **Legislative Affairs** – Guy and a committee from our Council have set an appointment will meet with Senator Patty Murray to provide information and address issues regarding the Sea Services.



Attending the Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony for Captain Catherine A. Wilson, Nurse Corps, Naval Hospital Bremerton were (l to r) Guy Stitt, Carol Meteney, Captain Wilson and Karen Ebersole.



(l to r) Carolyn Dankers; Kathy Gambill, President Everett Council; Guy Still, President BROLPN; and Gary Gunderson enjoy the Bar-B-Q luncheon.



(l to r) Norma Parker, "Now Hear This" Editor; J. Michael McGrath, Navy League National President; and Tina and Larry Salter, BROLPN Board Members, share a good time and lots of laughter the Seafair reception aboard the USS Germantown (LSD 42) in Seattle at the beginning of Seafair week.



Our Lone Sailor greets the crowd at the Whaling Days Parade driven by Melissa Christopher in a vintage WWII military jeep.



Sandra Smith, BROLPN Public Affairs Officer, hosts the Young Ambassadors selected during Armed Forces Week during the Whaling Days Parade in July.



Karen Ebersole, BROLPN Historian, hosts members of the Sea Services on the Navy League Float during the Whaling Days Parade in July.

September 11 - Never Forget!

Here SHE is!
The USS New York, made from the World Trade Center! The USS New York was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center. It is the fifth in a new class of warship designed



for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA, to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, "Those

big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing. Captain Wensing who was there also stated, "It was a spiritual moment for

everybody there." Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager said, "When the trade center steel first arrived, I touched it with my hand and the hair on my neck stood up. It had a big meaning to it for all of us. They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back."

The ship's motto? 'Never Forget'

Comings and Goings

Cmdr. Mark Loose relieved Cmdr. George Whitbred as commanding officer of Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Indian Island Aug. 15 during a traditional change of command ceremony.

Submarine Development Squadron 5 brought aboard their new commodore and sent off their former during a ceremony on pier delta at Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, Aug. 15. Capt. Stuart B. Munsch relieved Capt. H. H. Howard III, who retired during the ceremony and is to move to California with his wife and two daughters after serving more than 26 years in the Navy.

The command of USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) changed during a July 25 ceremony when Capt. Jeffrey Hughes passed on responsibilities to Capt. Edward Seal, who will now lead the first U.S. Navy-MSO hybrid crew in the submarine community. Rear Adm. Timothy Giardina, commanding officer of Submarine Group, Trident presented Hughes with a Legion of Merit award.

"The Lone Sailor"



Here is our very own Lone Sailor Statue during the casting process at Polich Tallix Foundry in New York. Although he is currently residing only a few miles from the Military Academy at West Point, he will soon be receiving orders to report for duty in the US Navy in Bremerton.

A Reminder to our Council Members

(Don't forget to RSVP so you can get on base and board the Stennis)

Captain Bradley Johanson Invites Council Members to Change of Command Ceremony

The Commanding Officer, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

requests the pleasure of your company at the

Change of Command Ceremony at which

Captain Bradley E. Johanson, United States Navy

will be relieved by

Captain Joseph W. Kuzmick, United States Navy

on Thursday, the eighteenth of September

at one o'clock,

on board USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

Pier Delta, Naval Base Kitsap

Bremerton, Washington

RSVP Card Enclosed:

(360) 627-2511

rsvp@cvn74.navy.mil

Uniform: Summer White

Civilian: Appropriate Attire

Come Welcome New Commanders

Members of our BROLPN Council are invited to attend a Community and Navy Reception to welcome new Commanders of local major Naval Commands. The reception will be held Monday, September 22nd, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Kitsap Credit Union at Bremerton Harborside. This is a unique opportunity to meet several Commanders of local major Naval Commands in one place! We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend this event.

Please RSVP by September 17, 2008 to Anna Welling at info@psnba.org or by phone at (360) 830-4421.

We hope to see you there!

Anna Welling

PSNBA Administrative Coordinator

Nametags

Want a Navy League nametag? Place your order in September and it will be ready by the October luncheon. Stop at the luncheon registration desk and find out more. Contact Carolyn Dankers at 360-769-7415



At our August luncheon, Guy Stitt and Alice Thomas presented the Sailor of the Quarter-April thru June, 2008, Award to BM3 Thomas Heavey, Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor. Thomas was accompanied by his very proud Dad, Senior Chief Thomas Heavy, his Mom, Nancy Heavy and his close friend, Jennifer Grand. SC Penny Koons and LCDR Jones were also in attendance to honor BM3 Heavey.



The Puget Sound Naval Bases Association

*Invites you to a Community and Navy Reception
to Welcome the following New Commanders
of Local Major Naval Commands*

Captain Mark Olson, USN
CO Naval Base Kitsap

Captain Joe Kuzmick, USN
CO USS John C. Stennis

Captain Timothy Block, USN
CO Strategic Weapons
Facility Pacific

Captain Edward Seal, USN
CO USS Emory S. Land

Lt. Col. Russ Hittinger, USMC
Marine Corps Security Force Battalion

Captain Mark Whitney, USN
Commander, Puget Sound
Naval Shipyard & IMF

Captain Mark Brouker, MSC USN
CO Naval Hospital Bremerton

Captain Stuart Munsch, USN
Commander, Submarine
Development Squadron 5

Captain David Ratte, USN
Commander Submarine
Squadron 17

Monday, September 22, 2008

Kitsap Credit Union, Bremerton Harborside

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

\$15 Per Person ♪ Hors d'oeuvres ♪ No Host Bar
(Payable at the door) Spouses Welcome

Dress: Military — Summer White

Civilian — Business Attire

Please RSVP by September 17, 2008 to:

Anna Welling

PSNBA Administrative Coordinator info@psnba.org or (360) 830-4421



Attended by SC Penny Koons and LCDR Jones, SK1 Judith Hall from Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor, was awarded the Enlisted Person of the Year-January 2007 thru December 2007. Guy Stitt and Alice Thomas presented Judith with a plaque and Gift Certificates.



At the August luncheon, Guy Stitt congratulated and presented a plaque to Cathy Doney, General Manager, and Jerry Reid founder and Corporate Broker of Reid Real Estate in honor of Reid Real Estate joining BROLPN as a Community Affiliate. Welcome!

Tours, Trips and Adventures

The Last Three Tours

The month of July was busy with two tours, Keyport and Bangor. In August we toured the USCG Group/Air Station Port Angeles. Twenty five Council Members attended the Birthday Celebration on a glorious, sunny day. We made some new friends and all enjoyed the tours of the Cutters and rides on the 41 foot Utility Boat. We had a close up look at the Rescue Helicopter that was used in the SAR demonstration later in the day. The Lt. showing us the aircraft was not only the pilot but a great guide.

Carol Meteney presented the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Award to the Coast Guard of the Quarter, GM2 Michael Ruyle EPOQ. He was surprised by the \$50 gift card to Applebee's and very excited to have been selected. Our members provided desserts for the entire group of families and a special Birthday Cake for the Happy Birthday Celebration of the USCG.

The new commanding officer Capt Scott Pollock and XO CDR Erick Langenbacher met us and welcomed us to the picnic for the crew and their families. Working with this crew was a great pleasure. Thank you for allowing us to visit.

This has become a tradition to travel to Port Angeles and show our appreciation for all that

they do in our area. The mission includes; search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, marine environmental protection and enforcement of the laws and treaties. Because of the range of the HH65C the helicopters often respond to missions as far north as Vancouver British Columbia. In addition, the air station frequently responds to calls for assistance in logging and other inland accidents. The Group supports functions for group units. Existing facilities include the hangar, administrative and support facilities, exchange, medical and dental clinic. The docks serve as pier facilities for the cutters Cuttyhunk, Adalie and the 41 foot utility boat. The pier can accommodate vessels up to 400 feet long.

We will again look forward to the next visit to this facility. Happy Birthday USCG! Our next tour will be the USCG VTS facility in Seattle. This unit VTS (Vessel Traffic Service) is an interesting tour. We take the Bremerton ferry to Seattle and walk to the USCG Station. A tour of Madigan Hospital is also planned. If you have interest in either tour, please go to our web site and download the Event Form. When complete, send to Carol Meteney, Navy League, PO Box 626, Bremerton, WA 98337.

Submitted by Carol Meteney



Yes, you can sponsor a banner honoring our local servicemen!



Both the service members name and the sponsor name appear on both sides of these banners.

60 Local Servicemen who have requested banners are leaving for Iraq soon.

Let's get a banner hung for each one to show our support while they are serving!



Please visit our website at www.kitsapbluestar.org for additional information.

Blue Star Banner Program of Kitsap County
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Planning Ahead

	Tuesday	Sept 9	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30 am Program – Evolution of the Submarine by Will Lent
	Wednesday	Sept 10	Veteran's Day Planning Meeting, 9:00 am Eagle's Nest – Fairground's Road
	Tuesday	Sept 16	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Thursday	Sept 18	Change of Command Ceremony – Captain Brad Johanson On Board John C Stennis, CVN, 1: 00 pm
	Monday	Sept 29	Quarterly "Meet & Greet" Social, 5:30 pm The Manette Side Bar
	Wednesday	Oct 1	Board of Director's meeting, 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Tuesday	Oct 7	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Wednesday	Oct 8	Veteran's Day Planning Meeting, 9:00 am Eagle's Nest – Fairgrounds Road
	Tuesday	Oct 14	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza - 11:30 am Program – Annual Business Meeting
	Friday	Oct 17	Annual Dinner & Awards Night Bremerton Conference Center
	Tuesday	Oct 21	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Tues-Fri	Oct 28-31	Navy League National Convention Kansas City, Mo.

This Date in History

September 24, 1960 – First nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), launched at Newport News, VA

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