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Welcome Aboard

- ★ James Hart
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President's Corner

So much has happened during the past month, I don't know where to start. It is all great stuff and all good news:

Outstanding Council selection; Carol Meteney being awarded the Secretary of the Navy Meritorious Service Award; thank you letters from Congressmen; more tours and events being planned; Council participation at the Regional Conference; great speakers at our most recent luncheon; welcoming our first Business Associate Member; adding a new Community Affiliate; and gearing up for our Annual Armed Forces Day Gala. The good news is that we have separate articles for most of these topics/events so the Presidents Corner will not be three pages long! I am sure you are all happy to hear that!

To start, if you have not heard, our Council was selected as an OUTSTANDING Council for 2005, the highest award given to Councils by National. Only ten councils in the entire Navy League organization were selected as Outstanding and two were in our region; Seattle was selected again (their fourth consecutive outstanding award). Congratulations to Roger Nance and the 2005 Board of Directors for this awesome achievement. Special thanks to Roger, Vern Young and Carol Meteney for putting together an Outstanding Annual Report, which is what National uses to determine Outstanding, Meritorious, or Honorable Mention. Congratulations to Ron Testa, Region President and BROLPN Board Member, for leading such a successful Region. In addition to the two Outstanding Councils, Ron also had a Meritorious Council (Lake Washington) and an Honorable Mention Council (Oak Harbor). The awards announcement was not broken down by region, but my bet is Ron has the

most successful Region in Navy League!

Congratulations to Carol Meteney for the Secretary of the Navy Meritorious Public Service Award that she received at the Regional Conference; see the article that Carolyn Dankers wrote highlighting Carols service to her country and NLUS. Additionally, Carol has taken on the task of getting our Tour Program going again-she has a great selection of tours set up, so please take advantage of them.

Congressman Norm Dicks sent a letter thanking the NL and the Submarine League for all that we did to support the Return to Service Ceremony for the USS Ohio (SSGN 726). I also received a nice note from Rear Admiral Drennan, SUBGROUP 9 and 10, thanking us for our efforts. CDR Cockey, the CO of the Ohio, who was our guest speaker at the March luncheon, also could not say enough good things about our efforts, especially the crew mementos. Having the opportunity to support an event like this and then to have it turn out so well is indeed what epitomizes "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services."

The March luncheon had a packed agenda. We had CDR Mike Cockey, CO USS Ohio, on the schedule to be our guest speaker, when Dave Shafer approached us with an opportunity to have his son, a Sergeant in the Marine Corps who just returned from his third tour in Iraq, speak to us about his personal story of serving in Iraq. On top of those two great speakers, Alice Thomas, has gotten our awards program back on track and we recognized three outstanding sailors from local commands who were selected as Kitsap Sailors of the Quarter. Alice enlisted her husband Dave to help her with the Awards Program and I enlisted his help as a new board member and scribe for luncheon speakers. Thanks to the Thomas's for all their contributions to the Council and Board.

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PSNBA 60th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Sat, April 22

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Olympic College,

Bremerton Campus, Gymnasium

Featuring: Hors d'oeuvres & Live Music

Dress: Cocktail Attire

Guest Speaker: U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks

Cost: \$15 per person

Deadline for Reservations: Wed, April 11

Reservation Contact: Anna Welling

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Your new Membership Chair, Rick Becker, has kick started our membership drive and we are again over 500 members- this time to stay. I would like to welcome our new Business Associate, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, who has previously supported our council as a Community Affiliate. Also joining the ranks of our Community Affiliates is Electric Boat, General Dynamics. Brian Wilson, SSGN Site Manager PSNS, not only signed his company up as a CA, but he also sent us a letter thanking us for what the NL did for the Ohio Return to Service Ceremony. Electric Boat was one of our major sponsors for the Ohio event and we welcome them as a Community Affiliate. I would also like to welcome all our new members: Welcome Aboard to our Outstanding Council. As I write this, Paul Lucas and Carol Meteney are making plans to man a booth at the Kitsap Mall Military Appreciation Day. We hope that this effort will bring in many new members to get us well over 500. Sign up a friend- contact Rick Becker or myself and we will get you applications, or they can do it on-line at www.navyleague.org.

Let me close by reminding you of the upcoming Armed Forces Day Gala on May 20th. Mark your calendars and see the flyer in this newsletter for details. If you are unable to make it, please consider sponsoring a military couple to attend.

This has been such an awesome month for your Council. I am very proud and excited about all that we are doing and all of our accomplishments and recognition- I hope you are too. All the best,

Larry

Carol Meteney: A Navy League Treasure

Our own Carol Meteney was presented with the U.S. Navy Meritorious Public Service Award by Rear Admiral William D. French on February 25, 2006 at the Navy League Northwest Region Conference. RDML French, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, described Carol as a national treasure and thanked her for her dedication and accomplishments.

Traditionally, the U.S. Navy annually selects one Navy League member from its' 66,000 membership to receive this recognition. Originally, the presentation was to be given at the National Convention in 2005, but Carol was unable to attend, as her husband, Albert, had just lost his battle with pancreatic cancer.

Carol and Al became active in Navy League soon after arriving in this area in the early 1990's. Jean and Jerry Home talk about how Carol's tireless effort and dedication energized the local council. Bill and Cara Tighe remember the warmth and enthusiasm Carol and Al demonstrated in welcoming them and others to the council. Ron Testa, Regional President and past Council President said that "Carol and Al hosted about every military leader in their home at one time or another. A famous event was their chili cook off."

Carol served as President of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council in 2000 and 2001. She is still the only person in the council's history to have served two terms. She has also served as National Director of the Navy League since 2002 and has served on regional and national committees. Following her presidency of our council, Carol has remained very active on the Board supporting the new officers and members. Carol was awarded the Navy League Northwest Region's top award, the Marilyn Crist Award in 2002 as

the best Navy Leaguer for that year.

Carol is also active in other military groups in our area such as the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Bangor Officers Spouses Association (BOSA); Northwest Region Officers Spouses Organization (NROSO); and is past president of the Retired Officers Wives Association (ROWA).

Carol's son Kurt said that he had never seen his mother as happy in her life as when she became involved in Navy League. She is focused and dedicated to the ideals of the organization and, indeed, is a National Treasure. It is no surprise that Carol is seen as Mrs. Navy League and the person to call when questions arise or information is needed.

By Carolyn Dankers



Carol Meteney being presented with the U.S. Navy Meritorious Public Service Award by Rear Admiral William D. French on February 25, 2006 at the Navy League Northwest Region Conference. Photo by Roger Ponto

Special Event: June 6, 2006 Tillicum Village

Plans are in the works for a Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council joint adventure with the Seattle Council to enjoy Tillicum Village. Diane Jaffa, (Seattle Council President) and Tina Salter (BROLPN special events) are working out the details for this wonderful opportunity for NL members and their guests. We will be able to offer this event at the special price of \$50 per person for the boat ride, dinner and entertainment. Save the date and watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Membership Directory Note

We are going to produce a Membership Directory again, so please let us know if your information has changed in the last six months or if you do not want your name, address or telephone included. **This directory is for members only and will not be provided to anyone for any other purpose.** If you do not contact Carolyn Dankers, we will print the information as it appears in our records. For changes or to opt out of having your name included, email Carolyn at c.dankers@wavecable.com or call her at 360 769-7415. Call soon as we want you to get your Directory as soon as possible.

Northwest Regional Conference a Big Success



This picture, taken with our National President John Panneton (front row, third from the right), shows the level of participation by your Council at the NW Regional Conference. We received the conference training participation award for the council who had the most members attending training on Saturday. The Saturday night dinner was very well attended to hear our National President speak. Other speakers during the Conference included Congressman Dave Reichert (Friday dinner), our own John Payne who gave an informative Sea Cadet presentation during breakfast on Saturday, and Rear Admiral Joel Whitehead, USCG (Saturday luncheon). Thanks to all our members who made the trek to Bellevue to participate. Larry Salter served on the nominating committee. The committee nominated Ron Testa and Carol Meteney to remain as National Directors and nominated Ron to remain as the Region President.

Local Navy League Votes to Support NASCAR

The local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League Board of Directors recently voted to support the location of a NASCAR track in Kitsap County. This may seem, at first glance, to be outside the Navy League's basic mission of "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services".

Immediate Past-President, Roger Nance, Jr., explained, "The tie-in, between the Navy League and NASCAR racing, stems from the fact that the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps Recruiting Commands all have an association with NASCAR and each service



has a racecar entry. They use it as a recruiting tool."

Rear Admiral Jeffrey Fowler, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, is very supportive of the Navy's partnership with NASCAR. This partnership helps to increase the Navy's recruiting efforts by leveraging national television exposure of the Navy Racing Team and capitalizing on person-to-person contacts.

Editors Note: Don't Miss!!

The April luncheon guest speakers will be CDR Dave Schiffman, CO NRD Seattle, and Senior Chief Jeff Priest, Navy Recruiting Command, Head of Navy Motorsports Program

A Marine's View of Iraq

Attendees at the March 14, 2006 luncheon were treated with a view of the war in Iraq that few in our country see. Sergeant Craig Shafer, the son of Webmaster Dave Shafer, attended with his wife, Stacy, and provided us a 20 minute look at "ground truth" in Iraq. Sergeant Shafer recently returned from his third tour of duty in Iraq and brought back many pictures and stories.

Sergeant Shafer is attached to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine "Warlords" headquartered at Camp Lejeune. In Iraq, he served as vehicle commander and vehicle gunner for the Commander of the 2/2 Warlords, based at Camp Fallujah, near the palace that was previously occupied by Saddam Hussein's son Uday.

Sergeant Shafer described daily missions in Iraq, and the dangers and challenges, along with the positives. He showed a picture of a group of young Iraqi boys with himself and a fellow marine and stated that this was the future of Iraq and that the marines had a good repoire with the local Iraqi people. He described a mission where his unit located a large weapons cache inside of a buried water tank that they found with a metal detector while conducting a sweep for mines. He showed pictures of the effects caused by Improvised Explosive Devices, and the triggers used on them made from simple devices such as a washing machine timer, a battery, 155mm rounds, and propane gas tanks.

Sergeant Shafer's presentation gave us new insight into how the war in Iraq is going. President Larry Salter thanked him for his continued service on behalf of the entire council.

For further information visit: <http://www.iimefpublic.usmc.mil/2bn2mar>

Contributed by David Thomas



From left: Stacy Shafer (Craig's wife), Mrs. Monika French (Rear Admiral French's wife) and Sgt Craig Shafer USMC. Photo by Dave Shafer



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Planning Calendar

- Saturday April 8 Submarine Birthday Ball - Red Lion, Seattle
- Tuesday April 11 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Tuesday April 18 PSNBA Membership Kickoff Breakfast - Kitsap Conference Center
- Saturday April 22 PSNBA 60th Anniversary Celebration - OC Gym
- Saturday April 29 Tour - Cape Disappointment Coast Guard Station
- Friday May 5 Tour - Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
- Tuesday May 9 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Saturday May 20 Armed Forces Day 2006 Gala - Admiral Theatre

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April Luncheon

Date: April 11, 2006
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
Program: CDR Dave Schiffman
 CO NRD Seattle &
 Senior Chief Jeff Priest
 Navy Recruiting Command
 Head of Navy Motorsports Program

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday April 5th 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.