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- ★ Mitzi Carlin
- ★ Neva Lamb
- ★ Doug Olson
- ★ Peter and Lydia Rush
- ★ Annie Sullivan
- ★ Jesse and Jennifer Young

## Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller Commander, Carrier Strike Group 3 April Luncheon Speaker

Rear Admiral Craig Faller assumed command of Carrier Strike Group 3 on May 24, 2011. He most recently served as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

A 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a native of Fryburg, Pennsylvania, Faller earned his bachelor's of science degree in Systems Engineering and his master's in National Security Affairs (Strategic Planning) from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1990.

At sea, he served as Reactor Electrical Division Officer, Electrical Officer and Reactor Training assistant in USS South Carolina (CGN 37), Operations Officer in USS Peterson (DD 969), Station Officer in USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and Executive Officer of USS John Hancock (DD 981). As commanding officer of USS Stethem (DDG 63), he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated in Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq. During his tour as commanding officer of USS Shiloh (CG 67), he assisted victims of the devastating tsunami off Indonesia. Other operational assignments included Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command and Commander, U.S. Central Command.

Ashore, Faller was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations), served as a legislative fellow on the staff of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, and as head of Surface Nuclear Officer Programs and Placement at Navy Personnel Command



and as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations.

Faller's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal and various unit, service and campaign awards. He is married to Martha Faller, an active member of our council. His two beautiful daughters live on the East Coast and one daughter works at our national Navy League office in Arlington, Virginia.

We are fortunate to have Admiral Faller join us as he is leaving the area very soon. Be certain to call immediately with you luncheon reservation - 360 792-5500.



## President's Message

Spring is here and we have had a few glimpses of blue sky. We are excited to have Admiral Faller

share some stories with us on his recent experiences in the Straits of Hormuz and the Mideast. We know that he has been very busy doing great things so we are very honored to have him join us for the April luncheon.

Our May speaker is a former Navy Seal who will provide some of the real stories behind an Act of Valor.

The Armed Forces Festival planning committee under the careful guidance of the great Cris Larsen has been meeting monthly since last July and starting in January we have been meeting twice a month to make certain that everything is ready for all of the major events in May. Plan now to attend as many of these events as possible. What a great way to honor our military, past and present.

Speaking of retired military, did you know that more than 38,000 veterans live in Kitsap County. Wow! This must really be a great place to live. Thanks for choosing Kitsap out of all of the other

places you might have chosen. Where else is the military appreciated a much a right here?

Your Board of Directors have been very busy. Expect to see a new look on your website within the next month. We hope to have all of the updates completed by the end of April.

Our membership chair, Larry Salter, provided a small group of your board members with an in-depth overview of the database and we were all overwhelmed by the complexity of what he does. Doug Garner has stepped forward and will be our new membership retention chair. He will be at the registration table each month. Dodie Garner has agreed to be our new Public Relations person, so we are very excited about that good news.

News of Congressman Dick's retirement is hitting all of us as we have benefited greatly by his careful guardianship of our area and of the military during his tenure in office. His replacement will certainly face many challenges and will need our support.

Tours and many exciting events are being planned for this spring and summer. We look forward to your participation.

*Carolyn Dankers*

## Bremerton Historic Ships Association Annual Meeting



On March 10, 2012, our council was represented by Jim Walkowski and Norm Marten at the annual meeting of the Bremerton Historic Ships Association, the group which operates the Naval Memorial Ship USS Turner Joy. Last year 23,000 visitors toured the ship, a record attendance. But the need for funding and for volunteers continues as important challenges. Fortunately there is a very dedicated (and very capable) cadre of volunteers and staff who attend to the day to day work as well as major projects. A particularly great resource for volunteer work is the US Navy in the area-IMF at PSNS, sailors from ships in the yard (most recently from USS Ronald Reagan), and others. A very successful program on the ship is overnight camping and the schedule for this year is already filling rapidly. The Navy League benefits from memorials held aboard the ship and the opportunity to show visitors some important and interesting US Navy history. Anyone from the council who can volunteer time or money or ... both ... is encouraged to contact them. We are very fortunate to have USS Turner Joy nearby, and salute the great work of the Bremerton Historic Ships Association. Thanks for including us in your annual meeting.

## Navy League Helps Support Naval Reserve Training

Our council helped support the Navy Operational Support Center in a six-hour training for Naval Reservists about to deploy and their family members. The training was held on March 17 in Gig Harbor at the Peninsula High School. The bleachers in the gym were jammed with over 600 people who participated in the training. The speakers were very knowledgeable and dynamic.

Over 40 different groups shared information on the services available and there were several excellent

breakout sessions. The training was hailed as a great success. Captain Vincent and his team put in many hours to make this training meaningful and positive for all of the participants. Job well done. Bravo Zulu!

Our council would not be able to participate in such events if it were not for the generous support of our members. We especially would like to thank TriWest Health Care Alliance for their generous donation for this event to help support our military families.

# Council Adopts the Maritime Force Protection Unit

Our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council has had a long working relationship with the Maritime Force Protection Unit at Bangor. We were able to help with the commissioning of two of their cutters; the Sea Fox and the Sea Devil just as unit was getting started. The unit is very unique in that it combines the best of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Navy capabilities needed to protect the nuclear submarines and other naval assets based here. This joint group can be seen protecting the submarines as they transit the Puget Sound or on special water exercises with other units as we had recently in our area. Otherwise, most people have no idea that the Coast Guard has a presence here in Kitsap County.

On April 14, 2012, our Board of Directors was invited to join with members of the unit for a ceremony and sign the adoption certificates. Commanding Officer Sullivan and Executive Officer Gaskell welcomed us and presented our Council with a beautiful plaque. We then toured their training facility and experienced first hand the roles performed by members of this special group.

Finally, the group was treated to a very special cake made by Mrs. Ann Sullivan, wife of Commanding Officer, Thomas Sullivan.

We look forward to a long relationship with the Maritime Force Protection Unit. We were impressed by each of the people we met and the importance of their job.

Special thanks goes to Doug Garner who has volunteered to be the official liaison with the unit and to Lt Denny Ernster who handled so many of the details of this event.

# Event of the Year – Navy League Black Tie Gala is Saturday, May 19

Each year, as the finale to Armed Forces celebrations in Bremerton, our Navy League Council honors the local military commands by hosting the only black tie event, aside from formal military balls, in the area. The Grand Marshall of the Armed Forces Day Parade is traditionally the guest of honor and this year, Vice Admiral William French is also the keynote speaker for the evening. Numerous business and community leaders also join us for this recognition ceremony. You do not want to miss this year's gala at the Admiral Theatre and it could sell out early.

Additionally, as part of the evening, our council presents a special, annual award to the submarine crews who have achieved the top marks in battle efficiency. Competition is very competitive and this award is coveted among the boats homeported at Naval Base Kitsap. Our council started this trophy bowl many years ago and now a similar award is provided in Kings Bay, Georgia to a submarine that is homeported on the East Coast.

The Bremerton-Olympic Navy League Gala is the social event of the year in Bremerton and each year we recognize very special people for their outstanding contributions to our council and the military. Guests will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with one another prior to and following dinner and the program. A jazz band will perform after the official ceremony.

Tickets will be available at the Admiral Theatre. Phone (360) 373-6743. Call now and make your reservations as space is limited. Tickets purchased before May 11 will be \$60. After that, they will be \$75.

## Dress code:

**Civilian: Black Tie or Business attire**

**Military: Dinner Dress or Service Dress Blues**

**Menu: Surf and Turf or Vegetarian**

Social Hour (cash bar) begins at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary table wine provided by the Navy League.



*Maritime Force Protection Unit Commanding Officer, Thomas Sullivan and NL President, Carolyn Dankers*

## Women of Achievement Award

The 2012 Honorees have been named for the Kitsap County 23rd Anniversary Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, April 24, at the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton:

**Dr. Irene Bowling**  
Bowling Music Studios

**Vicki Collins**  
CKSD Mentor

**Ruth Enderle**  
Admiral Theatre

**Jessica Guidry**  
Kitsap County Health District

**Captain Sandra H. Smith**  
USN Retired

**Amy Igloi**  
Amy's on the Bay

**Vicki Ignacio**  
PSNS IMF

**Holly James**  
Peninsula Services

**Christine Johnson**  
Kitsap Community Resources

**Mayor Patty Lent**  
City of Bremerton

**Wendy Miles**  
NUWC Keyport

**Clara Parker**  
United States Navy

**Erica Runyan**  
YMCA

**Angela Sell**  
Edward Jones Investments

**Linda Streissguth**  
Puget Sound Energy

Each year the outstanding women are nominated for women of achievement in Kitsap County. This year, fifteen women were selected as honorees. Both Sandra Smith and Mayor Lent are life-time members of our Navy League Council and we are especially proud of their accomplishments. Sandra Smith was willing to provide us with a brief version of her many accomplishments and we are delighted to include them in this newsletter. Obviously, we applaud each of these ladies for the wonderful work that they do in our communities.

Ticket information:  
**Women of Achievement**  
P.O. Box 559  
Bremerton, WA 98337  
\$ 50. Check

## Shriners Hospital for Children Help

The Kitsap Peninsula Shrine Club has asked our help in passing the word that there will be a screening clinic for the Shriners Hospital for Children Portland on May 5, Saturday, between 9:00 AM and Noon at the Harrison Medical Center, in Bremerton.

Shriners Hospital for Children Portland delivers the highest quality of care to children with a host of orthopaedic and neuromusculoskeletal disorders and diseases. The inpatient and outpatient units are designed to reflect the unique character of the Pacific Northwest and put children and families at ease. Located on the campus of Oregon Health Sciences University, they are able to share world-class doctors and researchers who are committed to continuously advancing orthopaedic treatment as well as cleft lip and palate care for children from all over the world. The only requirement to be considered is that the child is under age 18 at time of admission and all services provided are free. If you know of any child, especially children of military members who might qualify please refer them to this clinic. For further information please call Bob Lamb at 360 769 9108.

## Former Bremerton Councilman – Law Obituary

John Law was the Bremerton Council President in 1968-69, a Council Director and a former Navy League National Vice President and National Director Emeritus.

**Law, Former Bremerton Councilman**  
By Steven Gardner  
Friday, March 30, 2012

BREMERTON — John Law, Manette resident and former Bremerton city councilman, died Thursday following a four-year battle with cancer, according to his daughter, Jackie Fojtik of Bremerton. He was 82.

Law was 63 when he ran for City Council in 1993, giving "I'd like to make a difference" as his reason for running in a story in The Sun. He had previously worked as a location manager for IBM.

Law served as a member of the Bremerton City Council from 1994 to 2001.

The councilman represented Manette when a new bridge was first proposed. He won two council president terms and was a key figure in a dispute with Mayor Lynn Horton when Glenna Malanca, city attorney, resigned.

Though Law represented Manette, former Councilman Cecil McConnell

remembered Law's focus being broader than just his neighborhood.

"He was pretty much all city," McConnell said. "That's the way they should be."

Jackie Fojtik, Law's daughter, said the family moved to Bremerton in 1955.

"He loved his family and loved his community. He enjoyed representing the city of Bremerton and Manette," Fojtik said.

Law is survived by his wife, Neva, children and grandchildren.

*Thanks to Ron Testa, National Director Emeritus and former council and regional president for submitting this information.*

## Sandra Smith



**R**etired Navy Captain Sandra Howes Smith has been an active volunteer in our Kitsap County community for a number of years. She was President of the Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; she was President of the Harrison Hospital Foundation Board; she was Treasurer of the Kitsap Humane Society; she served on the Executive Board of the Kitsap Community Action Program (KCAP); she served on the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council Board of Directors and the Viking Fest Executive Board of Directors. Sandra was: The 1995 Poulsbo Person of the Year; the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month (three times); she received the “2006 Friends of the Navy Award” from COMNAVREG NW. Currently, Sandra co-chairs, along with her husband, Earle Smith, the

annual “Veterans Day Event” held in the Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. She serves as Chairman of the “Armed Forces Festival Ambassador Scholarship” competition. Sandra graduated in just three years from the University of Washington. Using her GI Bill benefit, she earned her Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

Outside Sandra’s life in the Navy and her volunteer work she was a science teacher in the Lake Washington School District; she was an Assistant Vice President for Rainier Bank; she worked as a Mark 48 Test Engineer for Honeywell Marine Systems in Hawaii and in Kitsap County; she worked on the staff of U.S. Congressman John Miller, First Congressional District; she was the Editor for the “Kitsap TRENDS”; and she was the Executive Director of the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Volunteers Needed at Puget Sound Naval Museum in Bremerton

**L**ove to talk with people about the Navy and the shipyard? Interested in meeting other people who have similar backgrounds to you? Willing to share your knowledge about what makes this area so special?

Then Dick Vlist has just the spot for you. Dick is a former Navy League President and a long time Navy guy who is having a great time volunteering at the local Naval Museum. He says there is room for a few more people who would be willing to come in for a few hours each month. There are also some very special perks for volunteers, including a 10% discount at the gift shop and some special events.

For more information contact the volunteer coordinator.

**Puget Sound Museum**  
251 First Street  
Bremerton, WA 98337  
Phone: 360 627-2274  
Email: [carolyn.lane@navy.mil](mailto:carolyn.lane@navy.mil)

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## Share your Military Magazines

**T**hanks to those of you who have brought magazines to share with the military and others.

Bring them to the monthly luncheon and we will share them with others.

Thank you!

# 64th Annual Armed Forces Festival – Presented by the Kitsap Sun



*Cris Larsen having fun at the Armed Forces Day Parade*

## **Wednesday, May 2, 7 p.m.**

Concurrent Technology Corporation Ambassador Program final event – Keyport Undersea Museum Auditorium.

High School students compete for college scholarships with a prepared speech and then an impromptu speech. This is the culmination activity for five students who have been working very hard. Our Council is sponsoring Isaiah Irish from Bremerton High School. And we wish him well along with the other candidates. Thanks to Sandra Smith for coordinating this program for so many years.

## **Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Olympic College Foundation Military Culinary Arts Competition – Olympic College Student Center, Bremerton.

**Tasters needed between noon and 1:30 p.m.**

- ▶ Chile Cook-off
- ▶ Ice Sculpture
- ▶ Food carvings
- ▶ Iron Chef Cook-off
- ▶ Appetizers
- ▶ Desserts

## **Friday, May 18, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cannon starts**

21st Annual Bremerton Pepsi Company Armed Forces Festival Golf Tournament – Tournament held at Gold Mountain Golf course.

## **Saturday, May 19, 7 a.m.**

Bremerton Central Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – Downtown Bremerton on Fourth Street.

A great way to start off the day .

## **Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Kitsap Credit Union & Puget Sound Energy Heroes Barbecue – Downtown Bremerton on Pacific Avenue, between Fourth and Burwell.

The Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce plans the above activities. Special credit goes to Cris Larsen, the volunteer coordinator of all of the activities, and Frank Gentile, of the Chamber.

Thanks to all of the sponsors and to the members of the Military Affairs Committee who work on this event all year long in honor of our military.



*Waving to the crowd at the Armed Forces Day Parade*

# Planning Ahead

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


April 8	Easter
April 9	PSNBA breakfast and membership drive, 6:30 am at the Kitsap Conference Center
April 10	Monthly luncheon, RDML Faller, Commander Strike Group 3. Trident Ball Room, Bangor 11am-Networking, Program begins 11:45 am
April 11	Council Board Meeting, Café Noir, Silverdale, 5:30 pm
April 12	Bremerton Chamber Awards. Captain Iwanowicz recognized
April 13	USCG Special Dinner, Seattle. Call 206 915- 6399 for information
April 21	Regional Navy League Nominating Committee meeting, Port Orchard
April 24	Women of Achievement luncheon, Kitsap Conference Center
May 2	Armed Forces Ambassador Speak Off, NUWC Museum, 7 pm
May 8	Monthly luncheon, Act of Valor from the viewpoint of a former Seal
May 9	Council Board Meeting, Café Noir, Silverdale, 5:30 pm
May 12	Military Chef's Cook Off, Olympic College Student Center 10 am to 2 pm
May 18	Armed Forces Golf Tournament, Gold Mountain Golf Course 7:30 am and 1 pm Cannon Starts
May 19	Armed Forces Day Parade, downtown Bremerton, 10 am
May 19	Navy League Armed Forces Gala, Admiral Theatre, 5:30 pm

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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.**