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Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Awarded "Outstanding Council" for the Third Consecutive Year

My experience with Navy League over the years shows that few Councils maintain a consistent presence on the OUTSTANDING COUNCIL award list. I believe that part of the challenge is that the selection committee is different every year, and when you combine that with the limited amount of awards given out each year, there is not any room for rubber stamping in the selection process, especially at the Large Council (over 400 members) level. Just about every large council puts in a package for review.

Essentially, you start at "zero" each year, and have to "re-prove" yourself

to a different set of eyes as the committee changes. Three years in a row is no small feat. WOW! This is an incredible affirmation of the high quality of volunteer effort that is so freely given by so many great people in our council, and a real validation of the talents and dedication of our council leaders. Thanks so much for your efforts in support of the Navy League mission.

Bravo Zulu!! Kansas City here we come!!

*Ron Testa
National Director and
Member of Bremerton-Olympic
Peninsula Council Board of Directors*



Congratulations! Sheila Broumley Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Wins Mackie Award for Best Web Site

Congratulations are in order. Sheila Broumley under the direction of Guy Stitt has led our council in updating our web site and we have been awarded the "Mackie Award" the best web site for large councils in the Navy League. Congratulations to everyone who has contributed infor-

mation, pictures and links that have made this site so informative and especially to Sheila for all her hard work in putting the site together for our Council. The award will be presented at the National Convention in Kansas City at the end of October.

Job well done!



President's Message

Hello Navy League members and friends!

Last month our Board did a mid-year review of our strategic goals and objectives.

★ We have achieved record number of members – over 540

★ We have a record number of Community Affiliates

★ We won the Mackie Award for our re-developed Website

★ We have maintained continuity in our operations from last year's President and Board.

Looking forward to the next six months, we need to intensify and re-think our efforts in educating the public. We have a duty to be a voice for the Sea Services in the communities across America, and I am concerned that we are not doing all that we can do in this important endeavor. Please help me find more opportunities for our Speakers Bureau and come be part of that bureau. In addition to this vital undertaking, we will maintain our focus on continued development of Membership and Community Affiliates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stan Mack and the Board Members of 2007 in that we were just recently notified that our Council has again been recognized as an **"Outstanding Council"** for 2007. Having been recognized as an **"Outstanding Council"** three years in a row highlights the fact we have established a proven process of council operations. Our Board of Directors should be very proud of their efforts and our membership should congratulate them!

Cheers, and thanks for being a Navy Leaguer!

Guy Stitt

Northwest Navy Notes: July 2008

By Rear Adm. James A. Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest

"Northwest Navy Notes" is a column written by Rear Adm. James A. Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, to provide updates on the operations and challenges in Navy Region Northwest and a review of what is important in the Navy today.



In the last newsletter, I wrote about power projection, the ability of a nation to implement policy by means of force, or the threat thereof, in an area distant from its own territory. Providing that capability is what the sea services do now, and have always done. That power can come in the form of missiles and bombs, or in the form of medical care and building projects.

Whatever the type of power our sea services project, they need a platform from which to project it. We're used to thinking of Navy platforms as ships and submarines; our aircraft fly missions off carriers, our submarines carry ordnance to strike enemy targets, our hospital ships carry doctors and corpsmen to provide medical care. But just as we're viewing sea power more broadly, we should also view the concept of the platform more broadly. Ships and submarines are only one element of the platform on which our war fighters rely. A most vital, and most complex, platform in the Navy is the shore base. It has as many moving parts, many critical components, and is truly necessary to national defense... it is the platform on which all others depend.

To take that further, the community around our bases is also very much a platform. A deployed Sailor depends on his ship, but he also depends on the personnel who worked on that ship back at the shipyard... he depends on the people who maintain his house, the hospital that takes care of his family, the school his children attend.

The entire community is really a platform, the place from which we as a nation project power. Just as we've always put a tremendous amount of effort into keeping our afloat platforms in the best shape possible, we're now realizing that to provide the best platform possible for power projection, we need to work to make our bases and their surrounding communities the best they possibly can be.

The Navy League has been doing that since its founding. Your work in educating the public and advocating for strong sea services is a vital link in maintaining that platform, our community, and in creating the best possible conditions for our men and women in uniform projecting power far from home.

For more information on the Navy in the Northwest, please visit us online at <http://cnic.navy.mil/cnrnw>.

July Sets Another Record Month for Membership

A good month for membership--we are at 544- another new high for membership. Thanks for everyone's efforts to recruit new members--we are inching our way to the 750 membership goal that President Guy challenged us to achieve. I have new applications that reflect the 1 July fee structure--let me know if you need new member applications. You can also get applications or have folks sign up on-line. Please keep up the good work in signing up new members.

*Submitted by Larry Salter
Membership Chairman*

Petty Officer Leadership Academy

U.S. Naval Sea Cadets from across Washington, Oregon and California came together on July 10th for the Petty Officer Leadership Academy (POLA), Class of 2008, held at the Center for Naval Leadership at the Trident Training Facility, Bangor. Cadets were exposed to a broad spectrum of leadership related skills and had the opportunity to practice those skills



Petty Officer Leadership Academy Blue Jacket's Baseball Game

during the week long event. Graduating top in her class was Cadet Seaman Apprentice Rebekah Price from the Blue Angels Squadron in Seattle, WA.

CWO2 Charles Grosvenor, NSCC said "I have not had the opportunity to learn and work with a finer group of cadets. The spread of talent from top to bottom was un-measurable. All were exceptional performers."

But all was not work, they had some fun too. The class had an absolute ball (no pun intended) at a Kitsap Bluejackets baseball game. One of the cadets threw out the first pitch, the entire group sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at the seventh inning stretch (on the field), danced the Macarena (on the field), and all

for free (Military Appreciation Night), thanks to Rick Smith, owner of the Kitsap Bluejackets Baseball Club and local lawyer here in Bremerton. Transportation for the cadets was provided by MWR at Bangor (thanks to Mr. Bill Oliver). The cadets made an extremely good showing for the Sea Cadet Corps that night.

The POLA Class of 2008 wishes to extend a big "Thank You" to NLUS Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council member Mrs. Carolyn Dankers for her support during the training evolution. Mrs. Dankers was instrumental in the success of the training by providing female adult supervision for the young ladies during the week.



Petty Officer Leadership Academy Class of 2008 – NBK, Bangor

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

■ **Board Minutes** – A complete copy of the minutes of the Board of Director's meeting is available on the Website each month. Look under "Board Members Only." Check it out!! <http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>.

■ **Membership** – Guy Stitt sets goal of 600 members by end of 2008. Norma Parker challenges each board member to bring in at least 3 new members. We currently have 544 members.

■ **Veterans Day** – Earle Smith announced that plans are in full swing for the Veterans Day Celebration at the Kitsap Fairgrounds. Rear Admiral Giardina has been invited to be the guest speaker. 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.

■ **National Board Nominations** – The Region Nominating Committee has announced Carol Meteney is nominated for Northwest Coastal Area President.

■ **Float Activities** – The Council entry in the Armed Forces Day Parade won the Best Military and Veterans Award and we also received that same award for the "Fathoms of Fun" parade. Congratulations Louis Mejia and the Float Committee.

■ **Sea Cadets** – It was announced that two cadets from the Kitsap Battalion will be attending Advanced Training at Bangor and Everett. Also, four Cadets will attend Boot Camp in August at Fort Lewis. Congratulations!

■ **Nominating Committee** – The nominating committee for selecting next year's officers has been selected and was presented at the July luncheon meeting.



(Above) Welcome to Land Title Company. Steve Green and Susan Larson accept their Company's Community Affiliate Plaque from Guy Stitt at the July Luncheon.

Meet Your Board Members



**Charles "Chuck"
Grosvenor**

Youth Programs

Chuck Grosvenor was born and raised in Santa Fe, NM. Graduating from high school in 1971, attended New Mexico State Univ. and was active in the Air Force ROTC program. In 1972, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended Recruit Training in San Diego, Ca, graduated from Electronics Technician "A" School at Naval Station Treasure Island in San Francisco.

In 1973, he entered the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Training Program and graduated as a Reactor Operator & was assigned to instructor duty at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls. Then made his first deployment aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN-65). Chuck made three Pacific deployments while attached to the Enterprise. He ended his military career in 1980, after coming to the Pacific Northwest for an extended overhaul at PSNS.

Chuck worked as a commercial pilot and flight instructor for several years just before and after leaving the Navy & volunteered as a fire fighter with the fire district in Port Orchard. In 1983, he joined

fire district and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He transitioned to the Shipyard in 1987 as a Nuclear Engineer with the Refueling Engineering Division. In 2009, he will retire with 30+ years of service to the US Navy.

In 2006 Chuck joined the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps program where he holds the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He serves as the Training Officer for the local unit in Kitsap County. He became a Navy League board member in 2007 and was appointed to the position of Youth Programs Chair, responsible as the liaison person to the Sea Cadet Corps and NJROTC programs.

Chuck and his wife Cynthia, from Boulder, Colorado, reside in Kingston. They have one step son, Matthew Liner of Silverdale, who is a recently discharged U.S. Army Ranger veteran. Other family members include their four dogs, Pepe', Chloe, Mimi, Milo.

Parade Videos Available

Did you miss the Navy League Float, the Lone Sailor Car or our Young Ambassadors – or the whole parade?

The video of the Whaling Days Parade 2008 will be on BKAT (Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television) on August 10th and August 24th at noon both days. BKAT is either Channel 3 or Channel 12, depending on which cable service you have. Video copies are available by calling 360-613-9734 or writing to West Sound TV, P.O. Box 844, Bremerton, WA 98337. Videos of the Armed Forces Day parade and the Fathoms O' Fun parade are also available for purchase.

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<http://www.WestSoundTV.org>

Submitted by Sandra Smith

REAR ADMIRAL CURRIER TO SPEAK AUGUST 12th NAVY LEAGUE LUNCHEON



The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. Coast Guard Rear Admiral John P. Currier will serve as the guest speaker. He took command of the Coast Guard's District 13 in August of 2007.

The public is invited to attend, but must make reservations and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, August 6th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.



(Above) President, Guy Stitt, presents plaque to Louis Mejia, Float Committee Chairman at July luncheon from "Fanthoms 'O Fun Parade" in Port Orchard. Our Council won First Place for the Best Military Entry.

"The Lone Sailor" Soon to Receive Orders to Report for Duty in Bremerton!

Carolyn Dankers, committee treasurer, reports donations of over \$25,000 to the Lone Sailor Statue Memorial fund in July. "This is our best month of donors ever!" she grinned, flashing her trademark smile. Over 40 new supporters joined forces to fill the treasury last month to allow making the final \$50,000 installment payment to the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington DC. Once paid, the \$200,000 statue can be shipped to Bremerton in preparation for installation and dedication at the newly reopened world class marina in Bremerton.

The new marina's floating breakwater offers a terrific location to site the Lone Sailor Statue Memorial. Our favorite Bluejacket may soon be standing watch, listening to the seagull's call piercing the salty air, as he steels his gaze seaward for a sign of his shipmates return.

"Donations are still needed to build out the site," offered committee co-chair Tim Thomson. "Another month of donations like July will give us enough to plan a dedication ceremony this year", he added.

The project has raised \$220,000 towards its goal of \$260,000. You can be a part of this exciting effort. Visit the website at www.lonesailor-bremerton.org for more information and to donate on-line. Mail your donation to "Navy League - The Lone Sailor; PO Box 626; Bremerton, WA 98337". Help inspire generations about our community's naval heritage - "Let's Make it Happen!"

*Submitted By Ron Testa
Co-Chair, The Lone Sailor
Statue Committee*

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
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support and commitment Reid management gives to Reid agents. And it's obvious in the significant investment of both time and money that Reid Real Estate puts into community service.

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Torpedo Town, USA – Did you know. . . ?

Torpedoes are our business at Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Keyport, and every year we tow our display, dubbed “Torpedo Town USA” into Bremerton’s Armed Forces Day Parade. Some of you

may have seen us in the parade. But better than that, some of you have visited Keyport and walked through our depot where we prepare,

maintain, and upgrade torpedoes. But there’s more to NUWC Keyport than meets the eye. Did you know:

. . . that Keyport was established as the site for the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station in 1914 due to its geography, shallow depth, and sandy bottom for testing torpedoes? Today, NUWC Keyport also operates and maintains other cold water undersea test ranges located in Hood Canal, off the coast of Washington, and the largest in British Columbia, jointly with the Canadian Navy.

. . . that our sister organization is NUWC Division Newport in Rhode Island. The Navy’s developer of torpedoes, we’ve borrowed the name “Torpedo Town” from Newport and claim it for the west coast!

. . . that Keyport’s current commander, Capt. Jonathan A. Dowell is the second in the Dowell lineage to command the Torpedo station? His grandfather, Capt. Jonathan S. Dowell, was the base CO 1935-1937, and was stationed at Keyport once previous to that.

. . . that a process called laser cladding was developed in part by Keyport engineers to repair aluminum torpedo shells? Laser cladding has saved millions of dollars worth of aluminum parts from becoming scrap metal due to

corrosion and pitting.

. . . that NUWC Keyport is becoming a national leader in obsolescence management for DOD, effectively redesigning failing parts for aging vessels – those over the sea as well

as under the sea and on the sea, extending operational life and saving millions of dollars.

. . . that Keyport has

a detachment site in Hawthorne, Nevada? Many tourists have asked us why there is a sign for Naval Undersea Warfare Center in the middle of the desert. The desert’s dry, arid conditions are excellent for storage of older torpedoes and mines, and to conduct other maintenance and reclamation activities.

. . . that NUWC Keyport provides life-cycle support of undersea warfare systems for submarines, surface ships, torpedoes, mine countermeasures, mines, land attack systems, and Fleet training systems?

Keyport’s highly trained and specialized personnel no longer just test and evaluate Torpedoes – we have branched out and provide many high tech and unique services and capabilities that keep our Navy ready for action. NUWC Keyport’s official mission today is to “provide advanced technical capabilities for test and evaluation, in-service engineering, maintenance and industrial base support, Fleet material readiness, and obsolescence management for undersea warfare.” But Captain Dowell says “We’re here to support our war-fighters! Our motto is: They fight for us – we work for them!”

*Submitted by: Diane Jennings,
NAVSEA Keyport*



Captain Brad Johanson reviews a Memorable Day



Shipmates,

I could not be more happy with the way you all presented the JOHN C. STENNIS to the car clubs this weekend. Those folks were ecstatic!

The way the Sheriff got them through the gate and supported them with parking.

The way Chad greeted them on the pier and got them formed up for the photo-ex expeditiously and meticulously.

The way Cindy greeted them on the ceremonial quarterdeck to start the tours.

The way Doug presented flight deck control, Sean presented the flight deck and Lynn presented the Bridge. Two hour tours in only three spots because they loved it so much and had endless questions. And yes I did get routinely asked if the yellow Z06 that got launched off the cats on the Oujias Board was mine :-)

The emblems provided by Fun Boss, Byron Faber, and the MWR staff were hugely popular generating over 5,000 dollars in proceeds for our ships store.

And the photos I got to distribute as they departed were absolute first rate memories of a lifetime.

Shipmates, you made dreams come true for the 250 people we had on board this weekend and lots of our Sailors (over 75) got to hear the enthusiasm in these people’s voices as they went for rides in the Ferrari’s, Porsche’s, Vette’s and Mustangs.

BZ and Well Done! WR/Capn

Submitted by Byron Faber

Horsepower Meets Firepower – Cars and the Stennis

Board Member, Byron Faber, participated with the Corvette Club aboard the USS John C Stennis, CVN 74, on a mid July summer day that was a good (no, GREAT) one for the crew of the USS John C Stennis & several car clubs, including Corvettes, Porsches, Mustangs and Ferraris. About 145 cars and 280 people from 7 car clubs were involved.

On base they had a nicely staged photo of each club's cars beside the ship. After the photo session, the cars were moved off the pier to a nearby parking lot. In the hanger bay they had refreshments & a selection of ship merchandise was available for sale. The ship took orders for shirts with each club's logo on the back and personalized with their names & the ship's decal on the front. They were ready when the tour was finished. The Captain said that the sales made over \$5000 for the benefit of the MWR department.

The personnel who conducted the tours were very knowledgeable and courteous. It was awesome to

see the giant ship and meet the sailors who help function this mighty warship. We heard many comments on how competent & how very nice the personnel were. This ship has set many performance records so we knew they were very capable, but now we also could see how personable the officers & crew were as well.

The sailors were able to sign up for rides, so it was fun to give some repayment to them for their service to our nation. One sailor said this was the best duty day he had ever had. A Sailor I took for a ride laughed out loud as I "punched it" getting on to the freeway.

All in all, we provided a great experience for the Stennis crew, and I know the car club members were just as delighted to have photos, tours, shirts and to be able to give the crew rides in our



cars. Perhaps we could encourage car clubs nationwide to do similar events for their local military heroes?

The ship's web site is <http://www.cvn74.navy.mil/news.html>

Submitted by Byron Faber

Tours, Trips and Adventures

Come join us on our great tours and see our Sea Services at their best. Some of the upcoming tours we are planning include:

- VTS
- SWFPAC
- Madigan Hospital

Remember to visit our website and get your tour application forms completed and turned in!

We are looking for a "special someone" to come take part in organizing some of our tours. The right person will be fun, courageous, kind to our President, and a love of adventure as well as our Military personnel. In addition this lucky person should have:

- Computer skills
- Internet connection and telephone
- Planning ability

Contact Carol A Meteney at our PO Box 626, Bremerton, WA 98337. Or send direct to Carol at 7033 Prestwick Lane SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367.





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Planning Ahead

	Tuesday	Aug 5	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Wednesday	Aug 6	Board of Director's meeting, 5:30pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Tuesday	Aug 12	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30am Program – Rear Admiral John P. Currier
	Tuesday	Aug 19	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Wednesday	Aug 27	Board of Director's Meeting, 5:30pm Byron Faber's Residence - Picnic
	Tuesday	Sept 9	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30am Program – Evolution of the Submarine by Will Lent
	Tuesday	Sept 2	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Monday	Sept 22	Quarterly "Meet & Greet" Social, 5:30pm The Manette Side Bar
	Tuesday	Sept 16	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting, 5:30pm USS Turner Joy Gift Shop
	Thursday	Sept 18	Change of Command Ceremony, 1:00pm Captain Brad Johanson – On Board John C. Stennis, CVN

This Date in History

August 2, 1943 – PT-109, under command of LTJG John F. Kennedy, cut in half by Japanese destroyer *Amagiri*.

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