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Rear Admiral Blore Guest Speaker for August Luncheon

Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore, USCG District Thirteen Commander to share his wealth of diverse experience in major U.S. Commands, Iraq Wars, Homeland Security and Special Assistant to the President as the guest speaker for the August 10th Bremerton Navy League Luncheon at the Bangor Plaza Ballroom.

Admiral Blore is responsible for four Northwest States, 4,400 miles of coastline and 600 miles of inland waterways. His leadership in the Coast Guard Acquisition Program included the development of many of the new Coast Guard ships and planes, including the newest National Security Cutter BERTHOLF (see photos on page six).

Rear Admiral Blore is a DHS Level 3 certified Acquisition Program Manager and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics with honors from the U.S. Coast Guard

Academy. His personal decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, many other service and campaign awards speak to

his outstanding career. Please plan to attend this special event and bring a friend.

The public is invited to attend the monthly Guest Speaker Luncheons which are held at the Bangor Plaza Ballroom in the commercial center. A coffee social starts at 11:00 a.m. with an excellent "Chef's Choice" buffet at 11:45 a.m. concluding at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is \$15 per person and \$12 for active duty military.

Advanced reservations are required for civilian access at Naval Base Bangor's Main Gate off Hwy 3. Please call (CTC) Concurrent Technologies Corporation at (360) 782-5500 for access and directions by the Thursday prior to the luncheon.

Submitted by Gary S Gunderson



Upcoming Events - Save the Date

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| ★ August 2 | Picnic for Third Fleet Sailors - Everett |
| ★ Aug 2- 6 | Fleet Week and SeaFair - Seattle |
| ★ August 4 | Coast Guard Birthday |
| ★ August 10 | Admiral Blore, USCG, luncheon speaker - Bangor Plaza, 11 a.m. |
| ★ August 17 | Indian Island Munitions Depot Tour |
| ★ August 19 | Navy League Council Membership Picnic - Seabeck, 5:30 p.m. |
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President's Message

A hundred years ago when United States Navy Great White Fleet weighed anchor in Hampton

Roads leaving on its around the world tour, an armada of private yachts and

Maritime Domain Awareness required to preserve the safety of global sea lanes and ports.

Reminiscent of the most impressive cities around the world, Elliott Bay in Seattle is one of the most beautiful water ways anywhere to see U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and visiting Canadian ships line



boats escorted the all white, coal fired ships, out of the harbor initiating its good will mission to global "ports of call" with color, excitement and popular support.

U.S. and Foreign Navies continue making Port Visits around the world today but the flotillas of civilian escorts have been displaced by security concerns in all too crowded harbors full of container ships, mega oil tankers and freighters. A 150 of the 190 United Nations countries are coastal nations and container ships distribute 90% of the world's cargo making the cooperation of maritime nations the lynchpin of

up for a colorful "Parade of Ships" passing within 200 yards of the downtown waterfront during the traditional "Fleet Week" visit in Seattle's sixtieth annual SeaFair celebration.

Ship tours will be easier this year for "Walk On" ferry riders from Bremerton so let's take your family on a couple of tours and demonstrate that we appreciate the time honored tradition of "port visits" and our highly valued "Sea Services"... Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marines.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary S. Gunderson*

Youth Awards

One of the annual highlights for our Council is awarding "Cadet of the Year" awards to our sponsored youth programs. The Theodore Roosevelt youth Medal is awarded to the Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) or Navy JROTC cadet that best exemplifies President Roosevelt's example of spirit, energy, competition and fair play.

This year, our Youth Programs Director, Greg Jose, had the honor of presenting the Teddy Roosevelt/Cadet of the Year award to cadets in each of our sponsored units. The cadets receiving awards include:

Ariel Villegas
(South Kitsap JROTC)

Evan Vandeford
(Bremerton JROTC)

Kevin Catterson
(Port Angeles JROTC)

Jacob Samuel Kreuger
(Kitsap Battalion NSCC)

Steffen Tyler Riener
(Kitsap Battalion NLCC)

In addition to the awards or each unit, the Council sponsored a Cadet's attendance at a summer leadership academy program. Between the awards and scholarships, our Council remains committed to supporting youth programs that educate and prepare the next generation of leaders for service.

Submitted by Greg Jose

Summer Change of Commands and Retirements

Summer seems to be the “high season” for Navy Change of Commands and Retirements. The turning point of the traditional ceremony comes as the officer being relieved salutes and



RDML Douglass Biesel

says ... “I am relieved”. For everyone standing witness to the event, personal enrichment comes from heartfelt reflec-

tions, personal acknowledgements and special citations.

On June 25, 2010 RDML James Symonds retired from active duty after being relieved by RDML Douglass Biesel. The well dressed ceremony and reception was held at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and attended by warm hearted military and civilian friends there to bid “farewell” to Admiral Symonds and a “welcome aboard” to Admiral Biesel, as the new commander of Navy Region Northwest, virtually in the same breath.

Just as the program peaked with personal “sea stories,” Admiral Symonds excused himself from the podium, walked smartly to the attendant Navy Band Northwest, raised a baton and lead the band in an up tempo rendition of Stars and Stripes with skill and style! Both Jim and Anne leave us with special memories as they head south to new

“retirement” adventures and take our best of wishes with them.

On July 9, 2010 I attended the first “Fleet Up” Change of Command to complete a full “cycle” under the new



CAPT Carol Hottenrott

policy of serving as the Executive Officer or Deputy Commander Fleeting Up directly to Commanding Officer without rotating to an ashore billet prior to returning as the C.O.

Captain Carol A. Hottenrott served as Deputy Commander with Captain Michael J. Slotskey Commodore of Destroyer Squadron Nine. DESRON NINE is home ported at Naval Station Everett and attached to the USS LINCOLN Strike Group Nine. RDML Mark Guadagnini, Commander of the Carrier Strike Group spoke highly about working with both Mike and Carol as they prepare for deployment.

The Squadron provided two Guided Missile Destroyers, the USS Momsen and USS Shoup for the Seattle Fleet Week Parade of Ships and public tours for last summer’s SeaFair.

Submitted by Gary S Gunderson



RDML Douglass Biesel and RDML James Symonds at their Change of Command of Region Northwest held on Whidbey Island.

Congratulations to RADM Caldwell



new Commander, Submarine Force, United States Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While we don't feel as though he and his wonderful wife, Kimberley have been here long enough, we certainly support his advancement. He has a pattern of returning to the Northwest so we will look forward to future visits. We understand that his Change of Command will occur in October.

volunteers from Sub Group 9 on the United Way Day of Caring. He and his men completed a project at the Hospice Center in East Bremerton that was very well done. We also appreciated his willingness to share sea stories about his relatives.

RDML Robert Hennegan will be the new Commander, Submarine Group 9 in Silverdale. He is now serving as the deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He replaced RDML Caldwell when Caldwell left Nebraska to come here.

James F. Caldwell, Jr. is being promoted to Rear Admiral and will serve as the

He has become an active member of the community, including working with

Fleet Week and SeaFair Activities



Have you ever wondered about the difference between SeaFair and Fleet Week? I had thought these terms were interchangeable until I started asking questions and doing a little bit of research.

The first Fleet Week was held in San Diego in 1935 with over 114 warships and 400 military planes participating. There were 3,000 commissioned officers and 55,000 enlisted men who took liberty in San Diego and, in turn, welcomed visitors to tour their ships. This show of strength

was in response to the military build up in Europe.

Now Fleet Weeks are held around United States, but are much smaller. Some people feel as the Great White Fleet in 1906 was the role model for the 1935 Fleet Week.

SeaFair has been going on for over 60 years with water races on Lake Washington. Each year, activities have been added so that events now extend to almost two months and are spread across

the area, including the Whaling Days in Silverdale.

Ships and members of the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard will be here from August 2 to August 6. The famous Blue Angels will also be here for most of that time.

The ships will parade into Bell Harbor on August 4. the best time to welcome them would be between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Ship tours will also be available and are well worth the time. More information can be found on Seafair.com.

Exciting Future Tours

Our tour director or “Fun Boss” Byron Faber has been doing a super job of setting up tours so that we can learn more about all of the exciting things that are happening in our area and very few people outside of the military ever get to see. You also have a chance to become better acquainted with other Navy League members and their friends.

July 26-US Coast Guard-Seattle

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Seattle

Tour limit 35 people

Cost: Lunch \$10 (includes hosting some Coast Guardsmen for lunch)

Contact Byron Faber at 360.638-1235 or byfaber@centurytel.net

We will watch all of the harbor traffic as it is being tracked on radar screens 24/7. We will visit a neat Coast Guard Museum filled with great displays and a very knowledgeable curator. We will receive special attention at Station Seattle, the adopted unit of Gig Harbor/Bremerton-Olympic Council and we might even be

able to get a boat ride, depending upon what is happening. Of course, lunch is always good and we might have a special surprise there also.

Wear walking shoes and comfortable clothing, as we will be boarding boats and climbing stairs. Byron is helping to set up car-pooling, as parking space is limited.

August 17 Indian Island Munitions Depot Tour

Times and meeting places will be available at our next luncheon. Call Byron Faber at 360 638-1235 if you are interested in going on this all day tour.

The tour varies, but the island is rich in wildlife and history. Watch for the huge eagle nests and other wildlife. On some tours here, we have visited an early homestead site and the fruit trees are still producing. Indian Island is part of Naval Base Kitsap and you can see the same attention to protecting the environment here as on other NBK locations.

More tours have been planned for September and October.

Your Phone Should Be Ringing

During this month, members of the Council Board of Directors will be attempting to contact each and every Council member to verify and update their information for our 2011 Membership Directory. You will be asked to verify your mailing address, phone numbers and E-mail address. In addition, we would like to verify that you are receiving “Now Hear

This,” our monthly newsletter. You may be receiving your newsletter by regular mail or by E-mail notification to let you know that it is available on our Website.

Your comments about your Navy League experience are encouraged. Share your experiences with your Board Member.

We are listening!

Submitted by Norma Parker

Patio Party Time

It's party time!! Your Membership Committee and the Council Board of Directors are hosting a Barbecue and Patio Party in August. This is a “Hosted” affair. There will not be a charge for this event. Why? We would like to offer an opportunity to all council members and their guests to network and socialize in a relaxed atmosphere -- especially with our New Members and our Community Affiliates. Come one, come all, but please make a reservation so we have a head count for planning purposes. Don't want to run out of burgers and beer!!

This is a backyard patio affair. If weather permits, shorts and sandals are the dress of the day. You will enjoy sticking around to see sunset. The Hancock home has one of the most spectacular views on the Hood Canal. Don't miss the sun setting behind the Olympics.

Where: The Hancock Residence

8475 Leeward Ave NW

Seabeck, WA 98380

How do I get there? From Highway 3 take Newberry Hill Exit then go West. At the “T,” turn right on Seabeck Highway. Follow until the water is on your right, then continue to just before the Marina. You will see the Navy League Signs. Turn Left on Leeward. Signs will take you to Mike and Janele's home. (It's about 15 minutes west of Silverdale)

Time: 5:30 to 9:00 (or sunset)

When: Thursday, August 19

Rsvp: Norma Parker,

(360) 308-2224 or 731-2122

See you there!

USCGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750) is the first Legend-class Maritime Security Cutter (see page 1)



USCGC STATEN ISLAND and the USCGC BERTHOLF (Coast Guard photo)



USCGC BERTHOLF showing the two helicopter hangers and rear launch ramp door. (Coast Guard photo)



USCGC BERTHOLF operating in concert with the services new maritime patrol aircraft, the Ocean Sentry HC-144 and a newly re-engined HC-65 helicopter. (Coast Guard photo)

Donald Earle Pennington

Born: January 3, 1932

Died: July 12, 2010

We will miss Don Pennington who was active for many years in our Council and in so many other organizations. He retired as a Lt. Commander after 25 years. He served on river boat patrols along the Rhine River as well as on many submarines.

Condolence cards may be sent to his wife, Perlitta Lattin-Pennington at PO Box 2508, Silverdale WA 98383.

Navy League of the United States Mission Statement and Goals

A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and the United States Merchant Marine.



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.

Planning Ahead

**For best service, register early for the luncheon and the tours.
See article on tours for registration information and dates.**

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