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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

- ★ Dianne Dibley
- ★ Kenneth Galvin
- ★ Stewart Harris
- ★ William Metcalf
- ★ Richard Terjeson



President's Corner

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a safe and joyous 2006 Holiday Season. We have much to celebrate as we finish up our year as a Navy League Council—it has been a great year.

Our Council coordinated another awesome Veterans Day Celebration at the Kitsap County Fair Grounds. From the dais, it appeared that there were at least a thousand attendees. Sandra and Earle Smith are the force behind this production and did another outstanding job—their third year of coordinating this event. See the accompanying article for more information and pictures.

Unfortunately, my business travel requirements had me out of town for the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, but after looking at Dave Thomas' write-up, it looks like that went very well also. I want to

thank Guy Stitt for covering for me on the officiating duties. I am looking forward to the December luncheon where Will Lent will be giving a presentation on Pearl Harbor in recognition of Pearl Harbor Day.

After the Veterans Day celebration, things slow down for our Council for a couple of months. We will have our monthly luncheon, but the next "event" is in January—the Installation Dinner. We have invited VADM Zortman, Commander, Navy Air Forces, to be our guest speaker. The Admirals schedule is busy in January, so we have not confirmed his availability or nailed down a date.

We had another good month for recruiting new members—they are listed on the left. I would like to provide them with a hearty "Welcome Aboard" and thank them for supporting the Sea Services. As of 11/25/06 our membership total is at 507.

Thanks for all that you do.

Larry

Marine Month 2006

The monthly council luncheon on November 14 featured a celebration of the Marine Corps 231st Birthday. The Marine Corps Security Force Company Bangor combined color guard (Navy and Marine members) presented the colors to open the ceremony, followed by a traditional cutting of the cake by the oldest and youngest Marines in attendance. The Sergeant Major then read the message establishing the Marine Corps Birthday as well as one from the current Commandant.

Lieutenant Colonel James Dillon, Commander of Marine Corps Security Force Company Bangor provided remarks. He noted that the company had celebrated the 231st birthday by running a 231 mile relay carrying the company colors. He read the resolution from

Congress establishing the Marine Corps in 1775. Colonel Dillon noted that his Company now includes 331 sailors (Masters at Arms) for a total of 780 Marines and Sailors. The average age in his command is about 19 years old. He stated that the younger generation is "carrying the torch" well.

Colonel Dillon discussed the recent mission changes for his command, including assuming the waterfront security mission and adding an additional platoon of sailors to the command. He noted that even with the additional people his company operates with 50% of the people on duty at any one time, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

As part of the Marine Corps Birthday celebration, acting president, Guy Stitt and Awards Chair, Alice Thomas presented
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the Marine of the Year, Lance Corporal Michael Barela with a Navy League plaque, gift certificate, and a gift certificate provided by Hudson Photography. Acting president, Guy Stitt closed with presentation of a council mug to Colonel Dillon and thanked him for the presentation.

Story by
CAPT David Thomas, USN (Ret)
and Alice Thomas

WAUSNA invites Navy League to All Service Academies Ball

The U.S. Naval Academy Parents Club of Washington is dedicated to the support of the men and women who attend the United States Naval Academy and serve in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

The club activities encourage the building of friendships for parents and families of midshipmen in an effort to help better understand and support our sons and daughters, experience the challenges and opportunities that go along with their roles as Midshipmen and future Naval and Marine Corps. Officers.

WAUSNA has extended an invitation for Navy League members to attend the All Service Academy Ball to be held on Saturday, 30 December 2006 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

2006 All Service Academies Ball

Please join us in honoring the young men and women of Washington State attending America's Service Academies

Saturday, 30 December 2006 6:00PM to Midnight
Museum Of Flight (9404 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle)

Hosted by the Washington State US Naval Academy Parents Club
Reservation Deadline - 22 December 2006

- ~ Social Hour (no-host bar) and Receiving Line in the Great Gallery 6:00 pm
- ~ Side Gallery opens for seating 7:00 pm
- ~ Formal Program begins 7:15 pm
- ~ Dinner (catering by McCormick & Schmick's) 7:45 pm
- ~ Dancing (The Boeing Band and DJ Michael Beck) 9:00 pm

Master of Ceremonies - Attorney General Rob McKenna

Guest Speaker - James McEachin, author, actor, and decorated Korean War veteran

Formal Portraits by Bonnie's Custom Photography

F-18 simulator flights, Tour the Museum

Questions/Information Contact:

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Marine of the Year, Lance Corporal Michael Barela, center, is presented with a Navy League plaque, and gift certificates by Awards Chair Alice Thomas and acting Council President Guy Stitt, right, at the November luncheon. Also pictured are Lieutenant Colonel James Dillon, Commander of Marine Corps Security Force Company Bangor, left, and Sergeant Major Cook.

Photo by Norma Parker

NUWC Keyport is again hosting a Pearl Harbor Remembrance:



"Lest We Forget. . . Pearl Harbor"
Thursday, December 7, 2006
Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium
Program Begins at 11:00 a.m.
Public invited, Parking free

Third Veteran's Day Ceremony Pays Respect to Those Who Have Served

The Navy Band was playing and the flags were waving. The sound of bagpipes filled the air as an estimated 1,100 Kitsap residents, friends, relatives and veterans came together to pay respect to those who have served and are currently serving so bravely in defense of our Country.

The Colors were presented by the Kitsap Battalion Naval Sea Cadets who proudly presented the American Flag. Larry Salter, President of Navy League, did a magnificent job as Master of Ceremonies and introduced State Senator Phil Rockefeller who welcomed the dignitaries seated on the stage, gave a brief welcome and read a letter from U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks. Rear Admiral William French, Commander of the Navy Region Northwest, was the keynote speaker. In Admiral French's address, he thanked the audience filled with World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans for their service and sacrifice - "The valiant serve not just during times of declared war. They are shining examples of ordinary people doing extraordinary things." RADM French's speech was received with great welcome by all that attended.

Lt. Marc Yoon, who helped detonate explosives in Iraq and Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew Harrison, who participated in 33 different combat operations in Iraq from July to September, 2005, were both recognized and honored by Admiral French and all of the attendees.

This 3rd annual Veterans Day Ceremony, held at the Kitsap Sun Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, was sponsored by the Bremerton-Olympic Council of Navy League and about 25 other civic and military groups. Outstanding Navy Leaguers, Earle and Sandra Smith, are to be commended for their tireless efforts and the outstanding job in coordinating and planning this wonderful event.

To quote Ron and Linda Testa, "another knock it out of the park event!" From all of us to Earle and Sandra, "Thank You!"

Navy League would also like to thank the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners for their generous support in providing the facility and the set up for this wonderful event.

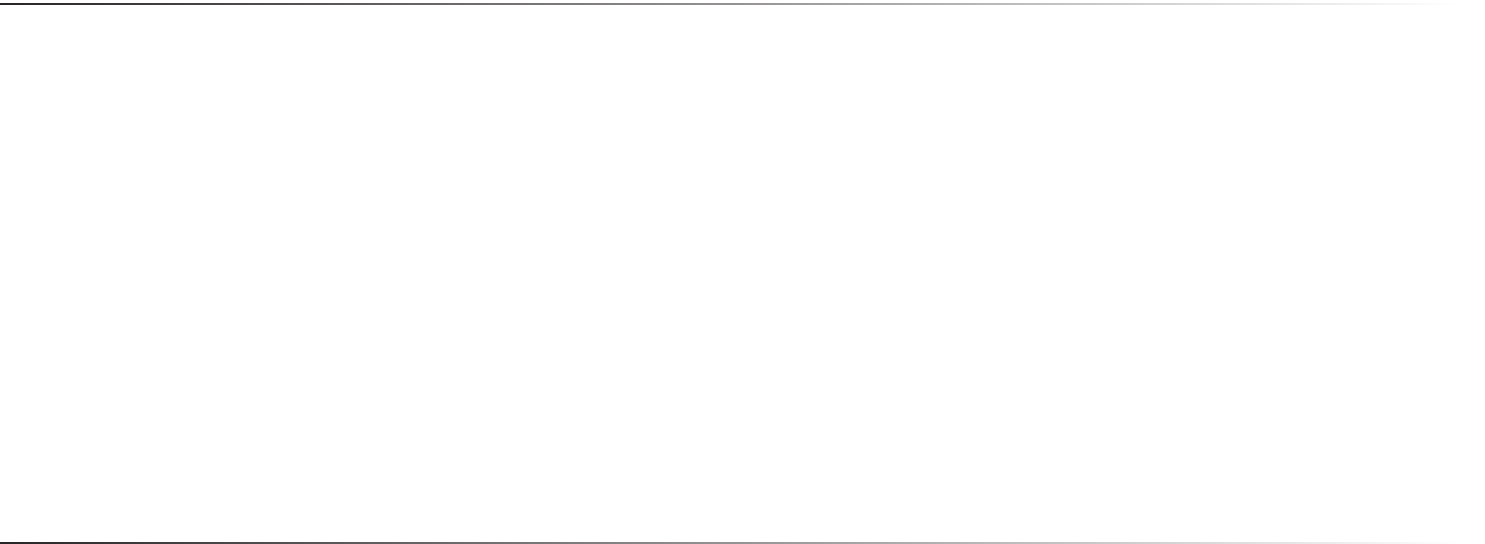
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Veterans Day Ceremony Photos Courtesy of Vern Young



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Planning Calendar

- Thursday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium
NUWC Keyport
- Tuesday Dec 12 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
Remembering Pearl Harbor
Speaker, Captain Will Lent USN (Retired)
- Saturday Dec 30 WAUSNA 2006 All Service Academies Ball, Museum of Flight,
Seattle, Contact: Sandy Lapp ph: 509-962-5474
- Tuesday Jan 9 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza
- Friday Jan 19 Tour of SafeBoats International, Port Orchard,
Contact Carol Meteney for details at 360-876-5744
- January Date TBD Navy League Installation Dinner

December

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On This Date

December 3, 1775 - LT John Paul Jones raises the Grand Union flag on Alfred. First American flag raised over American naval vessel..

December 9, 1941 - USS Swordfish (SS-193) makes initial U.S. submarine attack on Japanese ship.

December Luncheon

Date: December 12, 2006
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza,
 NBK - Bangor

Program: Capt Will Lent USN (Ret)
 Remembering Pearl Harbor

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday, December 6th 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.