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Carol Meteney Receives the Distinguished Service Award

At the Navy Convention in on October 29, President of the Peninsula council, ber, Area President, for Legislative Af-Director was awarded Distinguished The Distincan be awarded the Navy League award that falls into



It is presented annually during the National Convention to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Navy League, especially during the preceding calendar year. The recipient receives an engraved medal and a certificate.

The Citation of service for Carol states the following:

Distinguished Service Award
The Navy League of the United States
by authorization of the Executive Committee
presents this award to

Carol Ann Meteney

In testimony and tribute to her outstanding leadership and achievements as the Navy League member who, by her devotion and service to the United States, its citizens, its maritime services, and the Navy League of the United States, is most deserving of the 2009 Distinguished Service Award.

As a life member of the Navy League since 1995, Carol has served with distinction in numerous positions on the council, area, region and national levels including Judge Advocate, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council, Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Northwest Coastal Area President, National Director and member of several National Committees.

Over the past two years, Carol has played a significant role in the success of bringing the Lone Sailor Statue to Bremerton, Washington. Carol worked diligently to help raise the nearly \$250,000 needed to accomplish this enormous project and was instrumental in overseeing the many intricacies involved in the installation process.

Through her many years of dedicated service, Carol has set an example for other Navy League officers and members to emulate. Her selfless devotion to promoting the Navy League's mission and goals has earned her the respect and admiration of all Navy League members. The Navy League of the United States gratefully acknowledges her outstanding contributions and takes great pride in her accomplishments.

Submitted by David Thomas, President



President's Message

Greetings, Navy Leaguers.

The bulk of my column this month will be my annual report to the membership. First, however, I would like to extend my hearty congratulations to Carol Meteney on her award of the Navy League Distinguished Service Award. You will see an article in this newsletter describing Carol's outstanding work that earned her this well deserved award.

I am putting my annual report in print here because it captures in a few paragraphs many of the activities and events that our council conducted this year, many of them events that our council conducts year after year with little fanfare. The report by no means captures appropriately all of the hard work and dedication that goes into running our council and these events. There are many members of our board and council that make these things happen. Thank you to all.

President's Report for 2009

This report is submitted on the occasion of our annual elections and meeting of membership, as required by our council bylaws. We have had a busy and productive year. The following summarizes our key programs:

Organization - We established a Communications Committee, bringing together the Public Affairs, Newsletter, Web Site, and other related committees to ensure that our message is consistent and supports the Navy League Mission. We also established a Strategic Planning Committee to continue to look at where our counsel is going and to ensure that our programs our supporting the Navy League Mission. Both committees have become very active since early summer.

Membership - We started the year at 542 members. We are currently at 522 (as of Nov 1, 2009). Retention of existing members as well as recruiting new members is a focus of our membership committee. The membership committee continues to solicit assistance with recruiting new

members. New Community Affiliate members this year include:

- TriWest Healthcare Alliance**
- United Rentals**
- Kitsap Hospitality Executive Apartments**

Council Awards – At the National Convention of the Navy League of the United States I accepted, on behalf of the council, three significant awards for 2008. They were:

-First place (large council) for our web page for 2008. Thanks to Guy Stitt, Carolyn Dankers, and our previous Webmaster, Sheila Broumley for their efforts.

-Second place (large council) Mackie Award for our Newsletter for 2008. Thanks to Norma Parker and Kirk Piering for their continuing excellent efforts on the newsletter.

Comings and Goings

The Naval Undersea Museum Auditorium at Keyport was the setting for the Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center headquarters change of command Nov. 4. It marked the first time the ceremony has been held at Keyport.

Rear Adm. David C. Johnson was relieved by Rear Adm. Thomas G. Wears who becomes the 12th Naval Undersea Warfare Center commander.

Wears was previously in the Northwest starting in February of 2001 when he assumed command of USS Alabama (SSBN 731). This was followed by a tour as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron 17 and 19 where he worked with Naval Special Warfare, developing and implementing submarine operating concepts.

Johnson, will continue in the position he also held as deputy commander for undersea technology, and deputy PEO Submarines for the Ohio-class submarine replacement program.

Correction

November Newsletter, Page 7. "BROLPN and PSNBA Partner to Welcome the USCGC Sea Fox." The caption under the picture of the USCGC Sea Fox (WPB 87374) should read "RDML James Symonds addresses the Navy and Coast Guard Personnel, guests and dignitaries at the commissioning of the USCGC Sea Fox (WPB 87374)."

Attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec 7, 1941



The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, December 8th, in the Bangor Plaza, Base Kitsap - Bangor. Social time starts at 11:00 a.m. The program starts at 11:45 a.m. Don Green, a survivor of the December 7th Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, will serve as the Guest Speaker.

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 noon on Thursday, December 3rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person

CNO Releases 2010 Guidance



WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead released his Guidance for 2010 Sept. 2.

CNO said the guidance reaffirms the vision, mission and principles as in the previous guidance, and that his focus areas of building a future force, maintaining our war fighting readiness and developing and supporting our Sailors, Navy civilians and their families remain unchanged.

The guidance continues to carry out the 18 intentions from the 2009 Guidance, but also identifies five intentions that CNO will place particular emphasis on in the coming year: continue to be the dominant force, ready naval forces across all maritime missions, build a Navy with appropriate force structure and strategic lay down, achieve decision superiority, align the requirements, resources and acquisition processes; and evolve and establish international relationships.

CNO said this guidance will provide new opportunities that will ensure our continued maritime dominance globally.

To read the CNO's 2010 guidance, visit <http://www.navy.mil/features/CNOG%202010.pdf>

For more news from Chief of Naval Operations, visit <http://www.navy.mil/cno/>

*Submitted by
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs*

Navy Using Alternative Fuels

Navy Region Northwest (CNRNW) and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Northwest opened two new environmentally friendly fuel tanks at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Bangor, this year. One fuel tank holds Ethanol (E85) and the second tank holds Bio-diesel (B20). They are available for use in government vehicles.

"Today we are switching our vehicles to a corn-based E85 type of fuel," said Capt. Mark Olson, NBK commanding officer. "From the swap out of the 136 E85 vehicles here, we can expect an immediate air quality improvement of 7.6% from gasoline vehicles at Bangor."

"Along with the 136 E85 vehicles, there are about 27 vehicles at NBK Bangor which will use the B20 fuel, with numbers of both vehicles expected to rise in the upcoming future. Our impact on the environment is going to get significantly less as soon as we start using the bio-diesel fuels," said Rear Adm. James Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest. It is cheaper, cleaner, and reduces our dependency on foreign oil.

NBK is the first Navy station in the Northwest to introduce the new environmentally friendly fuel. However, it is not the last. The Navy

Exchange will open its new E85 pump at Naval Station Everett Harborside fuel station in May, soon to follow this trend is Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and NBK Bremerton.

"We are currently leading the region by getting the infrastructure in place to start using alternative fuels," said NAVFAC NW Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Schlesinger, "and reduce our dependence on oil by using these vehicles that allow us to not burn petroleum products."

"I think that with enough publicity for this fuel station it will have a positive impact on the outside community," said Randy Randklev, EJB Transportation Fleet Support. "This is a great thing not only for the military but for the environment overall." The NBK Bangor alternative fuel facility is open to government vehicles only.

More information about E85 and B20 is available from the US Department of Energy at <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc>

DOE also maintains a Web site for motorists to locate alternative fuel at http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/stations/find_station.php

Go Navy

Come cheer your favorite football team at the Army-Navy Game on Friday, December 11th at 6pm at Silverdale Stadium. This is always a fun event, so bundle up and come have fun.

In fact, start cheering early at the Pep Rally, held the night before at the Samuel Adams Brewhouse on NBK Bremerton at 4pm. The Navy team, their families and fans, and anyone else are all welcome to attend.

Our Council is a proud sponsor of this event this year so let's have fun and show our support.

Order Your Council Name Tag Now

The next time you attend our luncheon, ask about getting a nametag so that others will recognize you and know that you are a supporter of our sea services.

Ask George Rose or Tony Ivanjack at the registration desk. They will be happy to collect \$10 and will have the nametag ready for you at the following luncheon.

Navy League National Convention

October 28 through November 1 the Navy League of the United States held their annual convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. National Directors Carol Meteney and Larry Salter attended the convention. Also attending from our council were President Dave Thomas, Alice Thomas, and Tina Salter.

The convention provided an opportunity to learn what councils around the world are doing, to learn from them, and to observe presentations of National Awards to many Navy League Councils, individual members, as well as a number of Sea Service Awards at the National Level. Current status and issues presentations were also made by each of the Sea Services.

President Dave Thomas accepted the 2008 Awards: 1st Place Mackie Award for our Web Site. Our newsletter, "Now Hear This" received 2nd Place for large councils, and our Council received an honorable

mention for large councils.

In addition to attending meetings, Carol and Dave were at the Second Annual Expo showing other Councils how we reached out to the Community to bring "The Lone Sailor" to Bremerton. We were very well received and other Councils are interested in bringing a similar project to their areas. At the Expo, other Councils demonstrated events and projects they are working on. The next Convention, 2010, will be Jacksonville, FL; 2011 in Chattanooga, TN; 2012 in Hawaii; 2013 in Long Beach, and 2014 in San Diego.

It is important to have Council Representation at these Conventions. Consider becoming more active in our Council and participating in such events. I have been proud to represent this Council for many years. Congratulations to all new officers go forth and do good things!

Submitted by Dave Thomas and Carol Meteney



President Dave Thomas accepts the 2008 1st Place Mackie Award for our Web Site; 2nd Place for Large Councils, and our Council, honorable mention for large councils.



Larry Salter was recognized for his outstanding new member recruiting efforts during 2008 by Navy League National President, Mike McGrath.



Northwest Region Navy League members join National President Mike McGrath for a Photo Opportunity (front left to right: Diane Jaffa, Alice Thomas, Carol Meteney, Mike McGrath, Tom Jaffa, Barbara Bailey, Beth Munns, Tina Salter; rear left to right: Roger Olsen, Ken Sparks, Dave Thomas, Dick Devlin, Diane Devlin, Larry Salter)



Dave Thomas receives the large council 2nd Place Mackie Award from National President Mike McGrath and Vice President Patricia Du Mont for "Now Hear This."

Great News! Plan to Attend January 12th,

Visiting Navy League President, Dan Branch, will be our guest speaker for the January Luncheon held on Bangor at the Trident Ballroom. We are looking forward to his first visit and tour of our Area. We hope our members and guests will take advantage of this opportunity to meet Dan and hear him speak.

Dan Branch was installed as President at the recent National Convention in Corpus Christy, TX October 31st, 2009. His lovely wife Kathleen will accompany him on this visit. This opportunity will be open to the many Commands in our Region, so please reserve your space early. The cost of this special luncheon will remain our normal \$15.00.

Reservations are a must! We expect a full house. Call Concurrent Technologies (CTC) at 360-782-5500 for reservations. See you all there!

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

PSNBA Elects New Officers

PSNBA held its Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, August 19, 2009. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect new Officers to the Executive Board and to vote on proposed changes to the bylaws.

The 2009/2010 PSNBA Executive Officers are as follows:

- **President:** Ms. Wendy Miles
- **Vice President for Base Relations:** Ms. Chelsea Grace
- **Vice President for Community Relations:** Ms. Leah Wattree
- **Secretary:** Mr. Rich Chwaszczewski
- **Treasurer:** Admiral (Retired) Jim Taylor

Board members also elected two new members to the General Board of Directors. They are Ms. Heidi Cassel, an employee of the Puget Sound

Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) and Mr. Dean Benton, from the Bremerton Metal Trades Council.

Don Green Witnesses the Attack on Pearl Harbor

Our Dec 12 program speaker will be our own member, Don Green. Don was a Navy Veteran of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec 7th, 1941.



At the time, Don was on the USS Pyro, an ammunition ship tied up in the ammunition depot referred to as West Loch on the north eastern edge of Pearl Harbor itself. The Pyro was loaded with bomb type ammunition as was the pier and a barge that was alongside. Don, therefore, had much to be concerned when an enemy bomber made a close approach and released a "near miss" bomb. Don remembers the face of the haughty pilot as he sped by at close range. Don also witnessed the carnage and damage absorbed by the Pacific Fleet. This will be a program of great interest and historical value to all our members.

Submitted by Will Lent



Board Member, Tina Salter and Past President, Larry Salter, welcome the Teddy & Eleanor Roosevelt re-enactors at the Navy League Booth during the Veterans Day Celebration at the Kitsap Pavilion.

Now Hear This! Installation Dinner January 9, 2010

**Navy League of the United States
Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council**

Would be Honored by Your Presence at Our

**ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER
And RECOGNITION CELEBRATION**



Featured Speaker
RDML James A. Symonds
Commander, Navy Region Northwest



Where: Harborside
Convention Center

Date: Saturday, Jan 9, 2009

Dress: Civilian: Business Attire
Military: Service Dress Blue

Time: 6:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Admiral Symonds

Followed by Installation
2010 Officers and Board of Directors

President's Recognition and Awards

Special Recognition of
Community Affiliates

Tickets:
\$50.00

If reserved and paid by
December 28, 2009

\$60.00
If reserved after
December 28

Reservations Necessary

Menu Choice of: Menu Choices: Flat Iron Steak with Herb Butter
Chicken a la Oscar topped with Asparagus, crab and Hollandaise Sauce
Wild Mushroom Risotto with White Truffle Sauce (vegetarian)

Name: _____ Flat Iron Steak # _____
Address: _____ Chicken a la Oscar # _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Wild Mushroom # _____
Telephone: _____ Business Name: _____

Guests: _____

Number Attending @ \$50 per person: _____ Total: \$ _____
Number Attending @ \$60 per person: _____

Make checks payable to Navy League and note it is for the Jan 9th NL dinner.
Mail to Norma Parker, 9237 Morning Side Dr, Silverdale, WA 98383
Contact: nparker@reidrealestate.com (360) 731-2122

In addition to attending, please consider sponsoring a service member and spouse.

Legislative Affairs Committee

Our Council is active and working with the Members of Congress to educate them as to the need and desire for strong Sea Service. We have 28 Members to contact. Two presentations need to be made per Member of Congress.

If you would like to work with me on this Grass Roots effort please contact me. Carol A. Meteney, as your help is needed to visit and make presentations to the members of congress. The training for such presentations and visits are available by phone at no cost to you.

*Submitted by Carol A. Meteney,
Northwest Region Vice President
for Legislative Affairs.*



At BROLPN's November Luncheon, Lance Corporal Corey T. Pope was featured as the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor 2009 Marine of the Year. Patriot's Landing provided a plaque commemorating the event and Hudson Photography is making arrangements for a complimentary photo sitting. Byron Faber will be taking our Marine on an exciting Ferrari ride. Our Council also presented Lance Corporal Pope with a gift certificate from a local restaurant and an Iwo Jima Memorial Statuette. Congratulations, Lance Corporal Pope!

Tour the Naval Hospital Bremerton on January 11, 2010

Tour Director, Byron Faber, has set up another excellent tour.

What – Tour of the Navy hospital here in Kitsap

When – January 11, 10:00 am

Where – Hwy 3, take Austin Dr exit, follow signs.

Lunch – At the hospital, cost approx \$4.50

Naval Hospital Bremerton (NHB) is regarded as the best Family Medicine teaching hospital in the Navy. NHB is a community-based acute care and obstetrical hospital, offering expert primary care, emergency care and a broad range of medical and surgical specialties. NHB has up to 12 %

of its active duty staff deployed at any given time supporting combat units in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and other locales such as Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, as well as being engaged in humanitarian aid and disaster response missions.

If you don't have base access, please send Byron your full legal name, as it appears on your driver's license, last 4 numbers of your social security and citizenship.

Let Byron know if you plan to attend as soon as possible so he can make plans with the hospital. byfaber@centurytel.net

This is always a great tour so plan on attending and bring a friend.



Following Marine tradition, the youngest Marine in attendance serves Marine Birthday Cake to the oldest Marine (retired) in attendance at the Annual Marine Birthday Luncheon held at Bangor in November.

Free Holiday Concert


Our Council has been extended a special invitation to attend the Navy Band Northwest's presentation of the Combined Holiday Concert with the 56th Army Band from Ft. Lewis on Friday, December 18 at 7 pm. to be held at Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, Bremerton, WA The concert is FREE and open to the Public.

For additional information about Navy Band Northwest, please contact then at (360)315-3447, or by email at NavyBandNW.CNRNW@navy.mil.

Now Hear This! Dan Branch, National President to speak at 01/12/10 luncheon



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Planning Ahead

Monday	Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day at Keyport
Tuesday	Dec 8	Monthly Luncheon Meeting – Bangor Plaza Social 11:00, Lunch 11:45 Speaker – Don Greene, Pearl Harbor Survivor
Thursday	Dec 10	Pep rally for Army/Navy Game – 4:00 pm Samuel Adams Brewhouse, Naval Base Kitsap
Friday	Dec 11	Army/Navy Game - 6:00 pm Silverdale High School Stadium
Friday	Dec 18	Combined Holiday Concert-56th Army Band United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club 7:00 pm-Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center
Wednesday	Jan 6	Board of Director's Meeting – 6:00 pm Reid Real Estate – Silverdale
Thursday	Jan 7	Deadline for Making Reservations For January 12 Luncheon – 12:00 noon
Saturday	Jan 9	Installation Dinner - 6:00 pm Harborside Convention Center
Monday	Jan 11	Tour Naval Hospital Bremerton – 10:00 am
Tuesday	Jan 12	Monthly Luncheon Meeting - Social 11:00 am, Lunch 11:45 am –Bangor Plaza Speaker – Dan Branch, Navy League National President

This Date in History

December 7, 1941 – Japanese carrier aircraft attack U.S. Pacific Fleet based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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