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- ★ Marilynn Sharpnack

Rear Admiral Hennegan Speaker at the February 8 Luncheon

Rear Admiral Hennegan is the man responsible for the readiness training, logistical, administrative and personnel support of all U.S. ballistic missile (SSBN) and guided missile (SSGN) submarines in the Pacific Northwest.

Hennegan assumed duty as commander, Submarine Group 9 on October 29, 2010, relieving RDML Frank Caldwell. He came well prepared to assume such vast responsibilities here based upon his prior service on the USS Haddock, USS James Madison, USS Grayling and the USS Buffalo. He was also assigned to Submarine Squadrons 6 and 8.

Ashore, Hennegan served on the staffs of the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Director, Naval Nuclear propulsion. He served in fleet support positions on the staff of commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and at Submarine Squadron 16. He also served as the deputy chief of Legislative Affairs for the Navy and on the Department of Defense Transition Task Force in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Hennegan once again relieved his friend, RDML Caldwell when he became the deputy commander, Joint Functional Component



President Carolyn Dankers and RADM Hennegan

Command for Global Strike at U.S. Strategic Command.

A 1980 graduate of the United States Naval Academy Hennegan completed studies in the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program, he earned an M.S. degree in Operations Research from the Naval Graduate School, completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, the National Securities Studies Program at George Washington University and the Seminar XXI Program at MIT.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Vice Admiral Stockade Award for Inspirational Leadership.



President's Message

W o r k i n g
Together, Making
a Difference is
the theme for the
upcoming Regional
Conference, hosted
by our council. We

have not had a Regional Conference here in 10 years, so let's take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy!

Included in this newsletter are descriptions of the activities, speakers and the registration forms for the conference. You can register for the entire event or just pick and choose what you want. This is a great opportunity for those of you who would like to attend Navy League events but can't get away during a weekday.

Please register now!

Your new Board and Officers met for the first time to plan our annual calendar and develop the budget. Based upon that meeting, I can promise you that this is going to be an exciting year. Please take time to introduce yourself to the new officers and board members and thank them for stepping forward to help continue this council's long history of service to our military and our community. Our council is only as strong as all of our members, so your help and support is needed. Continue to tell us what you like and what you would like to see change.

Give thanks to those who protect us.
Carolyn Dankers

Outstanding Conference Speakers

Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore, USCG District Thirteen Commander will be the keynote speaker for the Northwest Regional Navy League Conference on February 26 to be held at the Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton. The special evening event begins at 5:30 with a networking period, dinner and program.

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.

He has also served in a variety of diverse roles including the Iraq Wars, Homeland Security and as special assistant to the President.

Captain Steven Vincent, Commanding Officer of the Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC), Kitsap, will be the keynote dinner speaker on Friday, February 25 for the Northwest Regional Navy League Conference. His remarks will focus on his experiences as the Commanding Officer of the USS Germantown at a port of call in Saipan. His sailors and a detachment of marines worked together with the community in a major clean up and beautification program that promoted understanding and appreciation on both sides.

Captain Vincent also demonstrated his leadership skills at training for Naval Reservists and their families last December. Approximately 755 people attended this great event, again bringing together community members, vendors and members of other services to help prepare the Reservists for successful deployments.

Cynthia Kuehner, CDR, NC, USN will share her stories as a nurse for three years at Gitmo, her tour of duty on the front lines in Iraq and her recent tour on the Afghan, Pakistani border as a Community Developer. Her stories are absolutely amazing and she brings great insight as to some of the major challenges that are being faced in these areas. She is a great storyteller and you will feel as though you are with her on these experiences. You will gain insight into the difficulties that both sides are facing in being able to work together.

Our Regional President, Jim Lasher will bring us up to date on what is happening in our region. **Beth Munns, NW Coastal President**, will conduct a meeting for Presidents and Vice Presidents on Friday afternoon. Most of our National Directors are planning on participating and they are a wonderful group of people. Many will be leading the break out sessions or whole group sessions. **Bill Waylett**, our direct link to National Navy League, will share ideas and resources from National.

Navy League of the United States 2011 Northwest Regional Conf *Working Together— Making a Difference*

Dear Fellow Council Members,
Now is the time to register for the 2011 Regional Conference This will be a great opportunity to learn and share strategies for remaining a strong, viable Navy League group able to support and advocate for members of our Sea Services and their families.

Fortunately, we will be able to have our meetings and meals on Naval Kitsap Base in Bremerton. This means that pre-registration is a must so that you will be able to get on base easily and we can make certain that everything is ready for you.

The two Friday tours also require pre-registration so that you can have base access for the Naval Hospital Bremerton and Keyport Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport. See the separate flyers for complete details.

On Saturday afternoon, arrangements have been made so that you can tour the USS Turner Joy, part of the Historic Ship Association, Puget Sound Naval Museum and/or The Kitsap County Historical Museum. These are all within walking distance of the Bremerton ferry and the host hotel. No reservations are needed to visit these wonderful sites. Walk down to the Lone Sailor Memorial for a great photo opportunity.

You will have an opportunity to hear a variety of speakers who will inspire, educate and entertain you, meet some of our local military heroes, some of our National Directors and members from other councils. You might also have a chance to learn more about the Olympic Peninsula!

Note, that you can sign up for a total package or for just a dinner or lunch program.

Registration due by February 18

USS Bremerton Adoption

The excitement continues as Byron Faber visits the Captain and crew of the USS Bremerton (SSN 698) in Hawaii. Byron is serving as the Chief Liaison Officer from our Council to the USS Bremerton. He was the driving force in getting the recognition that this fast attack submarine deserves from its namesake city.

Mayor Patty Lent of Bremerton and the Bremerton City Council

members hosted a wonderful Adoption Ceremony at the Norm Dicks Conference Center. Members of the City Council passed a formal resolution recognizing the USS Bremerton, The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council signed formal adoption papers and the Puget Sound Naval Base Association also recognized the submarine and noted that the first USS Bremerton was actually built in Bremerton.

Drake Evans, a returning board member, will assist Byron in maintaining contact with the Captain and the crew. We were delighted that CDR Caleb Kerr and his wife, Hilary were willing to fly here at their own expense, to meet with everyone.

We look forward to getting to know the crew of this submarine better. Special thanks to Byron for making this happen.



Byron Faber onboard the USS Bremerton (SSN 698) in Hawaii



CDR Caleb Kerr, CO of the USS Bremerton, speaking at the January Luncheon



New officers (left to right) Heidi Hottinger, Secretary; Ruth Bond, Treasurer; Carolyn Dankers, President



Mayor Lent and City Council members



Ron Testa presenting art work to CDR Kerr from our Council



2011 NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE WORKING TOGETHER, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 25

- 9:45 AM—12:00 PM** **Tour of Naval Hospital Bremerton**
Includes lunch –see flyer on tours
- 12:45 PM—3:00 PM** **Tour of Keyport Undersea Warfare Center & Museum**
See flyer on tours
- 1:00 PM—5:00 PM** **Registration packets Available**
Fairfield Inn, Bremerton
- 3:00 PM—4:00 PM** **Council Presidents and Vice-Presidents Meeting**
Fairfield Inn, Bremerton
NW Coastal President, Beth Munns
- 5:30 PM—9:00 PM** **Social, Dinner & Program**
Olympic Lodge, Bremerton
Welcome-Thomas Jaffa-National Vice President-Membership
Speaker: Captain Steven D. Vincent, CO NOSC Kitsap

Saturday, February 26 Events at Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap—Bremerton

(unless otherwise noted)

- 8:45 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome**
Command Master Chief, David Bisson, Navy Region Northwest
- 9:10 AM** **Reaching Out to Your Community**
Bill Waylett, NLUS Director for Regional Affairs
Dick Devlin, National Director
- Small interactive groups**
- 10:20 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM** **Small interactive groups**
- 11:45 AM** **Break for lunch**
Lunch Speaker, CDR Cynthia Kuehney, NC, USN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-BC)
- 1:00 PM** **Small interactive groups/best practices**
- 2:30 PM** **Wrap-up**
- 3:15 PM** **Optional tours available**
for the USS Turner Joy, the Naval Museum and/ or the Kitsap Historical Museum, all within easy walking distance of the Fairfield Inn, or just RELAX
- 5:30 PM—9:00 PM** **Social, Dinner & Program**
Welcome: James Lasher, NW Regional President
Speaker: Rear Admiral Gary T. Blore, Commander, USCG District Thirteen



2011 NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE WORKING TOGETHER, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

February 25 & 26, 2011

Registration Form—DUE NO LATER THAN FEB. 18, 2011

Nickname (How first name should appear on badge) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail address _____

Council _____ Council Job Title _____

Special needs (food allergies, ADA needs, etc.) _____

Do you have base access to Naval Base Kitsap? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fee Everything! Total Package \$110

Includes 2 Dinners and Receptions, 1 lunch, 1 Continental Breakfast,
Snacks, conference materials, tours

OR

Price for each event separately:

Feb 25 Dinner & Reception \$40 _____

Feb 26 Continental Breakfast \$ 5 _____

Feb 26 Lunch \$20 _____

Feb 26 Dinner & Reception \$40 _____

Please send registration form and check to:

Navy League of the United States
Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council
PO Box 5719
Bremerton, WA 98312

Hotel Registration: Fairfield Inn & Suites, 360 377-2111

Special Rates: Mention Navy League Conference

New Council Officers and Board Members Officially Installed at January Luncheon

Thanks goes to Tom Jaffa, our senior Navy League National Vice President for being the installing officer for our new officers and board members. Larry Salter, also a National Vice-President and National Director as well as a past president of our Council assisted him. Diane Jaffa, President of the Seattle Council and a National Director also participated.

Our Council depends upon members stepping forward and

accepting the responsibilities to guide our organization. Since 1948, our Council has been an active force in the community to lead the way in honoring our military. Some of our members remember when there were only a handful of members and they would get together and share stories. Each month the lunches would be at a different restaurant and the challenge was to remember where to go each month. The group was always patriotic

and participated in local parades and community events.

We are thankful that we can meet each month on base and be welcomed at military events. We need to always remember that this is a very special privilege and is based upon the hard work of past members who gained the trust and respect of our local military leaders.

See the list on the front page of all of our new officers and board members.



Installation lunch with (left) Larry Salter and (above) Tom Jaffa, Carolyn Dankers and Diane Jaffa

Concurrent Technologies Corporation – Dual Membership Status

You may have noticed on the list of companies on page 8 that Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) is listed twice—as a Business Associate and as a Community Affiliate. They hold both membership categories—their local office is a Community Affiliate and their Johnstown, PA Corporate Office is also a Business Associate member recruited by our Council.

The support provided by CTC and all our Community Affiliates is critical to our Council's success. You surely know CTC for no other reason than they take our event RSVP's. They are also one of our biggest

financial supports for things like the Armed Forces Day Gala, Operation Holiday Spirit, and other fundraising events. Their employees are also active in our Council—two of our last five Council Presidents work for CTC—Larry Salter and Dave Thomas.

Larry Salter, the Executive Director for the Western Region stated that “it is CTC's honor and pleasure to support the efforts of the United States Navy League and to help advance its mission of support to the Sea Services.”

CTC is an independent, nonprofit, applied scientific research and

development professional services organization. CTC has been putting ideas into action since 1987, supporting a wide range of high-priority defense requirements and helping U.S. industry compete in the global market. CTC's local office is involved in a number of projects for Commander, Navy Region NW, Commander, Navy Installations Command, and the Veterans Administration.

We certainly welcome CTC's continuing support of our mission and goals of supporting our military and their families and strengthening our sea services.

Larry Salter Selected to Chair National Membership Committee

Larry Salter, a Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Board Member, National Director, and member of the National and Council Membership Committees was selected to chair the National Membership Committee at the 2010 Annual Navy League meeting in October. Larry is no stranger to membership issues having served as our Council Membership Chair for five years, has been on the Council membership committee for the past two years, and has been the Council membership database manager for the past five years. He was recognized as one of a number of "Navy League Top Recruiters" for 2009 at the National Annual Meeting.

National Vice President for Membership and Marketing Tom Jaffa introduced Larry to the committee by saying, "I imposed upon a gentlemen

who has had great success in membership to be our next Chairman. He has chaired our Community Affiliate Task Force, been a Council President, the Council membership chair (during his time as the membership chair his council increased their membership from 480 to 570 members), he is a previous Base Commander of NAS Whidbey Island, and a retired Captain. Rank has no meaning in this group except I have watched him in action and he has learned some skills along the way. I'm delighted Larry Salter has agreed to be our Committee Chairman."

Larry has been active in Navy League since his retirement from active duty in 2002. Council President John Payne invited Larry to be on his Board in 2003. He served as Judge Advocate under Van Vlist and Vice President for Roger Nance before becoming our

Council President in 2006. He has been a National Director and a member of the National Membership Committee for the past three years.

Larry, also serves on the Board of the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association as the Vice President for Fundraising.

Although volunteer work and supporting the Navy is very important to Larry, it does not exactly pay the mortgage. His day job is as the Western Region Executive Director for Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC), one of our Community Affiliates. CTC's Corporate Office is also a Business Associate Member of our Council.

We wish Larry success as National Chair of the Membership Committee and thank him for all of his work at the local level.

Planning Ahead

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

Feb 20	Navy Band Northwest – Keyport Concert 2pm
Feb 25	Naval Hospital Bremerton tour Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport – tour
Feb 26	Northwest Regional Conference – Workshops & General Sessions, Dinner Program – See inside for details
March 8	Luncheon, Guy Stitt, "Troubled Spots Around the World"
March 20	Navy Band Northwest's "Five Star Brass" Quintet – Keyport
in April	Hail and Farewell Captain Mark Olson & Captain Pete Dawson
April 12	Luncheon, Captain Monger, "USS Nimitz"
April 17	Navy Band Northwest's "Five Star Brass" Quintet – Keyport
May 10	Luncheon, Centennial Celebration of Naval Aviation
May 14	Military Iron Chef's Cook Off – Olympic College
May 21	Armed Forces Festival & Parade – Bremerton
May 21	Armed Forces Day Gala, Admiral Theatre – Bremerton



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