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**NEW MEMBERS**

*Welcome Aboard*

★ Clifford & Betty Olson



**President's Corner**

This is my last Presidents Corner. It seems like I just was writing my first one! It has been a busy and and action packed year. We are finishing the year in excellent financial shape with strong membership numbers.

Your council hosted a number of significant community events that were very well attended by the general public. We were able to provide significant support to the Sea Services—our primary mission. Having the opportunity to lead this great organization for the past year has been a real honor.

Stan Mack will be taking the helm on 9 January at the January luncheon. VADM James Zortman, Commander Naval Air Forces, will be our guest speaker. Please come to wish Stan, the new officers, and Board all the best for 2007.

I have so many to thank for all our accomplishments this year, but to avoid taking up the entire newsletter with my comments and to avoid the risk of leaving someone out, I will not be addressing specific people.....other than one. This was

an awesome year for the Board—we put a number of programs back on track and we hosted events that were representative of the outstanding work we accomplished this year—USS Ohio Return to Service Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Gala, Memorial Day Service aboard USS Turner Joy, Trafalgar Night, and Veterans Day.

My travel requirements increased significantly during the past year so I had to rely on a number of folks to cover for me at events. Since we were without a vice president most of the year, Stan Mack stepped up as the Treasurer to represent the council at a number of luncheons and events. In addition to being the Treasurer and picking up the slack for me, Stan also coordinated the Memorial Day Service aboard USS Turner Joy—thanks Stan. The Council is getting a very experienced, well qualified member as our new President.

I am looking forward to taking the pack off for a while, but I truly believe in the mission of the Navy League so will continue to support the Council in whatever capacity that is needed. Thank you for all you do to support the Sea Services, and again, it has been an honor to represent our Council as the President. All the best for 2007.

*Larry*

**NAVY LEAGUE LUNCHEON January 9, 2007**  
**Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap - Bremerton**

The installation of the 2007 officers of our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council will take place at the monthly luncheon to be held on January 9th at 12:00 noon. Navy League's new President, Stan Mack, the new officers and the Board of Directors will be installed at the luncheon. We are pleased to announce that the featured speaker will be VADM James Zortman, Commander Naval Air Forces.

All guests must RSVP. Call Pioneer Services (360-405-6336) no later than Wednesday, January 3rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person. Contact Sandra Smith at 360-876-0255 for more information.

## NOW HEAR THIS!

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## December Navy League Luncheon Program

### Sailor of the Quarter Awards

Larry Salter and Alice Thomas presented awards to the Sailors of the Quarter for Third Quarter, 2006. Captain Dan Prince, Commanding Officer Trident Training Facility, introduced STS1(SS) Steven Wishart, the senior sailor of the quarter.

Captain Catherine Wilson, Commanding Officer Naval Hospital Bremerton, and Command Master Chief Thomas Countryman represented Naval Hospital Bremerton. Command Master Chief Thomas Countryman introduced the junior sailor of the quarter, HM3 Susan Adams, and the Bluejacket of the Quarter, HN(AW) Amanda Koth. Each of the awardees received a Navy League Plaque, a gift certificate to Red Robin, and a gift certificate provided by Hudson Photography.

### Battleships of Pearl Harbor

Our own program chairman, Will Lent, provided an outstanding presentation on the Battleships of Pearl Harbor.

Will described the Battleship fleet, how the Navy intended to use them prior to Pearl Harbor, and how the rest of the fleet supported the Battle Line. Will then went on to describe the road to war between 1931 and 1941, leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He described the various ships, aircraft, and weapons used by the Japanese Navy in the attack, as well as the U.S. Navy Battle Fleet. He described the attack plan and phasing and the various

target priorities.

Will then went on to explain how the transformation from the Battleships as the centerpiece to aircraft carriers as the centerpiece of the fleet occurred over the next few months and throughout World War II. Will's presentation was very informative and well received by the members present.

*by CAPT David Thomas, USN (ret)*

## Move over Mario!

One of the very enjoyable things about being a member of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council is the opportunity to meet with and support the young men and women of the sea services. After the Navy League tour of the USS John C Stennis on Dec 1, the tour group met with the Commanding Officer, Captain Brad Johanson. Mr. Byron Faber, one of our new members who owns a Ferrari, offered to provide rides for any of his crew that he wanted to something special for. Captain

Johanson thought the Senior and Junior Sailor of the Year would be excited about being able to have pictures and rides in a Ferrari. The Senior Sailor of the Year for 2006 is YN1 Tennille Hairston. The Junior Sailor of the Year for 2006 is AW2 Patrick Charlot. They both had their pictures taken with the car and then Byron gave each a ride to Silverdale and back. Ms Hairston didn't care to drive the Ferrari, but AW2 Charlot enthusiastically accepted Byron's generous offer to let him get behind the wheel. Both had a lot of fun with the acceleration and Byron assures us that they stayed within the speed limit.....or at least that is his story and he is sticking to it. The Council has formal ways of acknowledging organizations and their members, but it is great when our individual members take the initiative to do something special.

Thanks to Byron Faber for taking the initiative. His comment was that "it was a real pleasure to serve the Captain and Crew of USS John C. Stennis.

*Submitted by Norma Parker*



*Left: USS John C Stennis' Senior Sailor of the Year for 2006, YN1 Tennille Hairston has her picture taken with Byron Faber's Ferrari. She and the Stennis' Junior Sailor of the Year AW2 Patrick Charlot (below) each got to go for a ride in the unique car. A little something special from one of our league's members to two very deserving sailors!*



## Bremerton - Olympic Peninsula Council welcomes STENNIS

December 1st was a cold and misty NW day, but it was warm and cozy inside the cavernous hangar deck with over 1500 crew members mustered at quarters. A hardy group (26 members and guests) of our local Council gathered to meet our newest and largest local ship, the USS John C. Stennis.

Thanks to Captain Bradley Johanson for giving us the opportunity to speak directly to the crew. He also introduced our members as representatives of the Navy League, and he spoke at length about the importance of the local and national support which the Navy League provides.

Council President-elect Stan Mack presented a mounted poster entitled "Olympic Peaks", which displays a satellite view of the Puget Sound region with Bremerton in the center and the Olympic Peaks in the background. In the top margin is a line drawing which illustrates and

identifies the prominent peaks. The line drawing is the work of artist Richard Pargeter, who was also present. In presenting the poster to the crew, Stan's message was, "Bremerton cares about sailors, and your local Navy League supports the Sea Services. We hope this poster will be prominently displayed to remind you of your new homeport while you are deployed."

Northwest Region President Ron Testa presented a copy of the book, "Defending Our Freedom", to the artist, and he presented a copy of the book, "History of the Navy League", to Captain Johanson.

The group was treated to a tour of the ship, and we supported the ship's recreation fund by purchasing emblematic material (including very nice bottles of STENNIS wine).

*Contributed by Stan Mack*



Artist Richard Pargeter and USS John C. Stennis' Captain Bradley Johanson hold the poster "The Olympic Peaks"



Navy League Region President Ron Testa presents Captain Johanson with the book "History of the Navy League"



Above: An F-14D Tomcat sits poised for launch on one of four steam-powered catapults aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis. Navy League members and guests toured the Stennis on December 1st as part of the League's Tours, Trips, and Adventures series.

## January 19th Tour of SAFE Boats International

The next tour, directed by George Rose, will be of Safe Boat International located in our own community. Their boats are used by the USCG in Puget Sound and elsewhere, and by the U.S. Marines patrolling rivers in Iraq. Their safe, fast boats are in demand world-wide. Here is a unique opportunity to visit a local company making a significant contribution to the safety of our country.

We have waited a long time to get this special look at their facility, so don't miss this one. The tour date is January 19th at 11:00 am.

The tour will last a little more than an hour and we will see the design and building of safe boats and hear the story of SAFE Boat International's phenomenal success.

You can visit their web site at [www.safeboats.com](http://www.safeboats.com).

The facility is located at:

8800 Barney White Road  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

You will be advised of parking at the facility and other information at a later date.

Send your completed Event Participation form to:

George Rose  
8150 Journey Lane SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Additional information is on the web site. [www.brem-olympic.nlus.us](http://www.brem-olympic.nlus.us), go to Trips Tours and Adventures

See you there!!! Bring guests!!!!  
Carol A. Meteney Tour Director



SAFE Boat International's Small Unit Riverine Craft (SURC) on patrol in Iraq.



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## Planning Calendar

- Wednesday Jan 3 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday Jan 9 Monthly Luncheon & Installation of Officers, 12:00 Noon  
Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton  
Speaker, VADM James Zortman, Commander Naval Air Forces
- Friday Jan 19 Tour of SAFE Boats International, Port Orchard,  
Contact Carol Meteney for details at 360-876-5744
- Wednesday Feb 7 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
- Tuesday Feb 13 Monthly Luncheon, Bangor Plaza, 11:30 am  
Speaker, Capt J.D. Dowell, CO NUWC Keyport

### January

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## On This Date

*January 1, 1962 - Navy SEAL teams established*

*January 16, 1930 - USS Lexington provides power to Tacoma, WA, when floods knocked out city power plants*

*January 19, 1840 - LT Charles Wilkes, USN is first American to discover Antarctic coast*

### January Luncheon

**Date:** January 9, 2007

**Time:** 12:00 Noon

**Place:** Olympic Lodge,  
NBK - Bremerton

**Program:** VADM James Zortman  
Commander Naval Air Forces

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Wednesday, Jan 3rd 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.