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President's Corner

Summer is upon us and year to date I'm very proud of our council's accomplishments and those who provided their support; thank you once again.

Our monthly luncheon meeting guest speaker for June was Admiral Len Hering, Commander Navy Region Northwest. His presentation focused on the outstanding quality of the men and women of the Navy and the future demands that will be placed on them. As Naval technology advances, fewer sailors are required to man ships; consequently, the quality of the sailor needs to be continually improved. The current and continuing need for improved in-service educational possibilities (both technical and college based) for our service men and women was also emphasized.

As an example of the current educational opportunities, he pointed out that recently a Senior Chief Petty Officer had earned a doctorate degree just prior to being promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer. The Admiral stated that the goal of the Navy is not only to have the most educated and technically qualified military service in the world, but also to return well-trained and educated people to the civilian work force when they decide to leave the service. Admiral Hering spoke with evident pride in the men and women he has been in

contact with during his career and emphasized that these men and women are the backbone of the force.

I would like to take a moment to thank Admiral Hering for the friendship and time that he has granted to all Navy League Councils in our Region. His departure as Commander to Navy Region NW takes place the end of July where next he will go to Navy Region SW. Congrats Admiral on receiving your second star! Given the pool of talent that the Navy has to draw from it is both well earned and deserved; you will be missed but the councils down south gain a new friend and advocate of our mission statement.

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RADM Len Hering was the guest speaker at the June luncheon and praised the outstanding quality of the men and women of today's Navy.

Announcement

We are continuing work on our 2005 Navy League Membership Directory. **This directory is for Navy League use only and not to be distributed outside of our membership. If there are changes to either your mailing or email information, or you want to opt out of this directory, please notify us.**

Roger Nance/President, is heading the committee for the new directory and is accepting advertising information and dollars. If you are interested in advertising, please contact him as soon as possible 360) 340-7203 or roger_nance@countrywide.com.

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For those of you who didn't have an opportunity to attend the Memorial Day Service held on the *Turner Joy* it was outstanding. The Navigator Newspaper provided frontpage coverage of the event and we had over 150 people attend. Lt Col Bruce Crandall provided some historical insights to the days founding and what it means to him. He wants us to remember mostly those loved ones left behind who deal with the sorrow of losing a loved one in combat and in the service of their Country.

Let us all pray for and provide support to Carol Meteney as Al, a life member of the Navy League, has passed away after a long and heroic battle with cancer. The mark that he made on this council and its success runs deep. How do we thank and show our gratitude towards what he meant to us? I believe that it is in our love and respect for Carol and what she means to The Navy League. They are our family.

Roger



Albert John Meteney

"Return To Flight" Discovery Set to Launch in July

Astronaut Wendy Lawrence, a mission specialist, is part of the seven-member crew for the upcoming Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-114) mission, the first since the Columbia accident. The Return to Flight mission is the 114th Space Shuttle flight, and the 31st flight of Discovery. STS-114 will test Space Shuttle safety improvements and deliver supplies and equipment to the International Space Station (ISS). During the mission, astronauts will conduct three spacewalks to install equipment and test shuttle tile repair techniques.

Following her father's footsteps as a naval aviator who flew in the Vietnam War, Lawrence went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering in 1981. She later received her master's degree in ocean engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in 1988.

Deemed a naval aviator in 1982, Lawrence has flown more than 1,500 hours in six different types of helicopters and has made more than 800 shipboard landings.

Ten years later, she was selected out of the nation's top aviators by NASA to fly aboard the highest-flying aircraft around: the Space Shuttle. Lawrence reported to the Johnson Space Center in the summer of 1992, where she completed a year of flight training and qualified as a mission specialist.

This will be Lawrence's fourth Shuttle mission, and she will be in-charge of the transfer of supplies and equipment to the ISS. As a station arm operator, she will maneuver her crewmembers and hardware during the three spacewalks. During the rendezvous, docking and undocking, she will manage computers, lasers, cameras, and the Orbiter Docking System.

In her three previous missions, the 45-year-old Navy captain has logged more than 894 hours in space. Her last mission, STS-91, was the ninth and final shuttle-Mir space station docking.

Image to right: STS-114 Mission Specialist Wendy Lawrence trains at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Credit: NASA



Above Left: Mission specialist Wendy Lawrence will join six other astronauts onboard the shuttle Discovery for the "Return to Flight" mission scheduled in July. Right: The Shuttle Discovery upon its arrival at Launch Pad 39B following its move from the Vehicle Assembly Building. (Image Credit NASA)



Naval Undersea Museum Unloads Historic Torpedoes

By Journalist 1st Class Mary Popejoy,
Naval Base Kitsap Public Affairs



SILVERDALE, Wash. (NNS) -- The Naval Undersea Warfare Museum at Keyport in Silverdale, Wash., welcomed 13 World War II Mk 14 torpedoes into their space May 4 after 11 years of paperwork, preparation and persistence.

The torpedoes were discovered at the Army Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne, Nev., in 1994 by Dusty Rhodes, industrial specialist (Ordnance and Electronics) and a former Master Chief Torpedoman of Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport.

"We were climbing through magazines in the storage areas at Hawthorne, and Bob Bennett, one of the guys who was helping me out, said that he had found some of the 'big boy' torpedoes in crates," said Rhodes. "I went over to where he was standing and noticed a Naval Ammunition Logistical Code of 1502 stenciled on one crate. I recognized the number from my days in the fleet as a torpedoman's mate as being a Mk 14 torpedo," he added.

Rhodes found that the torpedoes were on the Army's demilitarization list. It is the Army's responsibility to coordinate and fund the destruction or demilitarization of virtually all explosives or weapons within the Department of Defense (DoD).

Left: MK 14 Mod 5 Torpedoes, were a WWII mainstay.

Below: Terry Phaebus of BAE SYSTEMS prepares to remove the exploder assembly from the MK 14 Mod 5 Torpedo warhead.



Above: Rigger Kelsey, left, and Ron Roehmholdt, exhibits director at the Naval Undersea Museum, unload one of 13 World War II submarine torpedoes received at the museum May 4.

Photo by Ray Narimatsu



(Naval Torpedo Station (Keyport, WA) C.O. Captain Theodore Westfall and Captain Carl Bushnell of the Bureau of Ordnance, third and fourth from left respectively, inspect the Station's first Mk 14 in 1943. The Mk 14 was World War II's most successful torpedo having sunk four million tons of enemy shipping.

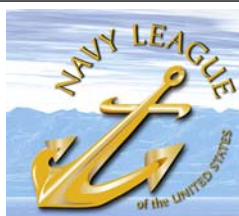
"Back in 1994, I had to ensure the priority of these torpedoes was low enough to permit me the time to sell the concept of transitioning them to museum status. It was," said Rhodes.

After many discussions with the Army, they established a partnership to allow the famous torpedoes to be transitioned to museum status to be placed on display instead of being destroyed.

"In October 2003, the warheads were removed from the torpedo and exploders checked for explosives. The igniters, alcohol fuel and air flasks were also drained," said Rhodes. "The next step was to turn the warheads over to the Army, so they could put the warheads through a melt-out process to remove the HBX 1 explosives and then through a flash furnace and burn any residual explosive out. They then did a swab test to certify that the warheads were inert. Once that was done, the warheads were reattached to the main assemblies of the torpedoes," said Rhodes.

He added that safety was paramount during the process. "We didn't know what we were going to see inside the weapons, so we took every conceivable safety caution imaginable so we could be prepared for the worst case scenario," added Rhodes.

Once the torpedoes were cleared, they were shipped from Nevada and taken to the Keyport Museum, where they will be refurbished so they can be suitable for display in historic ships, museums or qualified organizations.



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Planning Calendar

- Monday July 4 Independence Day - Holiday
- Tuesday July 12 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Tuesday August 9 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza



Happy 4th of July!

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On this Date:

July 12, 1990 - CDR Rosemary B. Mariner became the first woman to command an operational aviation squadron in the U.S. Navy.

July 16, 1862 - Congress created the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Navy: David Glasgow Farragut became the first to hold the rank.

July Luncheon

- Date:** July 12, 2005
- Time:** 11:30 AM
- Place:** Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
- Program:** Guy Stitt, AMI International "Evolution of the Wahhabi Influence on the Current State of Mid-East Terror"

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday July 7th 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.