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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard

- ★ Sam Cheyne



President's Corner

Wow! What a month for our council. We started the month with our guest speakers who were Capt Ervin, CO, Submarine Escape & Rescue, and Lt Divano who spoke on the latest technology in submarine rescue. Since the loss of the Russian Sub, The Kiorsk, the navy has pumped \$125 million into improving the process. What I found to be the most important of these changes was the interchangeable units that went down to retrieve stranded submariners allowing for quicker return times to the sub in distress without also having to wait for issues associated with decompression before going backdown with a new unit. Secondly, even if escape is possible, hypothermia upon reaching the surface will kill the stranded submariner. The new suits that are being implemented allow for losing the Mumson Lung in place of a suit that both provides the air and protection from the environment upon reaching the surface.

Lou DuFresne has requested the opportunity to share the enchanted evening shared by all at The Armed Forces Day Gala which has become the premier event in Bremerton.

Roger

Gala A Resounding Success

The longest running Armed Forces Day Celebration in the United States started with the 57th annual parade down Pacific Avenue in Bremerton and culminated in our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council sponsored Gala Event at the Admiral Theatre. The theme was "Supporting Our Troops," proudly saluting our Military Men and Women on Armed Forces Day 2005. A VIP Reception that included the Senior Military Officers in the area and officials from sponsoring companies and agencies throughout our region was held prior to commencing the formal program. Roger Nance, our president acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The program included a short history of the Navy League including an abbreviated
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Announcements

- 1) The board has discussed and agreed upon going to electronic handling of our newsletter. The added savings to our community account, as well as the ease of sending it electronically, will greatly benefit our League. Please provide us your email address as soon as possible. **If you want to opt out of receiving the newsletter by email, please notify us of your choice.**
- 2) We are currently working on our 2005 Navy League Membership Directory. **This directory is for Navy League use only and not to be distributed outside of our membership.** A form updating your mailing information and email information is included in this month's newsletter. Please fill out and return it to either Marilyn Caldwell or mail it to our PO Box 636/Bremerton, WA 98337 as soon as possible. **Again, if you want to opt out of this directory, please notify us of your decision.**
- 3) 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.

NOW HEAR THIS!

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bio of President Theodore Roosevelt who formed the Navy League in 1902. Special Guests including local dignitaries and officials from sponsoring companies and agencies were then recognized. LTCOL Bruce Crandall, USA (Retired) was introduced. He is a highly decorated fixed and rotary aircraft pilot who is credited with developing the helicopter warfare doctrine used in Vietnam and has been nominated for the Medal of Honor for service in Vietnam. Active Duty military guests including Group and Squadron Commanders and Commanding Officers (or their representatives) from every shore and afloat command in the Puget Sound Area were then introduced. At this time, Sailors of the Year from various commands were also recognized. President Nance then presented the Trident Submarine Crew of the Year to U.S.S. Alaska Gold Commanding Officer, Commander Jay Fahs, Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Michael Fisher and Chief of the Boat, Master Chief Stephan Granito. The wives of the Alaska Blue Crew Commanding Officer, Kimberlie James, Executive Officer, Melissa Lott and Chief of the Boat, Linda Morton were also introduced. The Alaska Blue is presently deployed.

This event was intended to communicate our council's support to the Armed Forces and over 80 military guests representing every Navy command in the area (a record for this event) were on hand to accept our recognition of their professionalism and sacrifice. The sponsors for the event were also recognized. They included: Major

Sponsors - Countrywide Home Loans (who also sponsored our Navy League Float), First Command Financial Planning, Todd Shipyard, Puget Sound Energy, BAE Systems, Concurrent Technologies, Land America/Transnation Title, Patriots Landing and Raytheon Company; and Community Support Sponsors - Admiral Theatre, The Basket Lady, CFA Northwest Mortgage, Marilyn Caldwell/Partylite, Dick Vlist Motors, Beck Evans, Johnson Controls, Pioneer Services, Captain Tim/Denise Thomson, West Bremerton Flowers to Go, West Sound Entertainment and Windermere Real Estate. The generosity of these sponsors contributed to the spectacular success of the Gala.

Captain Mary Townsend Manning then introduced the Guest Speaker, Rear Admiral Gregory R. Bryant, Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Admiral Bryant previous held the position of Commanding Officer of PSNS and Captain Townsend Manning was previously

the Commander of NUWC Division, Keyport. In his speech, Admiral Bryant emphasized the importance of community support to every last sailor in the Navy. He also commented that the community support in our region was better than he had seen anywhere he had been stationed and that our Armed Forces Day Celebration is the largest and best in the nation. He also emphasized that with continuing budget constraints it is more important than ever that community and military work together in support of our warfighters.

An outstanding dinner was then served to 240 people followed by entertainment from the local "No Inhibitions Jazz Band". The members of the band are from Bremerton, Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island and Seabeck. The raffle ticket sales were fantastic and thanks to all for the prize donations. Congratulations to all who helped make this event a resounding success. It shows how great our council is and where our focus lies.

Lou Dufresne

Memorial Day Service on Turner Joy

Over 150 guests attended our Service held on Memorial Day on the U.S.S. Turner Joy in Bremerton. The service was held to honor the fallen military men and women of all United States Military Branches. It included an Invocation by CDR Ben Belcher, USNR (Retired), Opening remarks by Council President Roger Nance including reading of General Colin Powell's Essay on the American GI, and a speech by LCOL Bruce Crandall, USA, a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran who has been nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In his speech, LCOL Crandall emphasized the importance of Memorial Day as a way of remembering all of our fallen military men and women. He gave a brief history of the holiday from the civil war to the present and told of what it meant to him. The importance of continuing to remember those missing in action in all of our wars and conflicts and the fact that we are still trying to locate them was also reiterated. In closing, he asked that everyone recognize the holiday as one of a very special purpose. LCOL Crandall and President Nance then laid a wreath in the waters of Puget Sound and Taps was played. A Benediction was then presented by Commander Belcher.

Thanks to Stan Mack for all of his efforts in organizing this service.

Lou Dufresne

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Left: Presentation of Colors by Kitsap Battalion, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Right: Over 150 guests listen to LCOL Bruce Crandall, USA (Ret.) at the Memorial Day Service aboard the USS Turner Joy.



Laura & MMCM Stephen Ganito



CS1 Michael Clauson
with daughter Katie



Andrea & MM1 Hans Jon



RADM Gregory Bryant
& Gigi Burlingame



Connie & CAPT Derek Hesse with
CAPT Mary Townsend - Manning
& husband Bob



Joann Donnelly & Vern Young
Teri & Van Vlist



CAPT Mary Townsend-Manning
& Bonnie Nance



CAPT Derek Hesse presenting the
Olympic Bowl to CDR Jay Fahs,
Commanding Officer of USS
Alaska (SSBN 732)

Armed Forces Day Gala May 21, 2005

ADMIRAL



LCOL Bruce Crandall with
Sharon & RADM Len Hering



Lou & Judy Dufresne with
Nora & Will Lent



Roger Nance & Sandy Young



Mary Mullins, Stephanie Lovejoy
& Myra Lovejoy



Marion & STS Kirsten Foltz



Peter Gorak, Joan Hodgson,
John Monyan & Joseph Gorak



Van Vlist & Roger Nance



Linda & Ron Testa with
Arlene Crandall



RADM Gregory Bryant



MAJ Stan Bacon & wife Wanda

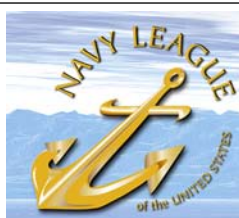


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& Kristie Zisler



Marilyn Caldwell, Tinia Salter,
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Planning Calendar

- Tuesday June 14 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Monday July 4 Independence Day - Holiday
- Tuesday July 12 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza



On this Date:

June 14, 1777 - **FLAG DAY** - A resolution was adopted in the Continental congress that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

June

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June Luncheon

Date: June 14, 2005
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
Program: RADM Len Hering, Commander, Navy Region Northwest

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday June 9th 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.