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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Jeffrey Kerneen
- ★ Rebecca Rose



President's Corner

Armed Forces Day is behind us, and it was a great event. Our float was early in the parade, so we were done before the rain.

Doug Cook was right behind us in his classic Thunderbird advertising our Lone Sailor Statue Project. I saw a few of you along the parade route, and I am sure there were more of you. We had a great group of Sailors, Coasties, one Marine, and one Sea Cadet. We also had Leo Perry, who is a retired Naval Officer who first joined the Navy in 1929. He is going to turn 99 years old in July. The crowd response to our float and Doug Cook's car was great.

Saturday evening we produced the Gala. We had about 100 active duty Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines to honor. We had about 100 Navy League members, Gala sponsors, and VIP's from the community including Norm Dicks and Cary Bozeman. I believe we accomplished our objective of putting on a quality event to show our appreciation for our active duty sea service personnel.

Next Armed Forces Day we intend to dedicate the Lone Sailor Statue. The LSS committee is working hard to make that dream come true, and we will keep you updated on the progress each month.

The new Maritime Policy Strategy Statement 2007-2008 is now available on the website. <http://www.navyleague.org/>. I encourage you to take a look. We have a few hard copies for anyone who does not have access to the internet. One of our goals is to educate the public on the

importance of strong sea services to our national security. This document is one of the principle ways that we accomplish this goal. Our members should be able to talk to friends, neighbors, and relatives about the issues facing our sea services, or at least point them to the website for their information.

I will be attending the Regional Navy League Conference in Portland 7-9 June. That happens to coincide with the Portland Rose Festival, so we will take some time out from our heavy work schedule to enjoy the Festival events. Navy League member and (soon to be relieved) webmaster, Dave Shafer, will be receiving a well deserved award at the Conference. Details on that will be published next newsletter.

Stan Mack

**The June Luncheon
date is changed to
6/19/2007**

**The luncheon
reservation phone
number has changed.
Please call CTC at
360.782.5500**

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Congressman Norm Dicks Receives Award



The National Defense Industrial Association's prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Award, is given out each April and will be awarded to a member of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of Navy League, Congressman Norm Dicks in recognition of his contributions to National Defense.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Award recognizes the significant contributions Dwight David Eisenhower made as President of the United States and as General of the Army to the long-term strategic posture of America's defense industrial base. The award is given to an American citizen who has made an outstanding contribution toward increasing public awareness of our national defense needs.

Nominations are solicited from the membership of NDIA, and the National Board of Directors makes the final selection. The award consists of a gold medal and citation and is presented at the Annual Award Dinner.

Last year's award recipient was Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England.

Other Eisenhower Award recipients include Sens. Sam Nunn, Barry Goldwater, John Tower and John Stennis. Vice President Richard B. Cheney also received the award when he was secretary of defense as well as the late Caspar W. Weinberger also.

by Guy Stitt

Public Invited Navy League Luncheon June 19th - (date change)

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, June 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza (formerly called the Trident Ballroom, CMO) Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. Note that this is a week later than usual. The luncheon will feature retired Navy Captain Will Lent. He has put together a very impressive presentation on our WWII "Battle at Midway". This is a follow-on presentation to "The Battle of the Coral Sea", which CAPT Lent provided at the May luncheon. All guests must RSVP and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Reservations are required. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 13th. Note that this is a new RSVP phone number. The cost of the luncheon is \$12/person. Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council Peninsula Navy League Council and help support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

USS MICHIGAN RETURN TO SERVICE RECEPTION JUNE 11, 2007



The USS MICHIGAN, formerly SSBN 727, has been converted to a Guided Missile submarine, SSGN 727. This is the same conversion which the USS OHIO completed last year. The conversion and sea trials are complete, and the Navy League and Submarine Group NINE are hosting a reception and ceremony to mark the MICHIGAN Return to Service. All Navy League members are invited to attend the reception for the Wardroom and Chiefs Quarters of the MICHIGAN 6-9 PM on 11 June at the Bangor Plaza (same place as our monthly luncheons). The cost will be \$15 per person, pay at the door. Please RSVP by Monday, 4 June, to CTC at 360.782.5500 and indicate that it is for the Michigan Reception if you would like to attend and need base access. Dress will be business casual. The ceremony will be at Naval Bases Kitsap, Bremerton waterfront at 1 PM 12 June. This event is by invitation.

Navy League Salutes "The Kitsap Sun" June's Community Affiliate



For more than 70 years the "Kitsap Sun" has proudly served Bremerton and greater Kitsap County in the delivery of the only local, daily community newspaper. They are especially proud that they also provide local news and information online, at kitsapsun.com. "Locals" love the breaking local news updates throughout the day. Military families who've moved on can log on 24 hours a day to stay connected to the much-loved community that is home to

Naval Base Kitsap. Near or far, in print or online, "Kitsap Sun" stands ready to continue its proud tradition of delivering local news.

The "Kitsap Sun" also has had a proud tradition of supporting the Bremerton-Olympic Council of the Navy League. They have been a Community Affiliate since 1999. Navy League thanks "Kitsap Sun" for their participation and support.



Navy League's own Will Lent presents "The Battle of the Coral Sea" at the May Luncheon. June 19th Will is presenting "The Battle of Midway."



MA2 Jonas Allegri accepts the "Junior Sailor of the Quarter" Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific, from Lt. Col. James Dillon



MA1 Gregory Whitchurch accompanied by his spouse, Angel Whitchurch, accepts the award for "Senior Sailor of the Quarter" Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific.



CMDRCM Tom Countryman (CMC) presents the 1st Quarter SOG's 2007 "Blue Jacket of the Quarter" to HN Leonard Thomas, Naval Hospital Bremerton, while CAPT Wilson (CO) looks on at the May Luncheon

CTC NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD



Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) has been nominated for the "2007 Freedom Award". This is a national award presented by the Department of Defense to employers that provide outstanding support to employees serving in the National Guard and the reserves. CTC is among 17 businesses in the state and 1,100 nationally that was nominated by Guard members and reservists for providing continued benefits, differential pay, family assistance and other support to help ease the transition from civilian life to active duty and back.

Clay Thompson nominated Concurrent Technologies for the award. A Commander in the Naval Reserves, Clay was called to active duty last year for seven months. He expressed that CTC went far beyond the "legal requirements". A CTC payroll specialist is assigned to act as a liaison to deployed employees and to keep in contact with their families. They organize the collection of gift packages to send to members in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, CTC publicly thanks those for their service when they return.

CTC's Executive Director, Larry Salter, received an individual award for his efforts towards the "Freedom Award."



Larry Salter

Larry is the Immediate Past President of our Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council.



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Planning Calendar

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|  | Wednesday | June 6 | Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Silverdale |
|  | Multiple | June 7-10 | June Regional Meeting, Portland Oregon |
|  | Monday | June 11 | USS Michigan Reception, Bangor, 6:00 pm |
|  | Tuesday | June 12 | USS Michigan Return to Service, Bremerton, 1:00 pm |
|  | Tuesday | June 19 | Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza |
|  | Thursday | June 28 | Bud Hawk Award Ceremony, Keyport Museum, 3:30 pm |
|  | Tuesday | July 10 | Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza |

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On This Date

June 4, 1942 - Battle of Midway begins; during battle, the 4 Japanese carriers which attacked Pearl Harbor are sunk; this decisive U.S. victory is a turning point in the Pacific war.

June 9, 1959 - Launching of USS George Washington (SSBN-598), first nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, at Groton, CT

June Luncheon

Date: June 19, 2007
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor
Program: Battle at Midway Speaker - Will Lent

Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) at 360.782.5500 before 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 13th 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.