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ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND THE GREAT WHITE FLEET CELEBRATION A GREAT PATRIOTIC SUCCESS

The 100th year celebration of the Great White Fleet coming to Bremerton and the 60th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade through downtown was an event to remember. Thousands of spectators lined the downtown streets in clear sunny 75 degree weather to view the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughhead, the Navy's highest ranking officer leading the parade and joined in to salute the service members past and present followed by over two hours of marching bands, colorful floats, local dignitaries, active and retired military, classic cars and supporters of our great Armed Services. After 163 entries had passed the reviewing stands filled with Military Dignitaries and their families at Pacific and 5th Street, the temperature soared to over 80 degrees. A perfect day for a parade.

Admiral Roughhead stated, "The Pacific Northwest is the key to an operational Navy and this area is vital to the nation's interests, and he appreciates the opportunity to meet Sailors in person. I love getting together with sailors and gathering with them at events like these because that's how I find out what is on the minds of our people. This allows me to go to Washington D.C. and make better decisions to develop policies that support the Navy today and tomorrow."

For Hospital Corpsman 1st Class

Psyletta Gilroy, Naval Hospital Bremerton Sailor of the Year, being part of the parade was an honor. "I am still

taking it all in," said Gilroy. "It's such an honor to be part of this event. I didn't realize how big this event was going to be and I am overwhelmed by the support of our community."

After the parade, participants enjoyed a

free barbecue set up by more than 40 Olympic High School students and staff. The event was coordinated and sponsored by the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce and Military Affairs committee as a tribute to all active duty military employees and their families for their contributions to the community. "Each year we have a Heroes Barbecue and this is a way we can say thank you for all the sacrifices service members make for our freedom," said Blanche Saladino, volunteer from Olympic High School. "Many of the students here today volunteered because they support the military and have family ties to the military."

For Gunner's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Adelle Thompson, Naval Base (NB) Kitsap Bangor, the event was a great way for the community to get together. "This is awesome to see the tremendous support from everyone," said Thompson. "I feel appreciated and it definitely keeps my spirits. I am sure this event boosts everyone's morale here today."





President's Message

Hello Navy League members and friends!

Well we have concluded a great month! Will Lent's presentation on the Great White Fleet was excellent and the luncheon very well attended.

Our Board of Directors and Membership continues to bring in new Affiliates! Thanks for all of your efforts there!

The CNO visit and our Armed Forces Day Gala Dinner turned out to be great successes. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers that made that happen so smoothly.

Our Memorial Day Program onboard Turner Joy was organized by our Judge Advocate Tim Katona.

Our June Luncheon will be held at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. So look for more information on that in the newsletter.

Thanks for being a Navy leaguer! I'm proud to be associated with all of you.

Gary Stitt

Notice

June Location Change

The "June" monthly luncheon will be held at the

**Silverdale Beach Hotel
3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd
Silverdale**

Social hour 11 am.

Lunch will begin at 11:45

Don't miss a great time and for those interested, there is a Farmer's Market in the front Parking lot of the hotel on Tuesdays where you will find fresh veggies, flowers, plants and other goodies.

Everyone should make a reservation by calling Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, June 4th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.

Northwest Navy Notes: April 2008

By Rear Adm. James A. Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest

"Northwest Navy Notes" is a column written by Rear Adm. James A. Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, to provide updates on the operations and challenges in Navy Region Northwest and a review of what is important in the Navy today.



By the time you have the opportunity to read this newsletter, a celebration commemorating a significant historical event will have occurred around the Puget Sound. This year, the Navy is remembering the Great White Fleet and the tradition begun by its monumental embark in 1907. Across the globe, US Navy ships are celebrating the 100th Anniversary with visits to many of the same ports initially visited by the Fleet.

One hundred years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt sent a component of the Atlantic Fleet on a world tour to test United States naval readiness, establish global presence and generate international goodwill.

The vision of America as a respected world power with a strong Navy leading the way was first introduced to the world by an awe-inspiring fleet of battleships painted white with gilded scrollwork on the bows. They became known as the "Great White Fleet."

Their historic journey included twenty port calls on six continents and covered some 43,000 miles of ocean water. Their forward deployed presence powerfully communicated ideals of peace through strength, international partnership, and maintaining freedom of the seas. The Puget Sound was one of those locations visited by the original Fleet.

This year's Northwest celebration included a parade of Navy ships, tugs, fire boats and Coast Guard vessels, accompanied by an aircraft flyover into the Port of Seattle on 20

May. Also retracing the footsteps of history, several Puget Sound Councils of the Navy League of the United States supported the Navy's Great White Fleet visit by creating unique Centennial Plaques that were presented by the Navy to the Mayor of each City that was visited in May of 1908.

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt said, "A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace." Five years later, he commissioned the Great White Fleet on a voyage of peace around the world. They demonstrated to allies and competitors alike that America was now a global power, capable of deterring aggression, operating freely at sea, and able to provide assistance to those in need, from whatever nation, all over the world.

Today, informed by its diplomatic tradition, the U.S. Navy continues to work with partners to deter aggressors, protect the right to operate freely at sea, and provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief around the world. Our Maritime Strategy – "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower" – emphasizes the need for increased global cooperation to promote global peace and prosperity. As they have for more than a century, your maritime forces are working hard together – at home and abroad – to ensure the Pacific Northwest's future remains secure, stable and prosperous.

For more information, background, photos and materials on the Great White Fleet, visit <http://www.navy.mil/gwff/>.

For more information on the Navy in the Northwest, please visit us online at <http://cnic.navy.mil/cnrnw>.

Memorial Day a Reminder of Young Lives Lost



Rear Admiral James Symonds, Commander of Navy Region Northwest gave a moving Memorial Day address to a packed house of over 200 visitors aboard the USS Turner Joy at the Bremerton Waterfront. He told us that the “reality of young lives lost in battle is hitting home more and more.” The service was presented to the members of our Council who sponsored the event, veterans, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp, members of the Combat Veterans of America and Kitsap residents. Quoted by the Kitsap Sun, “It’s even more important than it ever used to be, to take time to remember those American people that are serving for our right to freedom,” Symonds said following the ceremony. “Memorial Day is more than just the start to summer.”

Law Day Ceremony

Lieutenant Eric M. Pedersen, JAGC, USN received the Outstanding Navy Legal Professional Award for 2008 during the Law Day ceremony at the Kitsap County Administration building on May 2, 2008. The award was presented by Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Vice President David Thomas and Commander Shelby Hladon, Commanding Officer Region Legal Service Office Northwest on behalf of the Kitsap County Bar Association and the Navy League of the United States.

Lieutenant Pedersen received the award for exceptional and meritorious service as the senior trial counsel and military justice department head for Region Legal Service Office Northwest. His award states that his achievements included prosecuting five Article 32 investigations and nineteen courts-martial. Lieutenant Pedersen’s leadership and positive attitude have increased the morale and productivity of the entire trial department. This has led to the more efficient and effective prosecution of military justice cases for local area commands. Lieutenant Pedersen also distinguished himself in the community by serving as an adjunct professor at Chapman University teaching classes in criminal justice and political science.

The Law Day ceremony is organized by the Kitsap County Bar Association and held each year to recognize outstanding achievements in law in Kitsap County. This year’s theme was “The Rule of Law- Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity.” It was attended by over 20 judges, local law enforcement officials, students and educators. Speakers included Captain Reed Tanaka, Commanding Officer Naval Base Kitsap.

Submitted by Dave Thomas

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

■ **Board Minutes** – A complete copy of the minutes of the Board of Director’s meeting is available on the Website each month. Look under “Board Members Only.” Check it out!! <http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>.

■ **Lone Sailor Project** – Board votes to release 2nd payment in the amount of \$100,000 to start the casting for the Lone Sailor Statue. Ron Testa reports that we have received over \$175,000 with another \$10,000 pledged. Jeff Kurneen has found it necessary to step down as Treasurer for the Lone Sailor Project and has been replaced with Carolyn Dankers. Thank you, Jeff, for all the time you have spent keeping our affairs in order.

■ **Participation Needed – Have you ever felt left out?** – Want to get more involved in your Council activities, be on a committee or help with a project, contact any Board Officer or Carolyn Dankers at c.dankers@wavecble.com. Every council member is very important to the success of Navy League and you are invited and encouraged to take an active role.

■ **Paul Lucas Resigns** – Due to other commitments that conflict with the Board’s schedule, Paul Lucas has found it necessary to resign his position on the Board. He has been replaced with Charles Grosvenor. Thank you, Paul, for all that you have contributed to making our Council the great group that it is!

■ **Name Tags** – Members will be offered new name tags to wear during Navy League events at a cost of \$8.00.

Sequim Visit

Carolyn Dankers (our Member Outreach Director) and I visited Sequim and hosted a lunch with a number of our members there. It’s great to see such dedicated Navy League members doing so much for the Peninsula communities. The energy and vigor of these young members really comes through in all of the conversations.

Submitted by Guy Stitt



USS Kentucky (SSBN737) Commemorates the Great White Fleet

USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) Commanding Officer Cmdr. Benjamin Pearson commemorated the Great White Fleet by exchanging gifts with Bremerton Mayor Cary Bozeman just before the kick off of Bremerton's 60th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17.



Pearson presented Bozeman and the city of Bremerton with a plaque honoring the Great White Fleet's visit to the Puget Sound 100 years ago, including the battleship USS Kentucky's (BB 6) visit to Bremerton.

"Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the crew of the USS Kentucky, past and present, I'd like to thank the city of Bremerton and yourself for all the great work that the city has done and the shipyard does," said Pearson. "We appreciate all the hard work you do for us." In exchange, Bozeman handed over to Pearson and the Kentucky the key to the city, which he said "will open any door to the city for the United States Navy, anytime."

Bozeman cited the Great White Fleet's influence as a key to the long-standing relationship between Bremerton and the Navy. "One hundred years ago, I think the Great White Fleet, by coming into this port, established Bremerton

and its shipyard as a place that was going to be in the Navy's future," Bozeman said. "And that's certainly the way it has turned out, and we're proud to be a part of the United States Navy."

Guy Stitt, President of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of Navy League also presented Pearson and the crew of the Kentucky with a plaque commemorating the visit by the Great White Fleet.

The Great White Fleet, comprised of 16 Atlantic fleet battleships, was sent around the world by President Theodore Roosevelt from 1907 to 1909 to show Japan how agile his Navy was. The unprecedented display of sea power traveled some 43,000 miles, was manned by 14,000 Sailors and made stops at 20 ports on six continents. Battleship Kentucky, in need of maintenance, pulled directly into Bremerton's naval shipyard.

"You've mentioned a couple



times that the Great White Fleet was here 100 years ago," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead said following the exchange of gifts. "That began a Navy that is the most dominant Navy in the world today -- a Navy that is global, that is ready to respond to whatever may be required."

Along with Kentucky and Bremerton's Great White Fleet commemoration, six other crews from submarines sharing names with ships of the Great White Fleet participated in celebrations at various Washington cities: USS Connecticut (SSN 22) in Bellingham, USS Ohio (SSGN 726) in Port Angeles, USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) in Port Townsend, USS Maine (SSBN 741) in Tacoma and USS Alabama (SSBN 731) in Seattle.

Navy League Luncheon June 10

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, June 10th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Silverdale Hotel on the Bay. The public is invited to attend. Commander Chris Phillips, the head Navy recruiter for the region, will serve as the guest speaker.

Everyone should make a reservation by calling Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, June 4th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.

**Save the Date – Aug. 1, 2008 – Coast Guard Birthday
Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council to Visit Port Angeles**

Young Ambassadors



Cris Larsen, co-Master of Ceremonies congratulates Sandra Smith, Public Relations Committee Chair of our Council, for a job well done in arranging the Young Ambassadors Competition along with Capt. T. J. Dargan, Chief of Staff for Navy Region Northwest, the 2nd co-Master of Ceremonies; Terry Oxley, representative from Puget Sound Energy, Competition Sponsor; and Ron Testa, Puget Sound Area President of First Command Financial Services and Past President of our Council and National Director of Navy League who provided the first place scholarship.

Youth Awards

The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council's Youth Program had awards presented to the three high school NJROTC Units and our own Kitsap Battalion Naval Sea Cadet Corp's Cadet of the Year. The Naval Sea Cadet Corp's Cadet of the Year, Seaman Erik D. Mueller was presented with his award at our Armed Forces Gala by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughead. Congratulations, Seaman Mueller.

South Kitsap High School's NJROTC Unit had two Cadets of the Year, both of whom will report to the U.S. Naval Academy in June. They are Cadet Lieutenant Commander

Top Young Ambassador Named



Ambassadors Left to Right: Jamiere Abney, Emily Barrantes, Krystle Membrere, Ashleigh Schiano and Top Ambassador McKenzie Thomas

McKenzie Thomas of Bremerton High School was selected as the top ambassador in the 2008 Puget Sound Energy Armed Forces Festival Ambassadors program. She was selected from five finalists who were nominated based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and an essay competition titled, "What Freedom Means to Me."

Thomas, daughter of Michelle and Robert Tomlinson, received a \$3,500 first-place scholarship, provided by First Command Financial Services Educational Foundation. The presentation was made by Ron Testa, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Past President and Navy League National Director. Ron is Northwest Region President of First Command.

McKenzie participates in musical theatre and choir, earned a superior rating at the Olympic Region Solo Ensemble Festival in 2007, and also plays varsity volleyball.

Placing second was Ashleigh Schiano from Bremerton High School. Third place went to Jamiere Abney, also of Bremerton High with Emily Barrantes of North Kitsap High School taking fourth and Krystle Membrere of Bremerton High School in Fifth.

The Ambassadors represented the city at the Armed Forces Festival Luncheon on May 13, at the 60th annual Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17 and were special guests with their families at the Armed Forces Gala.

Courtesy of The Kitsap Sun

Rachel Cabacungan and Cadet Lieutenant Sarah Brown. Their awards were presented on May 14th by Paul Lucas and Charles Grosvenor of our Council.

On May 21st, Bremerton High School's NJROTC Cadet of the Year, Cadet Petty Officer First Class Franco Duerme had his award presented by

Charles Grosvenor of our Council.

Port Angeles High School's NJROTC Cadet of the Year, Cadet Petty Officer First Class Elijah Huff had his award presented on June 7th by Paul Lucas of our council.

Submitted by Paul Lucas and Charles Grosvenor

Tours, Trips and Adventures Navy League to Visit Port Angeles

On Friday, August 1, 2008, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council will travel to Port Angeles to the USCG Group/Air Station to celebrate the US Coast Guard Birthday. The Station will have public demonstrations of sea / air rescue and ship tours. from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There is no limit on the number attending as we will all be driving to the Station on our own (car pooling requested). Proof of Auto insurance and Photo ID is required. When we arrive, we will have a tour of the Station, a tour of the ships and rescue demonstrations, which will be followed with a pot luck picnic lunch. Please bring food to share with the crew in the Gazebo on base. At the celebration, we will honor the PA Station Coast Guard of the Quarter with a Birthday cake.

What the USCG Missions include: search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, marine environmental protection, and enforcement of laws and treaties. Because of the range of the HH-65A, the helicopters often respond to missions as far north as Vancouver,

British Columbia. In addition, the air station frequently responds to calls for assistance in logging and other inland accidents. The group provides personnel, supply, administration, naval and civil engineering, communications and other support functions for group units. Existing facilities include the hangar, administrative and support facilities, exchange, medical and dental clinic. The docks serve as pier facilities for the cutters Cuttyhunk, Adelle and a 41-foot utility boat. The pier can accommodate vessel up to 400 feet long.

Contact is Carol Meteney 360-876-5744. Event forms are available on our web site in Tours. All attending must have a form filled out in full and signed. Mail to: Navy League, PO Box 626, Bremerton, WA 98337 or to Carol Meteney, 7033 Prestwick Lane SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367.

Let's all go and show some spirit and how much we enjoy these fine active duty Coast Guard personnel.

Happy Birthday USCG, August 1st, 2008 – this is a tentative date but confirmation will be made soon.

After Work Social

The Board of Directors has been promising a quarterly opportunity to meet and greet in a relaxed setting after work. Here it is! Our Community Affiliates, Business Associate and Corporate Sponsor will be our special guests. All council members are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments and light appetizers will be provided.

When: Monday, June 16, 5:30 pm

Where: Yacht Club Broiler, Silverdale

Who: Members and potential members

Come join your Board and get to know your other Council members.

Junior Sailor of the Quarter



MA2 David Buckner was honored for being named Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter 2008. MA2 Buckner has two Master's Degrees, one in criminal Justice and one in Business Administration. He is currently working on his degree in accounting. He is also an Olympic quality rower. This Marine Corps Security Force Battalion (SWFPAC) awardee was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and photo sittings provided by Hudson Photography. These awards were presented by Guy Stitt, President and Alice Thomas, Awards Chair. MA2 Buckner was accompanied by LtCOL Bill Hittinger, COMSgMJ Cook and MAC Guist. LtCOL Hittinger states, "He is the steady hand on the tiller at 2 1/2 years."

Senior Sailor of the Quarter



MA1 Andrew Christianson was honored for being named Senior Sailor of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter 2008. Andrew is currently a candidate for Chief Petty Officer and is working on his college degree. This Naval Base Kitsap awardee was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and photo sittings provided by Hudson Photography. These awards were presented by Guy Stitt, President and Alice Thomas, Awards Chair. MA1 Christianson was accompanied by his spouse, Mrs. Yuri Christianson, LCDR Kirsch and MACS Nixon. LCDR states, "He is proud to have MA1 Christianson in the Naval Base Kitsap Security Department."

Military Air Cargo Joins Council as a Community Affiliate

Local Control...Global Reach

Military Air Cargo helps the U.S. Navy and the DoD maintain a strong Supply Chain by offering creative, time-sensitive transportation solutions to meet mission-critical objectives. Established in 2005, we began fulfilling the underserved expedited transportation services market within our military forces. While there are many carriers who provide similar services to the military, Military Air Cargo is unique in that it operates seamlessly with the DoD transportation system itself.

We are an authorized Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) agent, sanctioned by USTRANSCOM to move both domestic and international cargo. Military Air Cargo operates around-the-clock, monitoring all its shipments from initial recovery to final delivery. Status-in-transit updates are refreshed and fed directly to the shipper and consignee via e-mail. This gives the chain of command

the flexibility to plan maintenance and ship/unit movements effectively. Military Air Cargo moves only DoD freight and handles no commercial customers.

We are located in Port Orchard, WA on Beach Drive overlooking PSNS and the Olympics. Military Air Cargo is proud to be a part of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council.

Our mission objective is to be the premier expedited transportation services provider to the U.S. Navy. We believe our goals and operating standards are a good fit with the Navy League and we look forward to meeting you soon!



Left: Jon Yamamura, Managing Director
Right: Chuck Cheever, Director of Operations.

Membership Update

Your Council has reached a new milestone for membership--we are at 530 members. I do not know if this is the largest number we have ever had, but I know it is the highest membership number in the five years I have been involved in membership. One reason for reaching this number are the three new Community Affiliate Members that the list of new members represent. I would like to welcome and thank our new Community Affiliate Members for supporting Navy League -- Land Title Company; Military Air Cargo; and Reid Real Estate. We would still like to increase our membership, so if you need membership applications let me know. Signing up on-line is pretty easy at <<http://www.navyleague.org/>>.

Submitted by Larry Salter
Membership Chairman

Council Member's Name Tags

Want a Navy League name tag? Simply ask about a name tag at the registration desk at our monthly luncheons or email Carolyn Dankers at c.dankers@wavecable.com. The magnetic nametags are \$8 and will be available at the luncheon the month following your order.

Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter



HN Daniel Arnold was honored for being named "Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter" for the 1st Quarter of 2008 at our May luncheon. This

Naval Hospital Bremerton awardee was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and photo sittings provided by Hudson Photography. These awards were presented by Guy Stitt, President and Alice Thomas, Awards Chair. HN Arnold was accompanied by CDR Campbell and HMC Smith.

NL Luncheon





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Planning Calendar

	Wednesday	June 4	Board of Director's Meeting, 5:30pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Tuesday	June 10	Monthly Luncheon, Silverdale Beach Hotel, 11:00am Program - CDR Chris Phillips, Navy Recruiter
	Monday	June 16	After Work Social – 5:30pm Yacht Club Broiler, Silverdale
	Friday	June 20	Commissioning – Coast Guard Cutter SEA DEVIL Keyport
	Wednesday	July 2	Board of Director's meeting - 5:30pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Friday	July 4	HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA
	Tuesday	July 8	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza, 11:30am Program – ADM Giardina
	Thursday	July 10	Keyport Tour - Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Keyport
	Tuesday	July 29	Bangor Tour – 9:00am (Tour Full!) Meet at Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Parking Lot

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Notice - Date Change

The Sub Group Trident tour to Bangor has changed the date. The tour will be **July 29, 2008**, instead of June 3rd.

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