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Memorial Day Onboard USS TURNER JOY

The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council hosted a touching Memorial Day ceremony onboard the USS TURNER JOY. Colors were presented by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, followed with an invocation by CAPT Brown, USN. Navy League President, CAPT (RET) David Thomas, gave a reading of Colin Powell's thought-provoking Essay on the American GI.

CAPT Mark Olson, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap, spoke about the importance of remembering those that have served our country. He said "Honor is the reason (we are assembled here), honor. Honor for all Americans who have picked up arms and laid down their lives in defense of the homeland. Your great-grandfathers and grandfathers; your fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters... honor them." In closing he encouraged



CAPT Mark Olson, and CAPT (Ret) Dave Thomas, BROLPN President, laid a wreath in the water at the Memorial Day Ceremony in honor of those remembered.

everyone, "May we all remember the freedoms we share, earned by those who gave their tomorrows so that we can be together here today."

The ceremony was concluded with a wreath laid in the water by CAPT (RET) Thomas and CAPT Olson in honor of those remembered on Memorial Day. District #4 VFW Ceremonial Honor Guard performed taps and the rifle salute; and CAPT Brown, USN, gave the benediction.





President's Message

Greetings Navy Leaguers;

I started this year asking for your support, asking that you volunteer your time and effort in support of our Navy League mission. You have done well. You supported Submarine Group Trident with their celebration of the 1000th Trident Patrol in February. Our council was recently awarded the retention award at the Northwest region convention in Tacoma. We have just completed an extremely busy month of May, with many Navy League members lending a hand. You will read about those events elsewhere in the Newsletter. All of the events in May (Law Day, NJROTC and Sea Cadet Youth Programs Awards, Armed Forces Day, Lone Sailor Dedication, Memorial Day) required countless hours by Navy League members to prepare for and then conduct them. Bravo Zulu.

Looking forward, we have formed two new committees. The first is a Strategic Planning Committee that will formulate long range direction for the council and propose it to our Board of Directors for approval. The second is the Communications Committee that will bring together our various forms of communications to our members and to the public (Newsletter, Web Site, Public Affairs News releases, member emails, programs, etc.) such that we maintain a consistent message and we communicate effectively and efficiently. If you have a particular interest in or expertise in either of these areas, and would like to help, we would like to hear from you.

Our June luncheon speaker, RADM Swift, Commander Strike Group Nine, USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group, should be a great program. I hope to see you there.

Navy History: Battle of Midway June 4-7, 1942 (The turning point of the War in the Pacific).

June Events: Fathoms of Fun Parade June 27 in Port Orchard.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council, will honor the men and women of the sea services by the dedication of the Lone Sailor Statue at the Port of Bremerton Marina on the Bremerton Harborside waterfront on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 2 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League has been raising funds to bring the Lone Sailor Statue to Bremerton to express appreciation to the men and women across the globe in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, the bronze statue is the creation of Stanley Bleifeld, the U.S. Navy Memorial's official sculptor. The statue, as placed on the marina breakwater, contains two pieces; the Sailor, who stands 7 feet tall and weighs approximately 1,000 pounds, and his sea bag and cleat weighing 700 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the Lone Sailor at Bremerton Harborside will be available for use by all services, veterans' associations and civic groups for special events, ceremonies and patriotic services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cary Bozeman, Mayor of the City of Bremerton do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 23, 2009 as:

LONE SAILOR STATUE DAY

In the City of Bremerton and congratulate the Navy League, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council on the dedication in bringing this statue to Bremerton and thank them for their recognition of our men and women in the sea services who serve our nation nobly.

SIGNED this 6th day of May 2009.
Cary Bozeman, Mayor

Lone Sailor Project Winds Down

“Many hands make light work” – the power of volunteerism! WOW! In January of 2007, a small group of your fellow Navy Leaguers started to explore the possibility of erecting a Lone Sailor Statue memorial in our community. Only a few “minor” details needed to be worked out – Where would it go? And how do we pay for it? Amazingly, over the course of the next two years, these questions were answered in fairly short order, and now this possibility is a reality in our community. Welcome Aboard, “The Lone Sailor”!



Steadfast from the very beginning, these Navy Leaguers deserve the highest praise, as they were truly the “Jedi Knights” of this campaign: my co-chair **Tim Thomson**, along with committee members **Doug Cook**, **Carolyn Dankers**, National Director **Carol Meteney** and **Dave Shafer**. Along the way, another key committee member, whose fundraising prowess is legendary, joined us – National Director Emeritus **Dick Vlist**. We certainly are incredibly grateful for his efforts.

Over the course of these 29 months, three Council Presidents chipped in their support: **Stan Mack**, **Guy Stitt** and **Dave Thomas**. Their council leadership helped us throughout the process, as our council continued to tread deeper into the unfamiliar areas of negotiating contracts and major fundraising issues. All the while these great leaders kept our council fiscally sound.

Key committee members who devoted significant time, talent and treasures to this project include **Lea Cook**, **Gary Gunderson**, **Jeff Kerneen**, **Louis Mejia**, and **Bill**

Metcalfe. Their support was truly magnificent, and they were critical to allowing us to complete the entire project in a relatively short time. Honorable mentions go to Newsletter editor, **Norma Parker**; Council publicity, **Sandra Howes Smith**; Council Director and Community Affiliate, **Tim Katona**; and Dedication Day Program editor,

Linda Testa.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of many of you who contributed to this project, as well as several key in-kind contributors.

*Submitted by Ron Testa,
National Director Emeritus
Co-chair, Lone Sailor Statue
Project Committee*

Lone Sailor Airs on KBAT

The Dedication Ceremony for the Lone Sailor Memorial will be aired on Public Television, KBAT, on the following dates:

June 15	Noon
June 17	10:00 am
June 19	5:30 pm
June 20	Noon

If you missed this memorable service, you have a 2nd chance. Tune in.

Also copies of the Official Program handed out at the Ceremony are available on DVD. The charge is \$33.00. Contact Ron Testa at testa@wavecable.com.

Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets Participate In Lone Sailor Dedication



For the first time in a couple of years, the Sea Cadets returned to the USS Turner Joy, DD-951, to do some good old-fashioned maritime training. The morning started off with Colors at 0800 and then the fun begins!

The group was led by PO2 Mueller, LPO, in various activities such as “watchstanding” in spaces such as DC Central, the fire rooms, repair lockers and on the bridge. The cadets learned about various systems: Navigation system, Damage Control (Shipboard Firefighting), Propulsion, compartmentation (what a “tack” number is), and what Port and Starboard and Forward and Aft mean.

At the Lone Sailor Dedication at the Breakwater, the Cadets were part of “manning the rails.” After the dedication, it was time for cake. The cadets manned a table and served cake to the guests. After clean up it was back to the Turner Joy.

Cadets in attendance were: PO2 Mueller, PO3 Nelsen, SN Keller, SN Oliver, SA Young, SA Riojas, SR Kreuger, SR Burkett, SR Piercy, and our brand new cadet, SR Kreig. Officers in attendance: James Byass-Roscoe, LTJG, USNSCC, Commanding Officer; Carmen Gorak, INST, USNSCC, Executive Officer; Thomas Gorak, ENS, USNSCC, Division Officer; Peter Gorak, MIDN, USNSCC, Acting Operations Officer; WO Charles Grosvenor, USNSCC, Training Officer; Chris Miller, INST, USNSCC, Admin Officer; Alex Graham, INST, USNSCC, Asst Training Officer and Rob Medal, INST, USNSCC, PAO/Awareness Officer.

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Armed Forces Day Parade



Retired Navy Officer, Leo Perry, rides the Navy Float in his wheelchair during the Armed Forces Day Parade. He joined the Navy in 1927 and Leo is currently 101 years old. Leo has been a regular on our float for many years. Navy League President, Dave Thomas, sits just in front of Leo. (photo by Sandra Smith)



Vice Admiral Locklear, his wife Pam and U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks wave to the crowd from the VIP bleachers as the parade passes. The Armed Forces Festival Ambassadors are right behind them. See if you can find AnnaLee Todd, President of PSNBA, Carolyn Dankers and Ron Testa, BROLPN Board members, also in this photo. (photo by Sandra Smith)



Vice Admiral Samuel Locklear, Armed Forces Day Parade Grand Marshall, and his wife, Pam, accompanied by LCDR Jaja Marshall ride proudly in Rick Leenstra's lovingly restored WWII Command Vehicle. Rick is the official chauffeur in the jeep.



Susan Larsen, BROLPN Secretary and member of the Board of Directors, entertains at the "key board" for one of the bands that performed after the parade. You go girl!! (photo by Sandra Smith)

RDML SWIFT TO SPEAK AT JUNE 9th NL LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Banquet Room in the basement of the Keyport Naval Undersea Museum, 610 Dowell Street, Keyport, WA. Base access is not required.

Rear Admiral Scott H. Swift, Commander Carrier Strike Group Nine, will serve as the guest speaker. RDML Swift will brief us on the most recent extended deployment of the aircraft carrier, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72).

The public is invited. Everyone, in-

cluding members, must make reservations. The food is catered, so it is important to have an accurate count on the number of meals. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than noon on Thursday, June 4th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.

Kitsap Battalion Sea Cadets Participate In Armed Forces Day

It was a beautiful day in downtown Bremerton for Armed Forces Day. The Cadets started with a hearty pancake breakfast at the Masonic Lodge at 0800 to get some energy for the Parade that was to follow. The local Sea Cadets provided Color Guard teams and Banner Bearers for the Navy League float and the United States Daughters of 1812, USS Enterprize Chapter entry. The entries went down the parade route and stopped momentarily in front of the Review Stand for the special guest and Grand Marshall, VADM Locklear, Commander 3rd Fleet.

After the Parade, it was time for the Navy League Gala Dinner where the Cadets greeted dignitaries and VIPs and also provided escort services to the pre dinner reception hall. It was also a special moment for one of the Sea Cadets, PO3 Nicholas Nelsen, Assistant Leading Petty Officer of Kitsap Battalion. PO Nelson was awarded the prestigious Cadet of the Year by VADM Locklear.

It was on to Mad Moose Pizza for a celebratory pizza party. Cadets in attendance: PO2 Mueller, Leading Petty Officer, Kitsap Battalion, PO3 Nelsen, SN Oliver, SN Keller, SA Young, SA Bright and our newest cadet, SR Piercy.. Officers in attendance: Carmen Gorak, INST, USNSCC, Executive Officer; Thomas Gorak, ENS, USNSCC, Division Officer; Peter Gorak, MIDN, USNSCC; Charles Grosvenor, WO, USNSCC, Training Officer; Jimmy Holt, WO, USNSCC, Operations Officer; Dan Hastings, INST, USNSCC, Supply Officer; Alex Graham, INST, USNSCC, Asst Training Officer and Rob Medal, INST, USNSCC, PAO/Awareness Officer.

*Submitted by Rob Medal, INST
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Rear Admiral Scott H. Swift Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9 To Address June Luncheon

Rear Admiral Swift grew up in San Diego, attended San Diego State University and received his commission in 1979 through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program.

His operational assignments include VA-94, VA-97, Carrier Air Wing 11 Staff, Command of VFA-97, commander, Carrier Air Wing 14 and deputy commander, Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command. During those tours he participated in combat operations Praying Mantis, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

His shore tour assignments include VA-122, Naval War College, Command of Strike Fighter Weapons School, Pacific, F/A-18 require-



ments officer OPNAV Staff, Command of VFA-122 and Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics staff.

Swift has been recognized as the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Landing Signal Officer of the Year, presented

the Commander Michael G. Hoff Award as the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Attack Aviator of the Year, and is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Combat V, along with various other personal, unit and service awards.

LT Chad C. Temple, JAGC, USN Navy Legal Professional of the Year

LT Chad C. Temple, JAGC, USN was honored as the Navy Legal Professional of the Year. President David Thomas represented the council at the annual Law Day ceremony at the Kitsap County Commissioners Chambers on May 1. A joint award, from our Council and the Kitsap Bar Association is presented to the Navy Legal Professional of the Year selected by the Naval Legal Service Office Northwest.

LT Temple, from Tampa Florida, earned his undergraduate degree at Florida State University in 1999, and a Graduate degree in Law from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. in May 2004. He is a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Bar and the New Jersey State Bar.

LT Temple earned the award for his outstanding service as a trusted legal advisor to the Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap, his litigator skills, and his unselfish mentoring of his shipmates. From February until October 2007, he deployed as an Individual Augmentee to Iraq, where he prepared cases for Iraqi prosecution, working in the Red Zone with Iraqi judges at the Central Criminal Court of Iraq.

Law Day is an annual event to commemorate the importance of "The Rule of Law" in our Nation and Constitution. John Morgan, a member of our council, maintains our connection with this event.

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

■ New and improved **Participation Form** for tours is now available for use.

■ **Youth Programs and Ceremonies Funding** - There will be 5 awards this month: Sea Cadet of the Year, League Cadet, ROTC Pt Orchard, ROTC Bremerton (awarded on the 5/20/09 at Bremerton High), ROTC Pt Angeles (awarded the 6th of June), Each of the Awardees will receive \$250.

■ Clark Whitney P.S. has been selected as our accountant to electronically submit and sign our Council's 2008 Tax Return.

■ Established the **Strategy Committee** – Dave Thomas is Committee Chair

■ Established the **Communications Committee** - Carolyn Dankers is Committee Chair.

■ Reminder that the **Membership Committee** meets at 6pm the 2nd Thursday of the month at Austin Chase in Silverdale. All interested Council Members are welcome. Mark Lowe, Membership Chair, mentioned a new Welcome Aboard package is in the works.

■ Will Lent would like to see more **quarterly get-togethers** – something the Membership Committee will discuss.

Tours and Trips and Adventures

Bainbridge Ferry Tour

An Insider's look at our ferries, June 16. Lucky us! Jim Walkowski, one of our members who spent 30 years on our Puget Sound Ferries, is ready to take us up on the bridge and into the engine room of the Bainbridge to Seattle Ferry. We will tour the bridge one direction across the sound & the engine room on the return.

Schedule for June 16, 2009

9:15 Bainbridge Ferry Terminal (park in the commuter parking lot)
9:40 Departure
Noon Return to Bainbridge (approx)

Lunch anyone?

Cost: You might be required to pay routine passage on the westbound crossing. Bring money for coffee???

Since this is a tour during active working hours, they need to limit the visitors to the bridge at any one time to 10 people. There are more than 10 people interested, so we will repeat the same tour on June 23.

For reservations and information contact Byron Faber byfaber@centurytel.net.

Tour Trident Training Facility & Trident Sub

This is the tour many of you have been requesting! This will be a full day tour that you will remember for a long time. You will have a great opportunity to get behind the scenes and meet the young men and women who are protecting you on a daily basis.

Schedule for August 4, 2009:

9:15 Meet bus at the Keyport Museum parking lot
9:30 Bus leaves Museum and goes to the Trident Training Facility (TTF)
10:00 Tour Starts
11:30 Bus to Inside Out Café-no host lunch
12:30 Bus to waterfront and tour of submarine
1:00 Tour Boat
3:15 Return by bus to Keyport Museum

There are some basic rules for your safety and for security.

- Must be a U.S. Citizen, 12 years or older
- Photo ID required
- No cameras, no cell phones with cameras
- No weapons, mace, etc.
- Must be physically capable of climbing down and back up a 30-foot ladder (Sitting on the bus on the pier is not allowed).
- Wear comfortable clothes, no dresses, skirts or high heels, recommend non-skid soles on shoes
- Limited to 35 people, first come, first served.
- Need full name, last four numbers of SSN.

If you make a reservation, please honor your commitment. This is a rare and limited privilege. If you sign up, please be certain to be there. Mail reservations & required information to George Rose, 8150 Journey Lane SE, Port Orchard, Wa 98367 or E-mail to Byron Faber at byfaber@centurytel.net. We must have forms to Bangor 10 days in advance.

BROLPN Invited to Capt James Stone Ceremony

CAPT Jim Stone, IMF Northwest, would like to invite the Navy League Members to his Change of Command/Retirement Ceremony on July 10, 2009 at 11:00 - Lower Base Bangor, BLDG 7000, West Parking Lot.

If you plan to attend, please E-mail the following information to Constance Jain, constance.jain@navy.mil, no later than 24 June 2009. This information is mandatory to gain access to lower base Bangor.

You need to ensure that they have photo identification with you that matches the name provided:

- Full Name
- Last four digits of your Social Security Number
- Country of Citizenship

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Constance at (360) 315-1103/(DSN) 322-1103 or FAX: (360) 396-6153



VADM Locklear awards Sea Cadet, PO3 Nicholas Nelsen, Assistant Leading Petty Officer of Kitsap Battalion the prestigious Cadet of the Year.

BROLPN INVITED TO MARINE EVENING PARADE

Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor will hold its 2nd parade of 2009, at 15 July, 1900 (7:00PM), at field six at Bangor. At the second parade of 2009 they will be conducting a change of command from LtCol Hittinger to LtCol Zach White. For those not familiar, a "Parade" in this case is a formal ceremony that includes marching, the Navy Band, a show by the Battalion silent drill team, a pass in review, and more. If you've never attended one, it's a great show that demonstrates the precision and professionalism of the Marine Corps.

Note: non-ID card holders need to be escorted by someone with an Evening Paracess, to gain access to the base. Please contact Dave Thomas at DThomas751@comcast.net.

Submitted by Dave Thomas

BROLPN Welcomes Community Affiliate Applied Technical Systems



Applied Technical Systems (ATS), a fast growth provider of information technology and engineering solutions to government and commercial clients, has a 29-year history of service to the U.S. Navy.

Established in 1980 by Navy veteran Rick Leenstra, Sr., ATS has grown from a small firm providing logistics and readiness support to Naval ships into one of our region's fastest growing government contractors. Today the company has offices in three states, over 80 employees, and three lines of business focused on Naval Engineering, Software and Systems Support, and Data Analytics Research and Development.

From its offices in Silverdale, WA, Suffolk, VA and Washington, DC, the ATS team supports customers within the U.S. Intelligence Community, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense, including several operations right here in our own backyard - U.S. Naval Base Keyport, Bangor Naval Submarine Base and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. ATS also provides mission-critical IT support services to both government and commercial customers.

The ATS Naval Engineering team brings to the Navy extensive experience in Configuration Management, ILS Training and Tracking, Material Condition Assessments, Warehouse Inventory and Provisioning Technical Documentation.

ATS holds prime contracts for U.S. Navy SeaPort-e in all seven zones, GSA Professional Engineering Services, and a sole-source with U.S. Army INSCOM for its patented CCM technology. ATS also works as a sub-contractor on

a wide array of projects both close to home and across the country. "As we continue to grow, our roots remain firmly planted in the Kitsap Peninsula," said David Wachter, ATS President & Co-CEO. "We are proud of the Navy League's work in our community and pleased to become a Community Affiliate."

For more information about ATS, visit www.atsid.com or call 360.698.7100.




David Wachter, President and Co CEO of ATS is a highly experienced senior executive with a track record of success. He attended Saint Thomas School of Business and Mars Hill College.



LT Temple (second from left) receives the Legal Professional of the Year plaque from (left to right) Paul Fjelstad, President of the Kitsap Bar Association, David Thomas, Navy League Council President, CAPT J. S. Thow, Commanding Officer Northwest Region Legal Service Office, and CAPT Mark Olson, Commanding Officer Naval Base Kitsap.



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Planning Ahead

	Tuesday	June 9	Monthly Luncheon Meeting – 11:30 am Keyport Undersea Museum – Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Scott H. Swift Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9
	Thursday	June 11	Membership Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm Austin Chase in Silverdale
	Tuesday	June 23	Bainbridge Ferry Tour – 9:15 am Meet at Bainbridge Ferry Terminal
	Wed	July 1	Board of Director's meeting – 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Thursday	July 9	Deadline for making reservations For May Luncheon – 12:00 noon
	Thursday	July 9	Membership Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm Austin Chase in Silverdale
	Tuesday	July 14	Monthly Luncheon Meeting - 11:30 am Bangor, Trident Ballroom – Guest Speaker Mr. Van Antwerp on Terrorism
	Wednesday	July 15	Marine Corps Security Force Parade and Change of Command Bangor 7:00 pm
	Thursday	July 16	2nd Bainbridge Ferry Tour – 9:15 am Meet at Bainbridge Ferry Terminal
	Tuesday	August 4	Tour Trident Training Facility and Trident Submarine - 9:15 am Keyport Museum Parking Lot

This Date in History

June 14, 1777 – Continental Congress adopts design of present U.S. Flag

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