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## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome Aboard*

- ★ Gordon Albitt
- ★ Linda Chapman
- ★ Travis Chapman
- ★ Randy Gelhaus
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- ★ Ronica Lane
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## June 12 Luncheon Speaker Commander Terwilliger

CDR Terwilliger is the Commanding officer of the USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN-730) (BLUE) an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine that has been in commission since 1984. She is the only U.S. Navy ship to have been named for the United States Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson (1912-1983) of Washington and the only Ohio-class submarine not named after a U.S. state.

CDR Terwilliger has served on the USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) (BLUE) in a variety of positions including Reactor Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Tactical Systems Officer. During his tour, Kentucky completed 5 strategic deterrent patrols.

In his next assignment, he served as the Navigator/Operations Officer in the USS Boise (SSN 764) from 2000 to 2003. During his tour, CDR Terwilliger completed two CENTCOM deployments in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

CDR Terwilliger was assigned as Executive Officer in USS SANTA FE (SSN 763) from 2005 to 2007. During his tour, CDR Terwilliger completed one Western Pacific deployment, one Arctic transit, and a change of homeport to Portsmouth, New Hampshire in support of a Depot Modernization Period.

He has had many other assignments as a Company Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy and has been assigned to COMDESRON 24, COMSUBRON 3 and COMPACFLT N3 and COMSUBRON 20.



He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York and graduated from New York Maritime College with a B.E. in Marine Engineering and earned his commission through the NROTC Program. He earned his Masters of Engineering Management from George Washington University. His personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, seven Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.

Obviously, CDR Terwilliger has many stories to share and a deep personal understanding of the critical role of submarines in today's efforts to maintain peace around the world.

Our Council is proud to have joined the Everett Navy League Council in adopting the USS Henry M. Jackson and we look forward to getting to know the crew much better over the next few years.

**Contact Roni Lane, Veterans United Home Loans for lunch reservations. Email [rlane@vu.com](mailto:rlane@vu.com) or call 360-692-3856 x 7002 (see page 2)**



## President's Message

Captain Puttler, Navy Region Northwest provided the following invocation at our Navy League Gala and kindly agreed to share it with you. Captain Puttler captures the feelings of so many of us, that it seems fitting as a message that everyone can receive.

*Carolyn Dankers*

### Armed Forces Day

19 May 2012

### Admiral Theater, Bremerton

Lord God, we pause this evening "because of the brave" and in a quiet, spiritual way address our inner thoughts and desires before you. We are a people gathered tonight from different families and backgrounds, but we have one name that identifies all of us: AMERICANS. We give you sincere thanks for those who directly serve in the military. Some of us may be fortunate enough to be called Sailors, Marines, Soldiers or Airmen. May each of us remember and give thanks

for the families supporting those Military Members, for our loved ones who may be serving in harm's way, and for others who may have lost family members in the selfless service to country.

Lord God, each of us, by virtue of our humanity, has many needs that only you can satisfy - but this evening we especially ask:

- that you would shed your richest blessings upon those institutions and individuals for whom we honor this evening;

- that the best and noblest ideals of our unique country would prevail against an enemy which still seeks to destroy us;

- that, as you have promised, good will triumph over evil;

- that the goodness and might of the American spirit will prosper and prevail; and

- that the fellowship and celebration of this evening's festivities would reflect the everlasting joy, friendship, and love that you have for each of us!

In your most Holy Name we pray!  
AMEN.

*CAPT James D. Puttler  
CNRNW Region Chaplain*

## New Lunch Registration Contact

Our brand new community affiliate, Veterans United Home Loans, has agreed to handle registration for our monthly luncheons. Please email or call Roni Lane for your reservation,

[rlane@vu.com](mailto:rlane@vu.com)

or

360 692.3856 ext. 7002

Thanks to Larry Salter and Concurrent Technologies Corporation for taking care of our registrations for the last 6 years. They have really been wonderful.

Remember the doors open at 11 a.m. at the Trident Ballroom at Bangor and the program begins at 11:45.

Please have your reservations to Roni Lane by Thursday, 5 p.m. on June 7 for the June 12 luncheon. Otherwise, we cannot always promise that your name will be on the gate access list.

Thanks Veterans United and welcome to Navy League.

## Tour of Station Seattle and the USS Healy



The Icebreaker Healy is an absolutely awesome piece of machinery! It is the ship that recently broke ice in order to escort a Russian tanker to Nome, Alaska, which was desperate for heating oil. It is questionable as to whether any other ship in the world could have accomplished this delivery.

Healy is a very complex ship with a bridge that is larger than any U.S. Navy ship. In effect, there are two bridges, one

on each side of the ship, with a full 180 plus degrees of vision and which is equally as high above the waterline as an aircraft carrier.

Included in the ship are various scientific laboratories for conducting a vast number of experiments, and it is not uncommon for the ship to carry 60 plus scientists.

The accommodations are quite spacious for all of the crew and scientists. The lower levels consist primarily of four massive diesel engines, which generate electric power for the main propeller shafts. On the fantail, the ship has a variety of cranes to use for dropping experiments or small boats, etc.

For a ship the size of the Healy, it is amazing that (exclusive of the scientists) the entire ship is operated by about 90 officers and enlisted Coast Guardsmen. Healy is a true U.S. Coast Guard gem.

*Submitted by  
Bob Hoag*



*Our illustrious tour director, Byron Faber, stands with two of the crew members from the USS Healy in the back row, while left to right, our council members are Bob Hoag, Helen Miller, Patricia Germaine, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Carpenter and Bob Lamb. They have just finished a wonderful tour of the ship and Station Seattle.*

# Navy League Armed Forces Festival Gala

The grand finale to a highly successful month of activities honoring our military is the Navy League Gala when military and community leaders can come together to meet and enjoy one another's company in the beautiful Admiral Theatre. This is also a time when we can recognize some of the outstanding people in our area whose contributions help make all of us stronger and better.

The highlight of the evening was the keynote speaker, Vice Admiral William French. VADM French is well known and respected in this area and we were all delighted and honored to have he and his wonderful wife return to our area and serve as the Grand Marshal in the Armed Forces Festival Parade and as our evening speaker.

This year the Pacific Northwest Region of Navy League recognized the Honorable Congressman Norm Dicks for his outstanding contributions to our community and specifically to the military community. Navy League National Vice President and past Regional President, David Todd, presented the Scroll of Honor to the congressman, following a beautiful introduction by Bremerton Mayor, Patty Lent.

This is the highest award that can be given at the local or regional level.

RDML Robert Hennegan, Commander of SubGroup 9, presented the Olympic Trophy to CDR Mark Schmall and CDR Richard Massie, representing BLUE and GOLD Crews of the USS Maine. This prestigious award is given to the most outstanding Trident submarine in the Pacific Fleet as determined by Admiral Frank Caldwell Jr. Commander Submarine Group Pacific Fleet.

The large silver bowl is a perpetual trophy and has been given for the last 38 years. It was first presented by our own Will Lent, when he was President of our Navy League Council.

We have so many excellent Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen in our area that it is no surprise that they also receive national recognition. We were honored to recognize the following:

2011 Navy Chief of Information Sailor of the Year, Mass Communication Specialist, First Class Michael Wagner

2011 Navy Chief of Information Blue Jacket of the Year, Mass Communication Specialist third Class Ryan Riley

Navy Operational Support Command

Sailor of the Year and the Reserve Component Command, North West, Sailor of the Year (both of those recognitions were for the past two years), Chief Petty Officer, Douglass Newman, 2011 Coast Guardsman of the Year in Coast Guard District 13 and National Coast Guardsman of the Year, Health Specialist First Class Jayme Reed.

Thanks to Mr. Tom Danaher for being a wonderful co-host for this great event. His special skills and talents were evident throughout the program.

Thanks also to the Bremerton High School Naval JROTC for their excellent Color guard and to the Suddenly Sisters, Meghan, Becca and Jenny Gray and Allison Verhofstadt.

Captain Puttler's Invocation set the tone for the evening and he was willing to share his words with all of us as seen in this newsletter.

The beautiful evening concluded with the music of the Jazz Disciples. Everyone had the opportunity to move and mingle.

THANKS to everyone who attended and provided such great support.

Enjoy the photos provided by Karen Ebersole and Susan Larsen.



# Navy League Gala





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## USS Bremerton Arriving



*On a recent beautiful morning, council members Patricia Germaine, Mayor Patty Lent, Carolyn Dankers, Sandra Smith, Neva Lamb, Helen Miller, Robert Lamb, Earle Smith and Byron Faber proudly hold the welcome sign as our adopted submarine, the USS Bremerton arrives in Bremerton for a namesake visit and training voyage from their homeport of Honolulu, Hawaii.*

## Canada and the United States in the Arctic

Larry Salter and Carolyn Dankers recently attended a forum with key players in the region on Canada's Arctic policy framework and how the United States and Canada will work together to define and defend shared interests in the North. There were panels on Environmental Protection and Fisheries, Maritime Issues and Northern Communities and Economic Development.

The forum was in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General from Vancouver, United States Coast Guard, District 13, the Institute of the North-Anchorage and the Consulate of Canada from Anchorage.

The forum was held at the University of Washington and hosted by the Canadian Studies Centre, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

People presented the many different and complex issues involved in the Arctic and provided a wealth of material indicating that this is a huge new frontier that is demanding our immediate attention.

While the Arctic might seem very remote, the maps showed very clearly that the northern border of Alaska is on the rim of the Arctic and that we have a very personal interest in maintaining and protecting our resources in that region.

# Memorial Day Service on the USS Turner Joy

Lt. Col Curtis Carlin, Commanding Officer of the Marine Security Force Battalion reminded all of us about the sacrifices made daily so that freedom can be preserved. More than 150 people on the fantail of the USS Turner Joy heard his words on the morning of Memorial Day. Tim Katona, our Vice President made all of the arrangements and was the Master of Ceremonies for this event honoring our fallen heroes and those who have served. The Kitsap Sea Cadets performed Colors and members from the Navy Region Northwest Band sang our national anthem and another member played the bugle.

We had veterans from WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War and more recent wars and their families attend as well as active duty and members of the community.

Coffee and donuts were served in the mess as people had a chance to talk and tour the historic ship.

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Each year, companies step up to the plate to support our mission to support active duty and their families and our youth. Thanks to their generosity, we can make a difference.

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# Planning Ahead

For best service, register early for the luncheon and the tours.

June 6-10	Rose Festival/Fleet Week, Portland/ Regional Conference
June 12	Monthly luncheon, Bangor, speaker CDR Terwilliger, CO of the USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN 730 BLUE), call 360 692-3856 ext 7002
June 13	Board Meeting, McCloud's Grill House, East Bremerton 5:30 p.m.
June 14	FLAG DAY
June 17	FATHER'S DAY
June 24	Navy League National Convention, Hawaii
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 10	Monthly Luncheon, Bangor, call 360 692-3856. ext 7002
July 11	Monthly Board Meeting

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### Navy League Goals

- 1. Educate national leaders and the nation.**
- 2. Support the men and women of the sea services.**
- 3. Provide assistance to the sea service families.**
- 4. Support the youth program.**