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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow Navy Leagues, I want to thank each and everyone of you for the tremendous support that I have received early in my term as your president. It is true, no one can do more than all of us. The members who receive the newsletter on-line have a special report attached on "Providing Undersea Superiority for Sea Power 21" and The Revised Future Capability Vision which was sent to All Submarine Force Flag Officers. This was provided by Roger Nance, a Navy League member and The NAVSEA Shipyard Rep, Kitsap Naval Base. Check it out.

Our guest speaker for last months luncheon was Capt Orzalli, Commander of The Naval Shipyard. This was the second time over the last handful of years that he has taken his time to deliver us the Shipyards activities, priorities, goals, accomplishments and the realignment of maintenance and manpower. His dedication to his profession is amazing and we thank him for his service.

My next comment may create some displeasure amongst some of our members however, we have no other options. We are increasing the price of lunch from \$10 to \$12. Its easy for me to say as I find it not to be a big deal but for those that it impacts adversely I'm sorry. Our costs have increased

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Notice

Due to increased costs, the Council finds it necessary to increase the cost of lunch at the monthly meeting to \$12.00.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

March Luncheon

Date: March 8, 2005
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
Program: CAPT Dave Buss, USN
Commanding Officer,
USS John C. Stennis
(CVN 74)

Call Pioneer Services at (360) 405-6336 by Thursday, March 3rd to make your reservation for lunch.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. ALL PARTICIPATANTS MUST BE SIGNED UP AND ON THE RESERVATIONS LIST. GUESTS AND MEMBERS WITHOUT A BASE PASS MUST ALSO BE ON THE LIST AND ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN GATE.

Why do psychics have to ask your name?

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with the facility that we use and the services that they provide and we must continue to honor our service members and guests by paying for their lunch.

We have a major event taking place which will be upon us soon. Next to membership, The Armed Forces Day Gala is our primary source of revenue and we are off to a great start. Purchase the raffle tickets, force us to print more on your behalf. There were a few examples set this month of giving and financial donations by our members. One, who prefers to remain anonymous, gave a portion of his inheritance to set up scholarships for the NJROTC. God Bless you. The second member, Paul Lucas, graciously paid \$200 for the request made by The Bremerton HS Orienteering Club. Well done and great example set for the rest of us.

I will be attending The Regional Conference in Spokane next week to vote on our nominated National Directors Ron Testa and Carol Meteney, further educate myself and I will report back to you next luncheon. FYI, Captain Buss, the CO of The USS Stennis will be our guest speaker next luncheon. Don't miss it.

In closing, the turnout for our last lunch was outstanding and certainly motivates me to leave this council stronger than when I took office.

Roger



Welcome Aboard

The Council has a new member who is an old (young) member. Council Secretary **Annie Fields** was a community affiliate member but is now a regular members.

A big welcome to **Michael F. Francher** who lives in Ohio. Michael is Program Manager for a new company in Bremerton. (Larry, give him back one of his arms.)

Last but not least a real warm welcome to a new Sequimite member **Harry G. Reid.**

The Council is still trying to climb back into the ring with the big guys so keep recruiting new members. Talk to you sister, brother, uncle, mother-in-law. They don't have to live here to be a member here.



Philippine Sea (Feb. 17, 2005) - Following a vertical replenishment, the fast combat support ship USS Camden (AOE 2) separates from her position alongside the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The fast combat support ship (AOE) is the Navy's largest combat logistics ship. The AOE has the speed and armament to keep up with the Carrier Strike Groups and has the capability to carry more than 177,000 barrels of oil, 2,150 tons of ammunition, 500 tons of dry stores and 250 tons of refrigerated stores. Lincoln and embarked Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) are currently deployed to the Western Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class M. Jeremie Yoder

CNO Confirms Pending Retirement

Adm. Vern Clark, 27th Chief of Naval Operations, has confirmed that he plans to retire from active duty this summer. His successor has not been named.

In response to a reporter's question during a FORCENet Conference at the Sheraton Pentagon South Hotel in Alexandria, Va., Clark said that he recently submitted his retirement request to Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England.

"I don't have an exact timeline," he said, referring to a date for the change of command and retirement.

"This is really not about me, it's about the institution," Clark said. "It's been the thrill of my life to be able to lead the Navy at a time like this. It has been thrilling for Connie and me." Clark is the second-longest serving CNO in the Navy's history.

When Clark was asked by the Secretary of Defense a year and a half ago to extend his tour, the two agreed that he would stay "about a year. And then we would see what happened," Clark said. "This is a challenging job, and I think five years is about the right time."

Clark said that he felt it was time for him to turn over the reins to the next generation.

"Our Navy has a great stable of leaders for the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Defense and the President to choose from," Clark said.

He said that he presently does not have plans for post-retirement, and until then, he will continue to do what he has been doing since the beginning of his tenure as CNO.

"I get up every morning and say, 'Okay, what can we do to make the Navy a better place and a better organization?' That's what I'm going to continue to do."

Clark assumed duties as Chief of Naval Operations July 21, 2000.

From CNO Public Affairs

January Inauguration Dinner



1) National President Shelia McNeil swears in Roger Nance, Annie Fields, Lou Dufresne, Marilyn Caldwell & Larry Salter as the 2005 Council officers; 2) Sheila McNeil, CAPT Derek Hesse & Cindy Hesse; 3) 2004 President Van Vlist; 4) Michelle Bradwell, Federal Management Association, Carolyn Dankers & Mary Mullins; 5) Holley Kuzmick & CAPT Joe Kuzmick; 6) Anna Lee Todd, CMC Jim Rickel & Mary Anne Mascianica; 7) Judy & Lou Dufresne; 8) Larsry Salter, CAPT Dave Thomas & Alice Thomas; 9) 2005 President Roger Nance; 10) CAPT Doug Biesel, Beth Biesel, Donna Williams & RDML Mel Williams; 11) Jill West, Annie Fields & Donna Gotel; 12) Shelia McNeil & Al Meteney; 13) Tina Salter & Marilyn Caldwell



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Planning Calendar

Wed Mar 2 Board Meeting—Roger’s House
 Tue Mar 8 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza

Tue Apr 12 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza

Tue May 10 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
 Sat May 21 Armed Forces Day: Parade in AM &
 Evening Gala at Admiral Theater
 Mon May 30 Memorial Day Services—USS Turner Joy

This is the last issue of the newsletter that I will edit. I have enjoyed the last five years (most of the time). I want to thank Kirk Piering and James Klose of Raytheon for stepping forward and agreeing to accept editorial responsibilities. I am confident that their expertise will add to the quality of Now Hear This!. Please give them your support.

Bill Mullins



*A U.S. Marine provides security for a CH-53 Super Stallion near Ar Rutbar, Iraq
 Official US Navy Photo*



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