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President's Corner

Greetings to all you Navy Leaguers! April 5th, I had the opportunity to meet Congressman Jay Inslee and brief him on the Navy League and the importance of maintaining a 300 ship fleet. I provided him with a copy of the Navy League legislative agenda. He was very receptive, and asked a number of very good questions. He also asked me to convey to all of our members that he would like to hear from us on any issues and especially on quality of life issues for our servicemen and veterans. I invited him to join our council, and he is considering it. (I told him that Norm Dicks is already a member.)

I am happy to report that the first milestone for the Lone Sailor Statue project is complete with the submission of our grant request to the Birkenfeld Trust. We made the deadline with a very professional package. We should find out the results in June.

We said "Farewell" to Bill and Monika French. We will miss them both. Bill did a great job engaging the community, and Monika is a member of our council. Bill moves to Commander Navy Region, Marianas, and I expect to hear great things from him. Capt. T.J. Dargan steps in as Navy Region Northwest until a new flag officer is identified.

May is our busiest month of the year. The Armed Forces Day Parade on May 19th will feature the Navy League float. Bremerton hosts the largest AFD parade in the nation,

and we should be very proud that our community honors the military in this way. That evening our council hosts the AFD Gala at the Admiral Theater where we honor, recognize, and entertain our local military organizations. The theme is "Honoring America's Heroes." This is an event that should not be missed, and will make you proud. Details are in the newsletter. May 28th we host a traditional Memorial Day Service onboard the USS Turner Joy on the Bremerton waterfront at 10 AM. It is important for us to take time to honor those who gave their lives defending our freedom.

The Battle of Midway anniversary is in June and we have a very special program which involves both our May and June Luncheons. Our own Navy League member, Will Lent, will present the Battle of the Coral Sea, the prelude to the Battle of Midway in May and he will present the battle itself at the June luncheon. Will is a talented speaker and knowledgeable and engaging historian. These programs would be excellent opportunities to introduce friends and associates to the Navy League. I am looking for a big turn out.

The USS MICHIGAN Return to Service is June 12th at 1:00 PM at Bremerton. There will be an opportunity to tour the ship afterward, and we are also working to set up a tour just for Navy League soon. There will be a reception the night before, June 11th, at the Bangor Plaza for the Wardroom, Chief's Quarters, and their spouses, and visiting dignitaries. The Michigan Navy League is planning to bring a contingent of folks, and the reception will be a good opportunity to

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Olympic Bowl Winner

Congratulations to

“Nevada Blue”

for

Winning the Trident Submarine
Outstanding Performance Award

Public Invited Navy League Luncheon May 8th

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza (formerly called the Trident Ballroom, CMO) Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. The luncheon will feature retired Navy Captain Will Lent. He has put together a very impressive presentation on “The Battle of the Coral Sea,” with an emphasis on how it affected the “Victory at Midway.”

All guests must RSVP and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Reservations are required. Call Pioneer Services (360-405-6336) no later than Thursday, May 3rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$12/person. Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and help support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

59th Annual Armed Forces Festival “Land of the Free, Thanks to the Brave”

Saturday, May 19th

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Bremerton Central Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
(4th Street between Pacific and Washington)

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast (5th & Warren)

10:00 a.m. to Noon – Armed Forces Day Parade
(Sponsored by the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce & American Financial Solutions)

“America’s largest and longest-running Armed Forces Day Parade”
(Our Navy League float will be in the parade!)

After the Parade

Noon to 6:00 p.m. – Street Fair & Barbecue (downtown Bremerton)

Soap Box Derby Rally Race – 4th Street

Military Personnel (active & retired) and their dependents eat for FREE

(Meals courtesy of American Financial Solutions, Bremerton Central Lions Club, Clearwater Casino, Harrison Medial Center, the Kitsap SUN and many Bremerton Chamber members.)

Olympic College Bremer Student Center (16th & Chester)

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. – Military Culinary Arts Competition (FREE Food!)
(Sponsored by Advanced Acoustic Concepts)

Admiral Theatre – Navy League Gala – 5:00 p.m.

Tickets Available through the Admiral Theatre, 373-6810

Speaker: Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, Chief of Naval Reactors

Entertainment: “No Inhibitions Jazz Band”

Saturday & Sunday, May 19th & 20th

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Kitsap Hydroplane Races on Kitsap Lake (Camp McKean)

(Sponsored by Malibu Corporation & American Power Boat Association)

Youth Baseball Tournaments – Lions Field



Lone Sailor Update

Carolyn Dankers has reported that the request for a grant for support of the purchase of the Lone Sailor statue has been completed and we should have an answer in June. Additional fund raising options are being pursued.

The sailor who posed for the sculptor, artist Stanley Bleifeld, was stationed aboard a local warship when he was selected to be the model. The CO of his ship at the time is a current member of our council.

See if you can identify the CO, the ship and the Sailor before the next newsletter. The first one to E-mail me the correct information will receive a free ticket for the June luncheon. (The CO is not eligible)

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Welcome to our Newest Community Affiliate The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences

The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS) is the nation's largest manufacturing research and



development consortium. Its more than 170 member companies comprise a cross section of industries critical to the Department of Defense including aerospace, machine tools, electronics and telecommunication companies. The mission of the NCMS is to lead the rapid development of cross-industry R&D programs to build the global competitiveness of its manufacturing partners.

Since its inception in 1986, the NCMS has become a critical element in enhancing the nation's security through the development and application of world class manufacturing technologies and processes that address both the affordability and performance of weapon system sustainment as well as securing critical assets of the DoD.

While NCMS is a national organization, it has located an office in the Puget Sound Region due to the critical mass of activity in the area. Through the Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities

(CTMA) program, NCMS is working with The Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Naval Submarine Base Bangor to develop

technology projects designed to improve weapon system readiness by improving the maintenance and repair process.

In addition, NCMS is working with Navy Region Northwest to assess vulnerabilities of critical assets in the region and develop mitigation strategies that involve development and testing of new technologies in various facilities and commands. All the activities leverage the expertise and resources of the commercial sector to improve defense readiness and security.

The NCMS office is located in Silverdale and is headed by Mr. Dale Norwood. However, the organization is looking to downtown Bremerton for its permanent location and Mr. Norwood welcomes inquiries about NCMS membership or the current collaborations with the Navy programs.

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Armed Forces Festival Ambassador Candidates



The "Armed Forces Festival Ambassador Candidates" for 2007 were all guest sat a "Captain's Tea" on Sunday, April 22nd, at the home of CAPT Daniel Peters, CO of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Various community leaders and military guests were invited to meet with the Ambassador Candidates. Back row, left to right: Jared Tonge, Jessica Mathisen, Robert Orzalli. Middle row: Sarah Dawson, Katelynn Lorber, Jonathan Burton. Front row: Emerald Armstrong, CAPT Peters, Chelsey Wheeler. Not pictured was Tiffany Lehoux. Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Board Member, Sandra Smith, is the Chairman of the "Ambassador Scholarship Program."

Mission Statement

The Navy League is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that it's national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marines.

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

Submitted by: Stan Mack



Working Together

The Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council work together to make the annual "Armed Forces Festival" in Bremerton a big event. Pictured are some of the members of the Bremerton Chamber's "Military Affairs Committee". Here they are meeting to coordinate the various events of the Armed Forces Festival. Back row: Dr. Roger Meyer (Military Affairs Committee Member). Front row, left to right: Silvia Klatman (Executive Director of the Bremerton Chamber), Cris Larsen (Chairman of the Armed Forces Festival), Sandra Smith (Navy League Board Member) and Frank Gentile (Bremerton Chamber Staff Member).



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Planning Calendar

	Wednesday	May 2	Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Tuesday	May 8	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
	Saturday	May 19	Navy League Annual Armed Forces Day Gala, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton
	Monday	May 28	Memorial Day Service
	Wednesday	June 5	Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate, Bremerton
	Monday	June 11	USS Michigan Reception, Bangor Plaza
	Tuesday	June 12	USS Michigan Return to Service, Bremerton
	Tuesday	June 19	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
	Thursday	June 28	Bud Hawk Award Ceremony, Keyport Museum



More Winners!

At the April Luncheon, Heather Rush, Armed Forces Bank, won a free lunch. Guy Stitt won four dinners at Patriots Landing.

May Luncheon

Date: May 8, 2007
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor
Program: Battle of Midway
 Speaker - Will Lent

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday, May 3rd 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.

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