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Lone Sailor Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, May 23, 2 pm on the new Bremerton Breakwater is the date and time for the dedication of the Lone Sailor Statue. Mark the date and be a part of this exciting historical event honoring our military, past, present and future.

Together, we will celebrate this two-year project of bringing this nationally recognized and respected sculpture to our area in honor of the young men and women who

volunteer to serve our country and as a tribute to our rich maritime history.

The success of this project reflects the generosity and pride of our community members. Our thanks go to over four hundred Veterans, business and community individuals and groups who made this dream come true.

The original statue stands on the granite sea at the US Navy Memorial in Washington DC. Since 1987, other Lone Sailor statues have been placed along our coastal waters as symbols of respect and reminders of the great sacrifices made. This Lone Sailor is the only one in the great Pacific Northwest and is joined by one in San Francisco and Long Beach.



An NJROTC Color Guard, music by the Northwest Navy Band, comments by Congressman Norm Dicks, Northwest Navy Regional Commander, Admiral James Symonds and other dignitaries will highlight the afternoon ceremony.

Chairs will be provided on the breakwater, but you might want to be there early as we are expecting a

large crowd. You will also be able to hear the ceremony from the Harbor Boardwalk. Bring your umbrellas if there is a chance of rain.

This will be an event to remember. The Port of Bremerton is also hosting the Harbor Festival this same weekend, so you will be able to see the Kitsap Cup Regatta, Boats Afloat Boat Show, and there will be sailboat races, nautical events, the tall ships and the Virginia V Steamboat in both the Bremerton and Port Orchard's Marinas. Have lots of fun.

Visit www.lonesailor-bremerton.org/ to learn more about the project.



President's Message

Greetings Navy Leaguers;

This newsletter commemorates the outstanding efforts of

our Lone Sailor Committee that worked so hard to bring the Lone Sailor to Bremerton. Your council, under the superb leadership of Committee co-chairs Ron Testa and Tim Thomson, has almost completed an amazing two year project to bring the Lone Sailor statue to Bremerton. The official unveiling on May 23 closes a great chapter in our council's history books. Please come down to the Bremerton Marina and help us recognize and thank those that made this possible. Bravo Zulu Lone Sailor Committee!

May is a huge month for your council. On May 15 we'll participate in the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association reception for our Armed Forces Day Grand Marshall, Commander Third Fleet, Vice Admiral Sam Locklear, followed on May 16 by the Armed Forces Day Parade, and then our Armed Forces Gala that evening (May 16). Get your reservations in for the Gala quickly, because it will fill up fast. The theme for the Armed Force Day is "Legacy of Freedom".

Finally, Monday, May 25 will be our annual Memorial Day ceremony on board the Turner Joy at the Bremerton Marina. All Navy League members are invited and encouraged to attend.

THE LONE SAILOR

By Edward W. Manning

HE WAS JUST A LONELY SAILOR
STARING OUT TO SEA,
WAITING FOR ANOTHER SHIP
WONDERING WHERE HE'D BE.

THE VASTNESS OF THE OCEAN'S SPAN
WAS PREYING ON HIS MIND.
HE STOOD IN THOUGHTFUL SILENCE
KNOWING WHAT HE'D FIND.

HE'D FIND CONTENTMENT FAR AT SEA
WITH THE DAWNING OF EACH DAY
AND THE ROLLING MOTION OF HIS SHIP
WHILE IT WAS UNDERWAY.

HE'D FIND EACH WORLDLY PORT O' CALL
A DIFFERENT PLACE TO SEE
BUT KNOWING WELL HIS PEACE OF MIND
WAS FOUND FAR OUT TO SEA.

FOR A MAN WHOSE MISTRESS IS THE SEA
CAN HAVE NO SHORE-BOUND LOVE.
HIS LOVE IS DANCING ON THE WAVES
CARESSED BY SKIES ABOVE.

ONE DAY HE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HIS LOVE
FOR AGE DOES TAKE ITS TOLL
BUT HIS HEART WILL ALWAYS BE AT SEA
WHEN THE BOS'N CALLS THE ROLL.

(Composed by Navy Memorial Plank owner Ed Manning during his visit to the Navy Memorial, and while seated near the Lone Sailor statue.)

From "Tin-Can Tales and Vagabounds" by Edward W. Manning, 1995, Carlton Press, Corp., New York



SK1 Anthony Hoover was honored for being named Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor Sailor of the Quarter, October – December 2008. SK1 Hoover and his wife Cheryl have been married 5 years and have a 5-month old daughter, Catelynne. This Coast Guard Sailor of the Quarter was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant, photography sessions provided by Hudson Photography and a Ferrari ride provided by the Ferrari Club and Byron Faber. These awards were presented by President David Thomas and Awards Chair Alice Thomas at the April Luncheon at the Keyport Museum. SK1 Hoover was accompanied by his family and his XO, LCDR Kevin Jones and by his supervisor, LCDR Charlie Davis.

Submitted by Leah Wattree, Asst. Editor

Lone Sailor Adds to the Delights of the Harborside District

The Lone Sailor Statue© is part of the rich nautical heritage on the Bremerton Waterfront with a new larger Marina and the Harborside Park, with its beautiful Water Park “geysers,” the Naval Museum and the USS Turner Joy DD 951, a US Naval Museum Ship. Additionally a new Harborside Memorial Plaza park, complete with a Navy ship bow, is under construction above the ferry traffic tunnel. These wonderful historical treasures in our community create a



destination that will draw visitors to our community to witness its rich treasures.

The Lone Sailor Statue© is the 11th such US Navy Memorial site in the Nation. The other sites on the West Coast are in San Francisco and Long Beach, California. Our statue standing on the breakwater overlooking salt water is a very unique setting and will make a lasting and fitting memorial for all to see for years to come.

The Commemorative Wall will be completed in time for the Dedication Ceremony May 23, 2009. Major donors will be honored on the marina breakwater wave wall that will span the distance of the entire statue area and beyond. Included at the site, will be plaques

honoring all of our National Uniformed Services. All donors to the project will be noted in our Dedication Program on the day of the ceremony

This memorial will serve our community by honoring all who serve. The Lone Sailor will greet the many ships transiting Sinclair Inlet. It should provide a special treat for those returning home from deployment. It will also welcome those visitors coming to our community the first time.

Come to visit and see what the Port of Bremerton and the surrounding area have to offer. Plan to visit a walk through history. Wouldn't that be a great way to spend a family afternoon?

Submitted by Ron Testa

Stanley Bleifeld Creator of the Lone Sailor

The Lone Sailor Statue is the creation of Mr. Stanley Bleifeld. He was the winner of a nationwide search to create a blue jacket sailor who would greet people who came to the United States Navy Memorial in Washington DC.

Mr. Bleifeld had served in the Navy during World War II as an illustrator for training manuals. After the war, he had pursued his art career and was selected after a rigorous screening process to work with the US Navy Memorial. Once he was chosen, he was faced with a bigger challenge. The decision makers had a general idea of what they wanted, but had difficulty putting it in words. So a variety of sailors posed for photographs until finally the right one was chosen. Then five different Washington agencies had to approve the rendering before the seven-foot statue could be carved and cast. Getting agreement was not easy.

The Tallix Foundry where the statue was cast is in upstate New York and owned by a former naval officer. Mr. Polich flew the Navy F-9 jet fighters between 1957 and 1959.

In 1987, the US Navy Memorial decided that there had been so many requests for cities to have their own Lone Sailor Statue, that they agreed to sell them, but only if Mr. Bleifeld oversaw the process and the same foundry produced the statue.

The newest statue will be the one in Bremerton and will mark the 11th statue in United States and the only one in the Northwest. This nationally recognized piece of art is a fitting tribute to those who volunteer to keep us safe.

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

BROLPN Visits the Ingraham and Sails on the Abraham

Our Tours and Travels Committee, Byron Faber and George Rose should get a gold star for this one. The day cruise on the carrier Abraham Lincoln CVN 72 was interesting, fun and informative. The flight operations were a big hit. The Prowlers were impressive, noisy and entertaining. Most of our members traveled to Everett the day before, staying at the Quality Inn, grabbing a quick bite to eat at the Irish Pub, then touring the frigate, Ingraham, to arise early the next morning to board the Abraham for a seven hour cruise. Thanks Byron and George for all your work making the arrangements for this exceptional tour.



(L to R) Carolyn Dankers, Norma Parker, George Rose-Trip Co-Chair, Lou Ann Wood, Roger Wood, Byron Faber-Trip Co-Chair, and Robert Faber on Board the USS Ingraham (FFG-61) at the start of the Abraham Lincoln Tour on April 15.



Heading for dinner after a great tour of the Frigate, USS Ingraham (FFG-61) are (l to r) Robert Faber, Byron Faber, George Rose, Carolyn Dankers, Lou Ann Wood and Roger Wood. This surprise tour was arranged for Navy League by Lt. Carolyn Engler the Combat Systems Officer on the Ingraham.



Vice Admiral Samuel J. Locklear to be the featured Speaker and Grand Marshall



Vice Admiral Samuel J. Locklear will be the featured speaker at Navy League's Armed Forces Gala and also will be addressing PSNBA and serve as the Grand Marshall of the Armed Forces Parade on May 23rd.

Vice Admiral Samuel J. Locklear is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1977, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Analysis.

VADM Locklear is a 1992 graduate of the National Defense Industrial College of the Armed Forces, holds a master's degree in Public Administration from George Washington University, and attended the Senior Officials in National Security course at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three gold stars, Bronze Star Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, and numerous unit and campaign awards.

Last Call for Reservations for the Armed Forces Day Gala – May 16th

Put this time and date on your calendar, 5:00 PM on May 16th. Why? This is the night that your Bremerton Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and the Admiral Theater will be hosting the "2009 Armed Forces Day *Legacy of Freedom* Navy League Gala."

It is our great pleasure to announce that our keynote speaker for this fabulous night is the Commander of the United States Navy Third Fleet, Vice Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, III, but this is only part of the events planned for that night. In addition, doors will open at 5:00 pm to allow for networking and cocktails between corporate sponsors, community affiliates, military and of course, our great members.

What else is planned? The program will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Our entertainment for this night is the world renowned Linda Gentile. She will be entertaining us with "The American Piano Show" (www.AmericanPianoShow.com). Based out of New Jersey, she is on a world tour. She was performing in China just two weeks ago! This year's performances includes seven cruises, two performances in California-Palm Springs & Fullerton, one in North Carolina, one in New Jersey and one in West Virginia. Her show is family oriented and very "red, white & blue". Gentile is an amazing mix of beauty, comedic charisma and piano virtuosity. She will perform from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Civilian Attire: Black Tie or Business. Military Attire: Dinner Dress Blue.

The menu is "surf & turf" with salmon and beef. If you prefer to have the vegetarian plate, you can make that request when you make reservations. The cost of the dinner is \$45/person. The Admiral will take credit card information over the phone -or- tell you to mail your

check to: Admiral Theatre, 515 Pacific Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337. Make your checks out to: Admiral Theatre, with a note that the check is for the Navy League May 16th Gala. The Admiral Theatre staff will be taking all reservations. Call the Admiral Theatre at 360-373-6810 or 360-373-6743.

There is a 2nd option. For those that wish to by-pass the dinner, tickets for the 8:00 pm show are available for seating in the balcony. Tickets are \$15/person.

The Admiral Theatre is located between 5th & 6th on Pacific Avenue in Bremerton.

Call today to get your reservations in!!

Naval Hospital Bremerton Receives Award

Naval Hospital Bremerton was recently recognized with their ninth Blue H award for command excellence in health promotion.

The Navy Surgeon Generals Health Promotion and Wellness Medical Command award, The Blue H, recognizes deserving commands that encourage and reward clinical primary prevention, engage in community health promotion, advance medical staff health and promote wellness policies, as well as actively carry out activities and outcomes in Navy commands concerning health-care delivery missions.

"This award reflects policies and ongoing activities that promote a culture of wellness and fitness at our command and in our community," said Janet Mano, NHB population health coordinator. We want our beneficiaries to have full, healthy and happy lives and this award indicates our commitment.

Courtesy of "The Navigator"

Welcome New Members

Ron Johnson has lived in Kitsap County since 1979 and has a 15 year old daughter, Chloe. Before opening Kitsap Hospitality Executive Apartments in 1999, he was a successful business opportunity broker and owned some of western Washington's first tanning salons. Ron encourages his employees to volunteer in community organizations and local events.

Jo Sellers is a Kitsap County local. She and her son 11 year old son, Chase, enjoy visiting Lake Cushman as often as possible to camp, hike and swim. Jo started her current career as General Manager of Kitsap Hospitality Executive Apartments in 2003. In December 2008 she started the Evan King Fund to help a local boy that was involved in a sledding accident.

Leah Wattree moved to Kitsap County in September 2008 when she joined Kitsap Hospitality Executive Apartments as the Business Development Manager. Her 6 children often volunteer with her at community events. Currently she is Secretary for the Kitsap Lodging Association and supports Navy League and PSNBA.

Jessica Heaton has enjoyed lived in Kitsap County since 2003. She joined AMI International's team 3 months ago. Jessica works with the Kitsap Humane Society and the Kitsap Spay & Neuter Council and is instrumental in the fundraisers that they hold.

Julie Stiehl has been with AMI International for 1 month. She has lived in Korea, Japan and Beijing, China and is fluent in Chinese. The USS Abraham Lincoln tour was her first Navy League event; she found it was an exciting way to learn about our area and sea services.

NBK Commander



CAPT Olson assumed command of Naval Base Kitsap in June 2008. Originally from a small farming town in Minnesota, he graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1983 as both a Burke and Trident Scholar, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. He also received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from the University of Memphis. In the spring of 2008, he studied as a Senior Executive Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA.

CAPT Olson has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various campaign and unit awards.

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

■ Leah Wattree, a new Community Affiliate, has agreed to be Assistant Editor for "Now Hear This." Leah is with Kitsap Hospitality.

■ Nominations are being sought for National Directors. Larry Salter has been nominated.

■ Tim Katona, Council Treasurer, to seek a CPA who is familiar with Non-profit Organizations to file future Council Tax Returns.

■ Gary Gunderson to look into securing Director's and Officers Liability Insurance for the Council

■ Directory Committee is making progress on the new Directory and is currently selling ad space in the Directory.

Memorial Day On Board USS Turner Joy

Our Council and the general public are invited to attend a Memorial Day ceremony, on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. which will be held on the fantail of the historic ship, USS TURNER JOY. The ship is located on the Bremerton Boardwalk north of the Bremerton Ferry Terminal in front of the Harborside Condominiums. The ceremony is being sponsored by the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council.

Navy League President, CAPT (RET) David Thomas, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and Captain Mark Olson, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap, will serve as the Guest Speaker.

Colors will be presented by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. A memorial wreath will be laid in honor of those that have fallen. The District #4 VFW Ceremonial Honor Guard will perform taps and the rifle salute. Parking is available at the convention Center near the Bremerton Ferry Terminal. Coffee and donuts will be provided on the Turner Joy Crews Mess after the ceremony. For more information or questions, contact Tim Katona at mayflower616@donobi.net.

Come and join us for the memorable ceremony honoring the men and women who have given their lives in the service of their country.

*Submitted by Tim Katona
Memorial Day Chairman*

Get involved!

Now is the time to step up to the plate and take an active part in Council activities. President, Dave Thomas, has issued a call for volunteers for this year so that we may continue to make a difference in our support of the Sea Services.

Think about whether you would like to work on a short term project or a very specific type of job or whether you would like to volunteer for a more long term role. There is work and fun for everyone.

If you are interested, and just want to explore the possibilities, contact Dave Thomas at 360 373-2673 or by email at Dthomas751@comcast.net or any of the officers or board members.

Commanding Officer of the Shipyard to Speak at May 12th Navy League Luncheon

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 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, since the Museum is just outside the Keyport Base. As you approach the gate, the entrance to the Museum will be up the hill on your left.

Captain Marc Whitney, Commanding Officer of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, will serve as the guest speaker. CAPT Whitney will review the future outlook, work load and major projects of the shipyard.

The public is invited to attend. Everyone, including 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, May 7th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.



At our luncheon, President, Dave Thomas, welcomes United Rentals as a new Community Affiliate with a Community Affiliate Plaque. Welcome United Rentals. BROLPN encourages all our council members to support our Community Affiliates.

Comings and Goings

Navy Vice Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III has been nominated for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral and assignment as director, Navy Staff, N09B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Locklear is currently serving as commander, Third Fleet, San Diego, Calif.

Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor (MCSFB) bade farewell to one sergeant major, and welcomed another, April 17. Sgt. Major Brent Cook, a staple at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Bangor and

in the local community, turned over his responsibility to Sgt. Major Richard Smith in a relief and appointment ceremony in the NBK Bangor auxiliary gymnasium.

During the ceremony, Cook was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his unsurpassed dedication to the mission and to the success and preparedness of the battalion guarding national strategic assets at Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific (SWFPAC). In addition, Cook was awarded a second Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for work in the community during his three-year tour.



Float Chairman, Louis Mejia and President, Dave Thomas present an award to Naval Base Kitsap Command Master Chief, Kevin Monroe, for the excellent assistance he has provided to the Brem-Olympic Peninsula Council. Master Chief Monroe found dry storage for our parade float at PSNS and has been of great assistance in moving the float in and out of the PSNS facility. Thank you Master Chief Monroe.



Ron Johnson, representing Kitsap Hospitality Executive Apartments, accepts a New Community Affiliate Plaque as recognition of becoming a Community Affiliate of the Brem-Olympic Peninsula Council. Welcome Kitsap Hospitality.



YNI Cheri Lott was honored for being named Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor Enlisted Person of the Year, January 2008 – December 2008. YNI Lott and her husband, AMT1 Rex Lott, started their Coast Guard career together 14 years ago when they were married during basic training. They have two children and are enjoying living in the Kitsap Peninsula. This Enlisted Person of the Year was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant, photography sessions provided by Hudson Photography and a Ferrari ride provided by the Ferrari Club and Byron Faber. These awards were presented by President David Thomas and Awards Chair Alice Thomas at the April luncheon at the Keyport Naval Museum. YNI Lott was accompanied by her XO, LCDR Kevin Jones and by her supervisor, LCDR Charlie Davis.




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Planning Ahead

	Wednesday	May 6	Board of Director's meeting – 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Thursday	May 7	Deadline for making reservations For May Luncheon – 12:00 noon
	Tuesday	May 12	Monthly Luncheon Meeting – 11:30 am Keyport Undersea Museum
	Saturday	May 16	Armed Forces Parade Bremerton – 10 am
	Saturday	May 16	Armed Forces Gala – 5:00 pm Admiral Theatre
	Saturday	May 23	Lone Sailor Dedication – 2:00 pm Bremerton Marina
	Monday	May 25	Memorial Day Celebration – 10:00 am USS Turner Joy, Bremerton Boardwalk
	Wednesday	June 3	Board of Director's meeting - 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Thursday	June 4	Deadline for making reservations For June Luncheon – 12:00 noon
	Tuesday	June 9	Monthly Luncheon Meeting- 11:30 am Keyport Undersea Museum

This Date in History

May 18, 1775 – Benedict Arnold captures British sloop and renames her Enterprise, first of many famous ships with that name.

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