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Act of Valor and Stolen Valor The Story of the U.S. Navy SEALs May 8 Luncheon Topic

Jack James, a retired U.S. Navy SEAL Commander will present a video titled "Naval Special Warfare in the 21st Century" and give a short perspective on the movie "Act of Valor" and the issue of "stolen valor."

Jack graduated from West High School here in Bremerton, WA and was a Naval Sea Cadet with the Yorktown Division in Bremerton. He enlisted in the Navy in 1972 and graduated from the Basic Underwater Demolition Team/SEAL (BUD/S) Training in February 1973.

During his career, Jack served on the following Teams and Commands: SEAL Team One (twice); Underwater Demolition Team 21; SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One; SEAL Team Three; Naval Special Warfare Unit One; Naval Special Warfare Task Unit-Essex; Fleet Intelligence Center-Pacific; Commander Third Fleet; Commander Naval Special Warfare Command; Very Shallow Water Mine Countermeasures Detachment and Commander Naval Warfare Development Command.



U.S. Navy SEALs exit a C-130 Hercules aircraft during a training exercise. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Anthony Harding/Released)

Jack obtained his commission in 1981 at Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island and he has a Masters Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College-Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC.

Jack retired from active duty in 2007. He and his wife, Stacey live in Poulsbo, WA. They have four wonderful adult sons. Jack continues to serve the U.S. Navy as a Government Service civilian employee on the Commander Navy Region Northwest Staff in the Operations-Antiterrorism Program. He is a member of our Navy League Council.

Don't Miss Out!
Call CTC now for your luncheon reservation
360-782-5500



President's Message

“Real security lies in the prevention of war and today that hope can come only through adequate

preparedness.” This is from General Omar N. Bradley, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff many years ago, but is still very true today.

Since 1949, our nation has come together for Armed Forces Day, a single holiday for citizens to thank our military members for their patriotic services in support of our country and to increase awareness of the past, present and future. We are a maritime nation and we depend upon being able to move freely around the world. Just as Theodore Roosevelt understood in 1902, our country needs a strong navy. In fact, a strong navy might be even more important now than it was in

1902. So much of what we use in our daily lives comes from other parts of the world and those sea-lanes must remain open.

On May 19, we will have a chance to watch and participate in the longest running city-sponsored Armed Forces Day Parade in the country. Thousands of people will come to downtown Bremerton to show their patriotism and love of country as they watch the marching bands and groups from across the state. Many of the participants come every year, enjoy the Lion's Club Breakfast, the Heroes Luncheon and all of the fun and excitement of a big parade. I love seeing the very young children watch in awe as the various groups go by.

We are very fortunate to have Vice Admiral French as our Parade Grand Marshall. He is a great example of the finest qualities of our Navy leaders. Plan on spending the day enjoying this fine opportunity to show our support for our

country.

Join us also that evening for the Navy League Gala at the Admiral Theatre when Vice Admiral French will have an opportunity to talk. Navy League is happy and honored to host representatives from the many local commands and recognize their dedication and fine work.

Another wonderful opportunity to remember those who have served and paid the ultimate price is on Memorial Day, May 28. Lt Col Curtis Carlin will lead the tribute to our fallen military on board the USS TURNER JOY, beginning at 10 am. Seating is limited so be certain to arrive early.

A list and description of all of the events for the Armed Forces Festival is included in this newsletter. Show your support and plan on attending as many of these events as possible.

Carolyn Dankers

Invitation to 2012 Armed Forces Dinner and Gala Celebrating the 64th Annual Armed Forces Festival

The Navy League of the United States, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council invites you to a formal dinner celebration finale to Bremerton's Armed Forces Festival.

Keynote Speaker:
Vice Admiral William D. French
Commander, Navy Installations Command

Saturday, May 19th, 2012

Admiral Theatre
Bremerton, Washington

Military: Dinner Dress or Service Dress Blue or equivalent

Civilian: Black Tie or Business Attire

Social Hour: 6:00 PM (Cash Bar)

Dinner: 7:00 PM (Surf and Turf or Vegetarian)

Tickets are available at the Admiral Theatre Box Office, 360-373-6743. Call now to make your reservations. Tickets are \$60 before May 11th, and \$75 after that date.



Keynote Speaker
Vice Admiral William D. French

64th Annual Armed Forces Festival – Presented by the Kitsap Sun



Cris Larsen having fun



World War II veterans march past the parade judges stand in the 63rd annual 2011 Armed Forces Day Parade. The parade began in 1948, two years before Armed Forces Day became a federally recognized holiday. Thousands of spectators viewed more than 150 marching units, dozens of military entries and several marching bands. The parade is the nation's largest and longest-running Armed Forces Day Parade. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Michael E. Wagoner/Released)



Wednesday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Concurrent Technology Corporation Ambassador Program final event Keyport Undersea Museum Auditorium

High School students compete for college scholarships with a prepared speech and then an impromptu speech. This is the culmination activity for five students who have been working very hard. Our Council is sponsoring Isaiah Irish from Bremerton High School. And we wish him well along with the other candidates. Thanks to Sandra Smith for coordinating this program for so many years.

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Olympic College Foundation Military Culinary Arts Competition Olympic College Student Center, Bremerton

Tasters needed between noon and 1:30

Chile Cook-off

Ice Sculpture

Food carvings

Iron Chef Cook-off

Appetizers

Desserts,

Friday, May 18, 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cannon starts

21st Annual Bremerton Pepsi Company Armed Forces Festival Golf Tournament Gold Mountain Golf course

Saturday, May 19, 7 a.m.

Bremerton Central Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Downtown Bremerton on Fourth Street

A great way to start the day

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. –3 p.m.

Kitsap Credit Union & Puget Sound Energy Heroes Barbecue

Downtown Bremerton on Pacific Avenue, between Fourth and Burwell

The Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce plans the above activities. Special credit goes to Cris Larsen, the volunteer coordinator of all of the activities, and Frank Gentile and Mike Strube of the Chamber.

Thanks to all of the sponsors and to the members of the Military Affairs Committee who work on this event all year long in honor of our military.

Saturday, May 19, 10 AM to Noon

Parade, Downtown Bremerton,

This year, you will once again enjoy marching bands, horses, motorcycles, car clubs, floats, military vehicles and a special flyover. Get your spot early as the number of parade supporters ranges from 20,000 to 50,000 people, depending upon the weather.

– AND –

Navy League Armed Forces Day Gala,

Admiral Theatre

6:00 Social Hour

See invite in the newsletter / call 360 373-6743 for tickets.

May 28, 10 a.m.

Memorial Day Service

USS TURNER JOY, Bremerton Harbor

LT. Col Curtis Carlin, Commanding Officer of the Marine Security Force Battalion,
Guest speaker

Public invited.

Memorial Day Service on USS TURNER JOY



Photo by James Klose

The general public is invited to attend a Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 28 at 10 AM on the fantail of the historic ship, USS TURNER JOY at the dock in Bremerton. Lt. Colonel Curtis Carlin, Commanding Officer of the Marine Security Force battalion will

serve as the guest speaker and Navy League Officer.

The ceremony is sponsored by the US Navy League, Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council and coordinated by Tim Katona.

The USS TURNER JOY is located

near the Bremerton ferry terminal at the north end of the marina. Parking is available at the Convention Center nearby. Coffee and donuts will be provided in the ship's crew mess after the ceremony.

Come early, as seating is limited.

Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink to Meet with Navy League Leaders

The Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force requested the opportunity to meet and speak with area Navy League leaders during his recent visit to our area.

RDML Asbjornsen, Deputy Commander, Navy Region Northwest and Captain Steve Vincent, NOSC joined Beth Munns, Area President for Navy League from Oak Harbor Council, Niles Fowler, from Everett Council, Pete Stiles, Craig Chapman and Marjorie James from Lake Washington Council, Mary and Roger Olsen from Tacoma Council and Sandra and Earle Smith and Carolyn Dankers represented the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula at a no host dinner at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Port



Orchard.

Vice Admiral Debbink urged the group to take an active part in helping returning military find jobs when they return home and transit to civilian life. He mentioned the program Safe Harbor, as an excellent program that was really helping some of our wounded military be successful in this transition. Captain Vincent mentioned that this program had an office at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton. All of the councils agreed that this was a very important challenge and that we looked forward to learning more and becoming more active in the approved programs.

We will look forward to more information on this topic and find ways in which we can make a difference.

Becky Evans, the Piper, Creates “Quilts of Honor”



Another year and another visit to Seattle Veterans Hospital.

Just before leaving for our trip to Polynesia, (Wednesday, April 4th) the Piper, Becky Evans, delivered 14 very, very, very nice quilts with both patriotic themes and some special themes for our Texas and Wild West Vets with an “American Cowboy” theme. Seattle Veterans Hospital is always full of patients in need and very busy with treatments and care for our Vets. The Piper was sure to include some quilts with a patriotic and a feminine theme for our female veterans who have also given so much.

On the way, while walking inside the Seattle VA Hospital, Some Doctors and Administrators at the Seattle VA stopped Becky as we carried the quilts to the fourth floor and remarked how beautiful and professional the quilts are. The administrative folks said they have a few Veterans that are home bound and administered by the VA and will make sure to deliver some quilts to them too. It always creates a stir when the Piper makes this delivery to the VA and appreciated by the hospital staff and the veterans too.

Becky spends hundreds of hours and donates her time, materials and talents to show a little appreciation for our Veterans who have given so much. About the only part of the quilt that is not done by the Piper, is the long arm quilting which is done by outside sources who usually give her a discount because the quilts are for our Veterans..... Charity begins at home and there is no better home than the American Veteran’s home.

For those who do not know the

difference between a quilt and a blanket, this is not another “Wal-Mart blanket give away,” as each quilt was very professionally made by hand with sincere dedication and appreciation for the American Veteran. These are full size (show quality) quilts and will be an added addition to the sterile hospital surroundings and might even bring a feeling of someone who cares.... These are American made for American Veterans by someone who cares and appreciates the person who gave so much...

It takes the Piper about a year (some years a little longer) to complete the many “Quilts of Honor”

Becky still takes time to work on “Grand Champion” quality quilts that are entered in local quilt shows and still serves on West Sound Quilt Guild and as a member of Peninsula Quilters in Long Beach. I am particularly proud of her talents, accomplishments, giving and “God willing,” will have many more years of putting together high quality patriotic quilts for our American Heroes.

*Wild Duck,
(for the Piper and
American Veterans)
Written by Board member,
Drake Evans.*



The Seattle VA receives the quilts on behalf of their patients

USCG 13th District – 2011 Awards Banquet



(Left to Right) Doug Garner, our liaison to the MFPU, USCG HS2 Jayme Reed, CDR Sullivan, Commanding Officer of the MFPU and RDML Taylor, Commanding Officer, USCG District Thirteen. Photo by Dodie Garner.

The USCG Thirteenth District 2011 Enlisted Person of the Year Awards Banquet was held on April 13th and presided over by Rear Admiral Keith Taylor, Coast Guard Thirteenth District Commander. Navy League Councils from Seattle, Lake Washington and Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula were represented; Doug and Dodie Garner represented our Council.

Thirteen enlisted Coast Guard men and women were nominated for this honor. Petty Officer 2nd Class Jayme Reed from our recently adopted Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor was selected not only as the Thirteenth District winner but also as the National Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the year. She will be officially recognized for this National honor at a ceremony in Washington DC on May 11th.

The event was attended by all of the Senior Enlisted Personnel in the USCG

Thirteenth District as well as by all of the unit commanders and senior staff. The master of ceremonies was Thirteenth District Command Master Chief Jason Vanderhaden. Needless to say there were lots of gold stripes and stars in evidence.

Originally from Concord, N.H., Reed is stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit in Bangor, Wash. Reed was recognized for her high degree of clinical knowledge, her ability to liaison with other Dept. of Defense medical professionals and her flawless management of clinic operations. Her dedication and overall efforts exceeded command expectations.

In addition to her primary duties, Reed served as the Unit Health Promotion Coordinator and Command Duty Officer. As UHPC, she provided fitness and nutrition guidance to unit personnel, and while off duty coached and mentored unit personnel at the Naval Base Kitsap

Fitness Center. As CDO, she played a critical role in unit physical security and executed the daily routine in support in current operations.

Reed has completed in several marathons, throughout the county, for charity and raised funds for cancer research and Seattle's Children's Hospital. She spent countless hours assisting a blind athlete in completion of swimming and distance running training in preparation for upcoming competitions, and acted as the athlete's guide as they jointly completed three half-marathons.

Reed graduated with honors from Worcester State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies and Health Education, and is currently enrolled in graduate studies through Penn State University – pursuing a Master's degree in Homeland Security and Defense.

Submitted by Doug Garner

Planning Ahead

(See list of Armed Forces Activities in newsletter)

May 2	Adoption and awards ceremony, USCG Air Station/SFO/Port Angeles, 2:30 pm
Warfare	Armed Forces Ambassador Speak off – Keyport Navy Underwater Museum Auditorium, 7 pm
May 8	Navy league Lunch – Act of Valor and Stolen Valor, Jack James, Bangor; Doors open at 11 am, call CTC today for a reservation, 360 782-5500
May 9	Council board Meeting, Café Noir, Silverdale, 5:30 pm
May 15	Bremerton Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Captain Reis, CO of the USS John C. Stennis, Speaker. Contact Chamber for more info.
May 16	Submarine League, Bangor. Luncheon speaker, Guy A. Stitt
May 18	PSNBA Reception for Vice Admiral French – Bremerton Conference Center, 5:30 pm, \$20.
May 19	Armed Forces Parade 10 am, downtown Bremerton Navy League Gala, for tickets, call 360 373-6743 6 pm for social period
May 28	Memorial Day Service, USS TURNER JOY, 10 am, public invited



Sailors and Marines assigned to Marine Corps Security Forces Battalion march in the 62nd annual Dignity Memorial Armed Forces Day Parade (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chantel M. Clayton/Released)

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- 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.**