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Welcome Aboard

★ Richard & Christine Becker



President's Corner

Growing Force Structure; this was the both entertaining and educational program discussed by Adm Drennan at our October luncheon. Nearly 30% of the US Navy's Sub Fleet crews will be in the Pacific NW. We have The USS Louisiana (Oct 05) and The USS Maine (Dec 05) arriving from Kings Bay. The USS Ohio's recommissioning and return to service on 7 Feb 06 from a SSBN to a SSGN with the same hull and new guided missile modifications which will allow it to carry 154 tomahawk cruise missiles, two navy seal platoons, and a mini-sub for other operations.

Submarines are still the most survivable of all military forces. A concern of Adm Drennan is the number of new submarines replacing the existing fleet. The Virginia Class submarine, our newest and most

lethal, we expect to build only one per year over the next 33 years given available funding and we need fifty.

By the time this newsletter reaches you Navy Day will have taken place which is the 233rd birthday of the US Navy. The theme placed on this years event will be that of the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar. National Geographic and US News and World report have feature articles on this battle which shaped world events. We will have pipers piping, "grog" decanter gifts, and a British Admiral, Ian Rankin, to provide some perspective on this historic event.

Also, mark your calendars for Nov 8th and Nov 11th. On the 8th we have our annual salute to the Marine Corp. where a presentation will be given by Col Mike Kennedy and his three tours to Iraq. On the 11th, the Navy League is the lead organization for the County's Vet's day service where we expect 700-900 people in attendance.

Roger



Silverdale, Wash. (Oct. 12, 2005) – The fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) arrives at their new homeport of Naval Base Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash. Louisiana was formerly homeported at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. U.S. Navy photo by Mr. Brian Nokell (RELEASED)

NOW HEAR THIS!

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US Senate designates "National Veterans Awareness Week"

The following resolution (S.Res. 155) was passed by the US Senate on June 28, 2005

~ RESOLUTION ~

Designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

★ Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

★ Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century;

★ Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the people of the United States;

★ Whereas the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces;

★ Whereas this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the veterans service organizations;

★ Whereas the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the Nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions; and

★ Whereas, on November 9, 2004, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation urging all the people of the United States to observe November 7 through November 13, 2004, as "National Veterans Awareness Week": Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate—



★ (1) designates the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Veterans Awareness Week"; and

★ (2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate educational activities.


Veterans Day Program November 11th Kitsap County Fairgrounds






**HONORING ALL
WHO SERVED**



**VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2005**



*President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds
Bremerton, Washington*



These Veterans Day Posters appears courtesy of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The posters are overlaid with information relevant to our local Veterans Day Program at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Unique Coast Guard Cutters Seen in Elliott Bay

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Seattle, October 12, 2005 - Boaters and ferry riders may have seen a pair of Coast Guard 87-foot cutters patrolling the waters of Elliott Bay and other areas in the lower Puget Sound this week.

The Coast Guard Cutters *Swordfish*, homeported in Port Angeles, Wash., and *Blue Shark*, homeported in Everett, Wash., are two of the Northwest's six Marine Protector Class Coastal Patrol Boats. Three 87-foot cutters are homeported in Port Angeles, one in Everett, one in Port Townsend, Wash., and one in Bellingham, Wash., with a second cutter scheduled to arrive in 2006.

These patrol boats are an innovative, multi-missioned class of vessel, capable of performing search & rescue, law enforcement, fishery patrols, drug interdiction, and migrant interdiction duties up to 200 miles offshore. The coastal patrol boat carries a 10-person crew and is capable of achieving a maximum continuous speed of 25 knots. The average patrol speed is 10 knots.

The most unique feature of the cutter's design is the rigid-inflatable boat launch and recovery system. The system includes a ramp that is incorporated into the stern which allows the support vessel to drive onto the coastal patrol boat while the larger vessel is moving. This feature significantly improves the safety during launch and recovery.



*Top: Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington, the new 87-foot patrol boat's sponsor, delivers a speech during the Coast Guard Cutter *Swordfish*'s commissioning ceremony on July 23rd in Port Angeles. Seated is Lt. j.g. Sarah Salazar, the ship's commanding officer and Adm. Thomas Collins, Commandant of the Coast Guard.*

*Center: *Swordfish*, the Coast Guard Cutter *Swordfish*'s rigid-inflatable boat, prepares to be recovered by the *Swordfish*.*

*Bottom: The Coast Guard Cutter *Swordfish*, demonstrates, the rigid-inflatable boat launch and recovery system.*

*Left: The Coast Guard Cutter *Blue Shark*, patrols Elliott Bay in mid-October.
USCG photos by PA3 Adam Eggers*



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Planning Calendar

- Tuesday November 8 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Friday November 11 Veterans Day Program - President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- Thursday November 24 Thanksgiving
- Tuesday December 13 Monthly Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
- Sunday December 25 Christmas
- Sunday December 31 New Year's Eve

November

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On this Date:

November 11, 1954 - November 11 designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars

November 13, 1942 - The USS Juneau sank off Guadalcanal, taking down with her five brothers from the Sullivan family; six months later to commemorate the loss, the first U.S. naval ship with a plural name, The Sullivans, a destroyer, was launched

November Luncheon

- Date:** November 8, 2005
- Time:** 11:30 AM
- Place:** Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor
- Program:** Col Mike Kennedy, USMC
Speaking on his recent tours of duty in Iraq

Call Pioneer Services at 360.405.6336 by Thursday November 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.