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## Monday, November 12th - Veterans Day Ceremony Kitsap SUN Pavilion

This is a first for Kitsap County! Both Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell will be present at this year's Veterans Day event. The event will be held on Monday, November 12th, in the Kitsap



Senator Patty Murray Senator Maria Cantwell

SUN Pavilion at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton, WA. Over 30 different veteran and fraternal organizations have been working together to plan for this opportunity to "Honor All Who Serve".

The Pavilion will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for viewing of the displays. The formal ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 11:45 p.m. Crazy Eric's Drive-In will provide FREE food in the Pavilion immediately after the ceremony as a way of saying 'thanks' to our veterans.

Rear Admiral James Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, will address the audience and then introduce the guest speaker. Mr. John Lee, Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs will serve as the guest speaker. The Knights of Columbus and the Kitsap Battalion Naval Sea Cadets will perform the Color Guard duties. There will be a ceremonial "Ring of the Bell". "Gold Star" families will be recognized. The program will conclude with a "Rifle Salute" provided by our local active duty Marine Corps personnel. And, "TAPS" will be performed by the Navy Band to

conclude the formal ceremony.

Motorcycle riding veterans will be out in full force. They usually make up the largest group to turnout for this event. They will be departing at 9:30 a.m. from the Legend

Harley-Davidson dealership, 9625 Provost Rd. NW, Silverdale and will ride to the Kitsap County Fairgrounds together to show their support of the troops and our veterans. Immediately after the Veterans Day ceremony, they will all ride back to the Silverdale dealership where a "donations only" Veterans Day BBQ will be provided. All proceeds from the BBQ go to the "Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society".

A special thank you to the Kitsap County Commissioners for their incredible support for this event. Thank you to Raytheon for layout, design and printing of the programs. Thank you to the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council for serving as the primary coordinators and for paying for the color ad that appears in the Kitsap SUN newspaper. Thank you to the Kitsap SUN newspaper for the ad match each year. And, thank you to Crazy Eric's Drive Ins for providing FREE food at the end of the ceremony.

Details of the event can be seen on the following website:

[www.veteransdayonline.org](http://www.veteransdayonline.org)

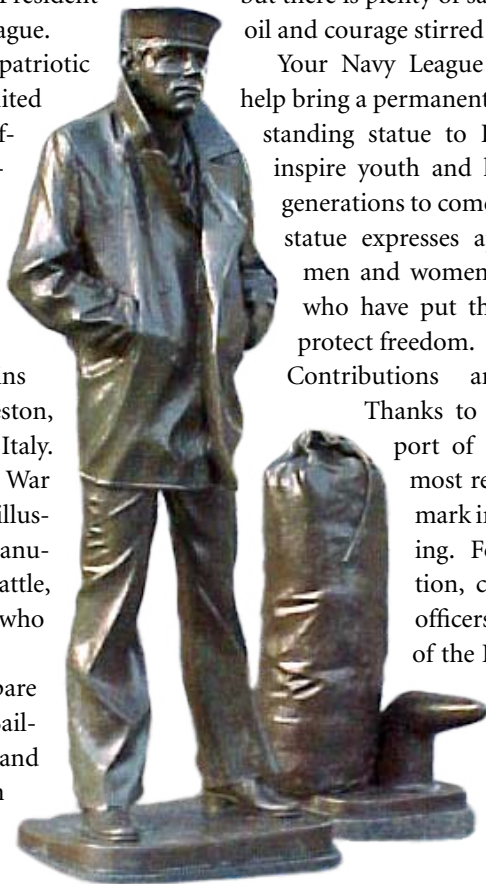
## The Artist Behind the Lone Sailor® Statue

The model for the original Lone Sailor® statue at the United States Navy Memorial is a young man who was stationed at Bangor, according to Mal Wright, one of our members and current President of the local Submarine League.

The creator of this patriotic bronze statue is the United States Navy Memorial's official sculptor, Stanley Bleifeld. He was elected by a board of recognized art authorities from a field of 36 sculptors in a nationwide search. A native of New York City, he maintains a studio at his home in Weston, Conn., and in Pietrasanta, Italy. He is a veteran of World War 11 where he served as an illustrator for Navy training manuals. He never went into battle, but he helped train those who did.

Before starting to prepare his version of the Lone Sailor®, Bleifeld visited fleet and other Navy activities on both coasts, and listened lots of stories. His interviewees represented literally hundreds of years of Navy experience and acquaintance with the Lone Sailor®.

"You would want this guy at your battle



station when it's not a drill," former Master Chief Petty Officer, Billy C. Sanders says of the Lone Sailor®. "He is the classic American sailor. That statue looks like bronze, but there is plenty of salt, paint, sweat, fuel oil and courage stirred in."

Your Navy League Council wants to help bring a permanent replica of this outstanding statue to Bremerton to help inspire youth and honor veterans for generations to come. The Lone Sailor® statue expresses appreciation to the men and women around the world who have put their lives at risk to protect freedom.

Contributions are needed now.

Thanks to the generous support of many, we have almost reached the half way mark in terms of fundraising. For more information, contact your Board officers or any members of the Lone Sailor® Com-

mittee. Bring the Lone Sailor® home. Co-Chairs Ron Testa and Tim Thomson, Secretary Louis Mejia,

Treasurer Jeff Kerneen. Mem-

bers: Dick Burdick, Doug Cook, Carolyn Dankers, Gary Gunderson, Stan Mack, Bill Metcalf, Carol Meteney, and Dave Shafer.

<http://www.lonesailor-bremerton.org>

## Important Notice

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election as the 2008 Officers of Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of Navy League. Elections will be held at the November Monthly Luncheon Meeting on, Tuesday, November 13, 2007

★ President	Guy Stitt
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## New Council Directory Scheduled for January

Now is the time to look at your contact information in your copy of the current Council Directory. Please make certain that all of your information is correct as we look forward to printing a new Council Directory. If you need to make any changes please contact our wonderful membership chairman, Larry Salter. His email address is [LTSalter@msn.com](mailto:LTSalter@msn.com).

If for some reason, you do **not** want your name included in the directory, please email Carolyn Dankers at [c.dankers@wave-cable.com](mailto:c.dankers@wave-cable.com).

We hope to have your new Directory to you in late January.

## A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower A "Must Read"

For anyone interested in what our sea services are doing for the nation and for the world, the newest maritime strategy is a "must read". The opening paragraph reads, "Never before have the maritime forces of the United States-the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard-come together to create a unified maritime strategy. This strategy stresses an approach that integrates seapower with other elements of national power, as well as those of our friends and allies. It describes how seapower will be applied around the world to protect our way of life, as we join with other like-minded nations to protect and sustain the global, inter-connected system through which we prosper." Our council web site provides you an easy place to download and read this important document, a "Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower."

## Museum Of Flight Tour

As a special holiday treat, our council has arranged a tour of the Museum of Flight. The Museum represents an incomparable blend of collections, educational programs, research/archives and historic plane restoration.

**When:** Tuesday, Nov. 27

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** 9404 East Marginal Way S  
Seattle, WA

We will meet in the lobby with a Docent as our guide for our tour and lunch in the Wings Café before we finish our tour.

For more information and to sign up for the tour and arrange car pools, please contact:

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Bring a friend. This is a great membership recruiting opportunity.

# Captain's Corner - Here's to our Sailors

by Captain Bradley Johanson, Commanding Officer of the USS John C. Stennis

Hello Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for hosting the luncheon this past month with the focus being on the mission of JOHN C. STENNIS. It was a true pleasure to have the opportunity to explain first hand what we accomplished during our time away from home.

Our nation's greatest asset is our people. People who are devoted to the virtues of honor, courage and commitment. Young people who have chosen to serve their nation and to serve the great American citizens that preserve our national unity and democratic principles. We are so fortunate to have so many talented young Sailors who maintain the technological edge of our warfare systems at the very highest levels of readiness.

When I reflect periodically about how far our war fighting systems have come over this past three decades it amazes me that our Sailors are able to keep such complex systems operating to perfection. Radars that can detect inbound high speed cruise missiles, global positioning system and laser guided bombs delivered with an accuracy of less than 12 feet, integrated display consoles that simultaneously depict radar, electronic support, missile envelopes, data link symbology and computer graphics depicting the surrounding battle space. We don't use message traffic much anymore, or even e-mail. We coordinate warfare missions real time in classified chat rooms with headquarters operating worldwide. The Navy's information architecture and sophisticated sensor capability has



evolved more over the past 30 years than it had during the previous thousand years. There truly is nothing that can compare to the level of precision, speed and lethality of our latest generation of weapon systems in the US Navy today, and it is our Sailors that keep it working 24/7 Three Sixty Five.

So how did our Sailors become so good?

The Navy's policies concerning physical fitness, zero tolerance for drug abuse, investment in educational programs, warfare qualifications and training by rate, vice reliance on undesignated seamen has evolved the manpower in the Navy from a force structure manned by manual labor to a center of excellence manned by subject matter experts to cover every field.

We once were a 600 ship Navy. Now we are close to a 300 ship Navy, a smaller force than we have seen in quite some time. But a force that is tough, lean, battle ready, flexible, joint warfare qualified, high tech savvy and filled with a can-do attitude to successfully accomplish any mission, no matter how tough. Our Sailors are proud of their nation and I thank you for showing your pride in them.

The success of the JOHN C. STENNIS is not based upon its 100,000 tons of steel, but upon the 100,000 tons of heart, soul and spirit provided by every Sailor onboard. We are your Sailors, your sons, daughters and countrymen, and we are proud to be Americans.

Warmest regard,  
Brad

## CELEBRATE THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER 13th



The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. The Navy League will be celebrating the 232nd birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

The public is invited to attend, but must make reservations and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, November 7th. The cost of the luncheon is \$12/person. Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and helping to support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

## The United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps Kitsap Battalion Change of Command

Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Wormword, USNSCC was relieved by Lieutenant Junior Grade James A. Byass-Rascoe, USNSCC at a ceremony on Saturday, 9/22/07. Charlie has been CO of the Kitsap Battalion on two different occasions and has continually helped with the program region wide. He even ran three Recruit Training events for over 200 cadets each in years past ... and happily he is NOT leaving the program. He plans to continue to work with Region 13-3 to organize and support training efforts for the area.

Navy League welcomes Lt. Byass-Rascoe and we are looking forward to his participation with the Bremerton-Olympic Council.

## What a Lunch!

Capt. Brad Johanson, Commanding Officer of the USS Stennis gave our luncheon guests first hand insight into the USS Stennis' most recent deployment to the Arabian Gulf. Operations in Afghanistan, the North Arabian Sea, and through the Straits of Hormuz were covered by the Captain along with numerous questions from the large luncheon crowd.

The Captain's good friend, Byron Faber introduced the Captain. Guy Stitt, Navy League's Vice President, conducted the luncheon meeting on behalf of our President Stan Mack who was on travel in Europe.



Both Byron Faber and Guy Stitt presented Captain Johanson with our Navy League award cup.







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## Planning Calendar

	Saturday	November 3 10 am-12:30 pm	Hero's Welcome Event Jackson Park Community Center
	Wednesday	November 7 6:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Monday	November 12 9 am-1:00 pm	Veterans Day Celebration Kitsap Pavilion- Kitsap Fairgrounds
	Tuesday	November 13 11:30 am	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza Annual Meeting – Election of Officers Marine Corp Birthday Celebration
	Tuesday	November 27 10:30 am	N/L Tour of The Museum of Flight Seattle, Washington
	Wednesday	December 5 6:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
	Tuesday	December 11 11:30 am	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza

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## Letters to the Editor

This was a beautiful issue. (October, 2007) You have done a wonderful job and we appreciate it.

*Dottie and Al Gauvin*



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