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Welcome Aboard

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1945 Rescue of Ghost Soldiers will Highlight Nov. 11th Veterans Day Event

Anthony Zendejas' 11-minute play "The Rescue of the Doomed Ghost Soldiers of Bataan," to highlight this year's Kitsap County Veteran's Day Event, Wednesday, November 11th. Anthony, a senior at Klahowya Secondary School has performed this play about 30 times,



including at two national conventions of the "American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor" in Washington D.C. and San Antonio, TX. This summer, Anthony will be performing in Japan at their request and will spend two months

with Japanese journalists and historians who are interested in the research he has documented after interviewing survivors of the march and Cabanatuan prison camp.

Between 1,200 and 2,000 are expected to attend the event held at the Kitsap SUN Pavilion, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, that is co-sponsored by the Kitsap SUN and the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council. Over 40 different veteran and fraternal organizations have been working together to plan for this opportunity to "Honor All Who Have Served." This Veterans Day event and ceremony is open free to the public.

The Pavilion will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for viewing displays. The formal ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 11:45 a.m. Crazy Eric's Drive-Ins will provide FREE food in the Pavilion immediately after the ceremony as a way

of saying 'thanks' to our Veterans. The Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts will be collecting tattered American flags for proper disposal. Collections will be made to pay for Phone Cards for our service members to be able to call home.

The Knights of Columbus and the Kitsap Battalion Naval Sea Cadets will perform the Color Guard duties. Don Green, a Pearl Harbor survivor from WWII, will provide the ceremonial "Ring of the Bell." Steve Thomas will sing the "National Anthem." Ten-year old hearing impaired McKenzie Gleffe will "sign" the "National Anthem." "Gold Star" families will be recognized. The program will conclude with a "Rifle Salute" provided by our local active duty Marine Corp and, "TAPS" by the Navy Band. The Peninsula Pipes & Drum Band will perform immediately before the ceremony.

On display will be the West Sound Military Vehicle Preservation Club with various antique military vehicles, Safeboats with their 38-foot RPBs, Riverine Patrol Boats and the SubVets submarine parade float. Dale Nitz will be on hand to answer questions about his vast collection of military memorabilia.

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.

*Submitted by Sandra Howes Smith
Navy League PR Chairperson*

President's Message



Navy League Members

Our nominations committee completed selecting officer nominees for the 2010 year for our council. Thank you to the nominating committee for all of their hard work. We will hold elections and our annual meeting of members at our November 10 luncheon.

Coming events include the November luncheon that will be held on Nov. 10, celebrating the Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Our guest speaker will be the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor. We will also provide the opportunity to donate to Toys for Tots via the Marines. The next day, November 11, the Veteran's Day celebration will be held at the Kitsap Pavilion. Our council, represented by Sandra and Earle Smith, are preparing another great event with the combined efforts of many local veterans and service organizations. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

On the Good News front, we were recently notified that our council has been awarded the "MACKIE AWARD" for our newsletter (second place) and our Web Site (first place) for 2008. Outstanding work by several volunteers, including Norma Parker, Guy Stitt, our Community Affiliate Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems (Kirk Piering), Carolyn Dankers, and Sandra Smith, as well as the multitude of authors of articles over the course of the year that led to these awards.

Your council remains strong, vibrant, and is doing good work for the Sea Services due to the great work being done by numerous volunteers. If you can assist in any of these efforts, contact any board member. Keep up the great work!

United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club to Perform

The United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club will be in Seattle November 6-11 to perform in honor of Veteran's Day. They will arrive late Friday night, sing at Mass at St. James Cathedral on Saturday at 5:30 PM, and sing the National Anthem just before the Seahawks game on Sunday. On Monday, November 9, they will visit at area high schools during the day and perform a public concert at Saint Mark's Cathedral at 7 PM. After more high school visits on Tuesday, there will be a Farewell Dinner for them at the Museum of Flight that evening. Then they will depart back to Annapolis on Wednesday, Veteran's Day.

How can Navy League best support the Men's Glee Club when they visit us? First and foremost, attend the public concert at Saint Mark's Cathedral on Nov. 9.

Tickets will be for sale at the door (\$20 or \$15 for military, students, or seniors) or presales through <http://www.wausna.org/>. We also invite you to attend the Farewell Dinner at the Museum of Flight on November 10 where you can also sponsor one or more Midshipmen for dinner; reservations can be made on the above website. Lastly, we are also seeking donations on the above website to help us feed the Glee Club traveling party with welcome bags and box lunches on arrival Friday night and with a light buffet dinner at Saint Mark's just before their concert on Monday evening. Please help us to welcome these future leaders of America to Seattle!

*Submitted by Robin & Susan Boone
Men's Glee Club Support Committee,
Washington State USNA Parents Club*



BROLPN Honors U.S. Marine Corps. Birthday, at Nov. 10th Luncheon



Lt Col Zach White, Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor will be our guest speaker and preside over this 234th Anniversary Cake Ceremony at the November luncheon. He will speak to us about the growing "blended forces" protecting one of the most important "high security" complexes in our country. Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor, traces its lin-

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Moving Forward with Energy Reform

By Rear Admiral James A. Symonds, Commander, Navy Region Northwest



quickly and noticeably have a real effect on America's energy use, and will serve as an example to the rest of the government and civilian sector. Secretary Mabus has challenged us to get half of our energy from alternate sources, like solar, wind, and kinetic hydropower, by the year 2020. Ships, aircraft and submarines account for the majority of our service's energy use, but 25 percent of our energy is used by shore installations. Those of us leading and operating shore installations, particularly at Navy Region Northwest, can right now make a significant, positive impact.

We've already made great strides in energy efficiency, as our Region's many awards attest. But there's more we must do. It won't be easy. But neither was transitioning from coal to oil and from diesel to nuclear power. Our Navy did that, we did it well, and others followed. Innovations we discover will inspire others to innovate as well.

Saving energy, by better infrastructure design, by using alternative sources, and by simply being smarter consumers of power, provides real benefits now and in the future: it makes us more independent, more secure, and better able to meet our future obligations.

The Northwest Navy Family – Sailors, civilians, contractors, and our community supporters – has worked together to maintain our local traditions of excellence in military operations and in energy conservation. Moving forward, together, we're well-positioned to take the lead in both projecting power from the sea, and saving power on the shore.

Energy reform is a strategic imperative for our country and our military. Too much of the energy we use in the United States degrades the environment, comes from unstable areas of the world, and is simply unsustainable. This situation gives other nations influence over us, affects our defense resources, and potentially challenges our national security. It's an issue we're already working to mitigate, but one in which we have many opportunities to do more.

The Department of Defense uses more than 90 percent of all energy used by the federal government and two percent of all the energy used in the United States. The Navy is the military's second biggest consumer of petroleum, after the Air Force. As the service that's traditionally led the way in technological innovation, in conservation, and in environmental stewardship, it's only right that the Navy also take the helm in energy reform. Changing our consumption patterns can

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age to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on September 16, 1896. Today the Battalion is the largest Marine Corps Security Force in the world and provides direct support to the Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific. Please add this important event to your calendar and bring a friend to show our support. It's "Toys for Tot's" time again too, another terrific Marine Corp service to the kids in our community. Don't forget to call CTC (360.782.5500) with your reservations.

Submitted by Gary S Gunderson, VP

Looking for Bataan Death March Family Members

This year, the highlight of the "Veterans Day Event" will be an 11-minute one-man play entitled "The Rescue of the Ghost Soldiers of Bataan". We are looking for any family members who either lost loved ones during the "Bataan Death March" (April 1942) or who were rescued in the heroic 1945 military victory. We would like for you to be recognized and, if you contact Sandra Smith (360.876.0255), she will provide you reserved seating in the front four rows.

The event will be held in the Kitsap Sun Pavilion, Wed, Nov 11th. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. This would be a great opportunity for History teachers to bring their students to learn more about this segment of World War II. There is no admission for this event. The Navy Band will be performing and there will be antique military vehicles on display. Last year, about 1,500 people attended.

*Submitted by Sandra Howes Smith
PR Chairman, Navy League*



Bataan Death March Survivor
Charcoal drawing by Anthony Zendejas

Election of 2010 Officers held at Nov. Luncheon

The Nominating Committee has received positive commitment from candidates for all offices in 2010. The Nominees are:

President, Gary Gunderson

Vice President, Carolyn Dankers

Secretary, Susan Larsen

Treasurer, Tim Katona

Judge Advocate, George Rose

*Submitted by Roger Wood
Nominating Committee Chairman*

Navy League Tour of USCGC Healy

The Coast Guard's newest and largest Ice Breaker USCGC Healy (WAGB20) was the object of a tour by Navy Leaguers on October 9th. There were about 28 attendees from our council and from the Gig Harbor chapter.



This 420' long ship is unique for several reasons not least being a British made Diesel Electric power system that was purchased by the US Navy for installation and trial use on Healy. The entire engineering plant takes inputs from over 5,000 data points and allows remote operation of most propulsion and auxiliary systems. Similarly the integrated bridge system allows for safe navigation with only two standing watch on the bridge. The navigation bridge itself is a show stopper, big enough to accommodate meetings of the entire crew with room to spare. Healy is also designed to conduct a wide range of research activities, providing more than 4,200 square feet of lab space and accommodations for up to 50 scientists.

The Navy Leaguers were given a comprehensive tour of the entire ship, from the bridge to the electric propulsion engines to the ship's store with a nice lunch. Healy is designed to break 4-1/2 feet of ice continuously at three knots and can operate in temperatures as low as -50 degrees F. She carries enough fuel and food to last one year in case she gets stuck in the ice through a bad winter.

Submitted by Doug Garner

Kitsap Service Members Celebrate Navy's 234th Birthday

Naval Base Kitsap active duty, Reserve and retired service members, DoD civilians, Navy League and their guests celebrated the Navy's 234th birthday, Bangor Plaza Ballroom on Oct. 9th. This year's theme was 'Saluting our Navy Heroes.



More than 300 Sailors and guests were in attendance. The evening featured local comedian Cris Larsen and a presentation by the Marine Corps Security Forces Battalion, Silent Drill Team.

"Throughout the 234 years of naval history, there are countless examples of Navy heroes," said Rear Adm. Frank Caldwell, commander, Submarine Group 9. "The heroes that I've spoken about are the ones that we as a Navy, have held up and recognized because they embody the best of the Navy's core values and character, but behind every one of the heroes that we know, there are countless everyday heroes that include people in this room."

The oldest and youngest Sailors in attendance cut the Navy birthday cake. Master-at-Arms Seaman Jeffery Britt, NBK Security and Pearl Harbor survivor Donald Green, former Shipfitter 3rd Class, who served on USS Pyro (AE 1), had the honor of cutting the cake.

"It means a lot to me to be recognized at this event, and I feel honored to be here," said Green. "Being around Sailors brings back a lot of fond memories and it was a very rewarding experience to have served in the Navy. If I could do it all over again, I would."

Submitted By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Maebel Tinoko,

U.S. Marine Corps Birthday/ Toys for Tots Collection



The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton - Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on

Tuesday, November 10th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza, Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor. The Navy League is honoring the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday. Lt Col Zach White, Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor, will serve as the guest speaker. He will be speaking about the growing "blended forces", which protect one of the most important "high security" complexes in our country.

The collection of Christmas presents, for needy children in our community, is a service that the Marine Corps helps out with each year. The Marines will be on hand at this Navy League luncheon to collect "Toys for Tots". Please bring new, unwrapped toys for the Marines to distribute.

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 noon on Thursday, November 5th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person



University of Washington to Dedicate Medal of Honor Monument

They were eight ordinary men who did the extraordinary, who laid their lives on the line for those they loved both nearby and thousands of miles away; men who rescued their fellow soldiers at risk of their own lives, who took bullets so others didn't have to, who in one case defended the U.S. even though his relatives and friends were in internment camps. The University of Washington will honor these eight Medal of Honor recipients who are also UW alumni with a new, prominent memorial to be dedicated this Veterans Day, November 11th.

Members of the armed forces, both active and retired, as well as the general public are encouraged to attend the dedication. Ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade down Memorial Way that will include bands, veterans groups and a military color guard.

Since 1862, when the Medal of Honor was first awarded, more than 3,467 U.S. soldiers have received it, at least 620 posthumously. The UW memorial grew out of a Student Senate motion that set aside a proposed memorial to UW alumnus **Gregory "Pappy" Boyington**, class of 1934, a Marine fighter pilot who downed 28 enemy planes before the Japanese captured and sent him to a prisoner-of-war camp. The Senate favored a memorial recognizing all UW Medal of Honor recipients. The other seven UW alumni who have received the medal are:

Deming Bronson, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army. Wounded by a hand grenade

and a bullet, Bronson nevertheless led his unit in capturing enemy positions near Eclisfontaine, France, in 1918. At the UW, Bronson was a forestry major and played Husky football from 1912 to 1916.

Robert E. Galer, Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps. As a major in 1942, Galer shot down 11 enemy aircraft in 29 days. He himself was shot down four times during World War II and the Korean War. Galer retired as a brigadier general in 1957.

Bruce Crandall, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army. On Nov. 14, 1965, while under extreme fire in Vietnam, Crandall nevertheless landed his Army helicopter 14 times and supervised loading of more than 70 seriously wounded soldiers. It inspired other helicopter pilots to do the same. Like other medal recipients, Crandall earned not only the Medal of Honor but several other awards, such as the Purple Heart.

John D. "Bud" Hawk, Sergeant, U.S. Army. Hawk was wounded in northern France on Aug. 20, 1944. He was largely responsible for crushing two German attempts to escape from the Falaise Pocket in Normandy and for taking more than 500 prisoners, all while wounded from a bullet to the thigh.

Robert Leisy, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army. On Dec. 2, 1969, North Vietnamese soldiers in much greater numbers attacked Leisy's unit. Leisy used his own body to shield his fellow soldiers from a rocket grenade. Then,

while mortally wounded, he continued to direct his men, refusing medical treatment until others were cared for. Leisy was 24 at the time of his death. He had been in Vietnam less than three months.

William Kenzo Nakamura, Private First Class, U.S. Army. Twice on July 4, 1944, Nakamura singlehandedly attacked German machine gunners in Italy so his platoon could be freed from pinned-down positions. During his second effort, he was killed. Nakamura had volunteered for the Army after the U.S. government forced his family and other Japanese-Americans on the West coast to move to internment camps.

Archie Van Winkle, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps. In November 1950, Van Winkle led a charge through North Korean gunfire. One bullet shattered his arm, and a hand grenade exploded against his chest. Refusing to be evacuated, Van Winkle continued shouting orders and encouragement to his men. The platoon eventually repulsed a fanatical enemy attack.

Funding for the memorial included a match program with TriWest Healthcare Alliance and the Bruce and Jolene McCaw Family Foundation. "The monument honors those who fought not for medals but to save the lives of their comrades. Their courage and selflessness reflects the American spirit," said David J. McIntyre Jr., president and chief executive officer of TriWest. For more information about the memorial, visit www.valor.washington.edu

Kitsap Senior Sailor Award



Photo to left: From Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor Galley, **CS1 Maria Velo** was presented an award by Alice Thomas witnessed by Master Chief Fahrney at our October luncheon. CS1 Velo is Kitsap Senior Sailor of the Quarter. Patriot's Landing provided a plaque. Hudson Photography a photo sitting, and The Ferrari Club and Byron Faber will take her on an exciting Ferrari ride. Navy League is presenting her with a gift certificate from a local restaurant. *Congratulations CSI Velo. A job well done!*

Kitsap Blue Jacket Award



Photo Above: PSSN Gabriel Vega was presented an award by Alice Thomas witnessed by his wife, Tanya and Master Chief Fahrney at our October luncheon. PSSN Vega, from Personnel Support Detachment Kitsap, is the Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter. Patriot's Landing has provided a plaque. Hudson Photography a photo sitting. The Ferrari Club and Byron Faber a fun ride in a Ferrari. Navy League is also presenting him with a gift certificate from a local restaurant. *Congratulations PSSN Vega on being the Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter. A job well done!*

Photo Below: CS3 Francine Henry was presented an award by Alice Thomas witnessed by her husband, Antoine and Master Chief Fahrney at our October luncheon. CS3 Henry, from Naval Base Kitsap, Operations, is the Kitsap Junior Sailor of the Quarter. Patriot's Landing provided a plaque. Hudson Photography a photo sitting. The Ferrari Club and Byron Faber a fun ride in a Ferrari. Navy League is also presenting her with a gift certificate from a local restaurant. *Congratulations CS3 Henry on being the Junior Sailor of the Quarter. A job well done!*

Junior Sailor Award



2nd Annual Operation Holiday Spirit

The BROLPN 2nd Annual Operation Holiday Spirit is off to a great start. This year we are supporting the families of Individual Augmentees through Naval Base Kitsap's Fleet and Family Services. These are families that have a sailor that is augmenting a military unit in Iraq or Afghanistan. While the family is attached to the local parent command, when the command

departs, the family has no local support.

This holiday we are helping to support these families in a fun way. There will be a holiday party in December with a visit from Santa Claus, presents for the kids, and gift baskets for the families. The gift baskets will have gift cards and other items to help during the holiday. Many of our Community Affiliates have taken an active

TTF Change of Command

Deterrent Park nested in front of Bangor's Trident Training Facility was fully decked out with colorful flags, blue skies and bright sunshine on September 18, 2009, to honor the Navy's formal tradition of transferring command of the "TTF" from Captain Daniel E. Prince to Captain David A. Solms.

Guest Speaker, Rear Admiral Frank Caldwell rewarded the attendees with warm hearted comments, followed by Captain Prince sharing his personal experiences as Commander of the increasingly complex and capable Trident Training Facility.

After Captain Prince spoke the traditional words..."I stand relieved," Captain Solms stepped to the podium and spoke briefly as the TTF's new Commander. A reception followed giving everyone a chance to wish Dan, Claudia and son Zachary well in his next assignment and to welcome Dave, Beth and their three children, Christopher, Kaitlyn and Evan.

Submitted by Gary S. Gunderson, VP



interest and given donations to Operation Holiday Spirit. We thank these companies for their support and look forward to growing our list of generous donors.

For more information, please contact Tina Salter at 360.981.7166. Donations can be made to: Navy League, BROLPN Council Attention: OHS, P.O. Box 626, Bremerton, WA 98337.

Submitted by Tina Salter

BROLPN and PSNBA Partner to Welcome the USCGC Sea Fox

A beautiful Northwest day of sunshine and calm water greeted guests as they joined the members of the Coast Guard and Navy to celebrate the commissioning of the USCGC Sea Fox (WPB 87374) on Friday, 18 September 2009 at Keyport.

The new 87-foot cutter and crew have already provided protection to our country as they made the 5,500 mile journey from Louisiana to Puget Sound. Now, the new cutter will become part of the Maritime Force Protection Unit at Kitsap Naval Base.

The whole ceremony and reception were beautifully presented. A representative from Bollinger Shipyards in Louisiana officially turned over the

cutter to Rear Admiral Blore, USCG, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District., who placed the cutter in service. Members of the Navy as well as the Coast Guard participated in the ceremony.

Guests and family members were invited to tour the Sea Fox before returning to the Keyport Undersea Museum for a reception.

Our Navy League Council partnered with the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association to provide the food at the reception. Once again, this partnership provides support to our sea services and lets them know that we honor their dedication and commitment to our country.



Rear Admiral Caldwell addresses the Navy and Coast Guard Personnel, guests and dignitaries at the commissioning of the USCGC Sea Fox (WPB 87374).



RDML Frank Caldwell and Navy League President **Dave Thomas** enjoy the camaraderie at the reception at Keyport Museum after the commissioning of the Sea Fox.

Council Loses a Good Friend and 17 Year Council Member, Don Serry

(May 21, 1923 – Oct. 5, 2009), Navy League member since Oct. 1, 1992 (17 years). Don “exemplified what is good in our nation” was the statement given when he was awarded the J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award. He served as the President of the following organizations: The National Association of Retired Federal Employees; The Apprentice Association; The Apprentice Alumni Association; The PSNS Recreation Association; The Crown Hill PTA; The Kitsap County Historical Society; The Federal Managers Association; and the Visitor & Convention Bureau. Don was an Eagle Scout and served as a Boy Scout adult leader for over 35 over years. Don served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Kitsap County and was a Master Counselor for Demolay. Don Serry assisted Navy League Board member, Sandra Smith, with the “Armed Forces Festival Ambassador Scholarship Program”. Don will be missed!


Enlisted Person of the Quarter



Photo to left: Maritime Force Protection Unit Bangor Enlisted Person of the Quarter **GM2 Darryl Means** received a plaque from Alice Thomas that was provided by Patriot’s Landing. Witnessing this happy event was his wife, Brianna, his daughter, MacKinley, his XO, CDR Jones and his Supervisor, Chief Starling Forward. He also received a photo sitting provided by Hudson Photography, a Gift Certificate for a local restaurant from Navy League and a fun ride in a Ferrari provided by Byron Faber and the Ferrari Club. *Congratulations GM2 Means for a job well done!*



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Nov 4 Board of Director's Meeting – 6:00 pm
Reid Real Estate – Silverdale

Thursday

Nov 5 Deadline for Making Reservations
For November Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Thursday

Nov 5 Hero's Welcome – 5:30 to 8:00 pm
Jackson Park

Fri – Wed

Nov 6-11 U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club
See Article in Newsletter for Details

Tuesday

Nov 10 Monthly Luncheon Meeting — Social 11:00, Lunch 11:45
Marine Corp Birthday & Toys for Tots, Bangor Plaza
Speaker – Lt Col Zach White, Commanding Officer
COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Wednesday

Nov 11 Veterans Day Celebration, Kitsap Fairgrounds President's Hall

Wednesday

Dec 2 Board of Director's Meeting – 6:00 pm, Reid Real Estate – Silverdale

Thursday


Dec 3 Deadline for Making Reservations For October 6 Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Tuesday

Dec 8 Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza — Social 11:00, Lunch 11:45
Speaker – Don Greene, Pearl Harbor Survivor

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