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## Marines Celebrate 235th Birthday

On November 9, members of the Marine Security Force Battalion under the able leadership of Lt. Col. Zachary White will celebrate their birthday at our regular monthly luncheon.

"On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousands of men have borne that name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the Birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history." John A. Lejune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1921.

The Commandant went on to say that "the record of our Corps is one which bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history ... From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war and in the long era of tranquility at home generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas so that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security."

Each year, the current Commandant sends out a message to all of the Marine units. We look forward to hearing this year's message.

Each year, the Marines demonstrate their drill team skills and their traditions, such as recognizing the oldest and youngest Marine in the room. If you know of an older Marine, please encourage him or her to attend. The cakes will be displayed upon a beautiful cake platform made by our own President, Gary Gunderson. This will be the second year that we will see it being used.



Photo by Susan Larsen

Toys for Tots will also be collected. Please bring an unwrapped toy or a donation for this wonderful program.

Our social hour will begin at 11 am, opening will be at 11:45, followed by lunch and then the very special program by the Marines. Come support our country's largest Marine Security Force Battalion. These fine young men and women are so very special.

This is a great program to bring your friends and neighbors.

Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) today at 360.782.5500

## Luncheon Deadline

Call CTC now for your luncheon reservation  
360-782-5500



*Captain Dan Neubert, Commanding Officer, IMF presents Council Vice President, Carolyn Dankers with a plaque for the Council in appreciation for our support of the Sea Services.*

## Nominating Committee Presents 2011 Slate of Officers

Susan Larsen, chair of the nominating committee, presented the following proposed 2011 slate of officers to members of the Council at the October luncheon:

**President:** Carolyn Dankers

**Vice President:** Tim Katona

**Treasurer:** Linda Potter

**Secretary:** Heidi Hottinger

**Judge Advocate:** George Rose

Voting will take place at the November luncheon, November 9 and installation of officers will occur at the January luncheon on Jan. 11.

Susan Larsen reminded the group that nominations could be made from the floor at the November meeting. She also thanked her committee members, Karen Ebersole, Carol Meteney, and Louis Mejia.

## Intermediate Maintenance Facility Tour

Sixteen Navy Leaguers spent several extremely interesting hours touring the Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF) at Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Bangor on September 24, 2010. Our tour escorts were Tom Danaher, PAO-NBK and Katie Eberling, PAO-IMF. CDR Ralph Lydick, XO-IMF welcomed us aboard and shared a lot of interesting information on the bus. At Bldg. 7000 CAPT Don Neubert, CO-IMF greeted us and gave us a further information briefing in his conference room. He then personally guided us around the facility. The fact that a tour was being done at all here was very special, and that the CO did the tour himself was a further indication of the high regard in which the Navy League is held.

The IMF is an important part of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) and, although the largest IMF presence is at Bangor, there are operations at PSNS Bremerton and at Everett. Additionally, many of their services can be transported to meet the need at a distant location. The work force consists of 600 sailors and over 700 civilians, ranging in age from 22 to 78! In



operation since 1982, under changing names and commands, the IMF is responsible for the Trident maintenance plan; Trident planned equipment replacement and miscellaneous fleet maintenance. Their services cover all ships, from submarines to aircraft carriers in the northwest Pacific area and comprise everything but nuclear refueling. Timely productivity combined with quality and economy are the hallmarks of the work done by IMF. This can be attested to by the fact that since 1982 there have been 600 refits completed and 133 consecutive successful D5 Trident (practice) launches, records of which they are rightfully proud.

During the tour we observed many work operations in progress. One interesting

machine did interior welding repairs on valves using what almost seemed like a video game process. One of the shop workers had a major hand in its implementation and over a million dollars of cost have been saved with its use. Another interesting machine can cut metal and fabricate replacement parts as needed being guided by a computer. It can make cuts as small as 1/20th of a human hair. A \$200 million inventory of repaired parts is maintained for

immediate availability to keep all of the ships in their area under way. One other section in the IMF we were privileged to see was the periscope maintenance and repair shop. There were three different periscopes under repair and it was most interesting to see what is inside.

The tour of the IMF Refit Facility was completed at this point, but we continued on to visit the IMF Dive Locker from which Navy divers operate 7x24x365. A major responsibility is underwater security sweeps of the submarines at Bangor, as well as underwater ship repairs. And, as available, the divers also provide a community service (and get practice) helping with dam repairs, vehicle

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# Naval Magazine Indian Island Tour



*Photo by Helen Miller*

On August 17, 2010, after lunch at the Chimacum Café, an intrepid band of Bremerton-Olympic Council Navy Leaguers followed Byron Faber to nearby Naval Magazine Indian Island for what turned out to be a great tour of the base. We cleared security at the gate and then were welcomed by CDR Mark Loose, Commanding Officer, as well as Sheila Murray and Bill Kalina, Environmental Public Affairs officers. Bill was our main tour guide. Of note, CDR Loose will be

retiring from the Navy in October after almost 34 years of enlisted and commissioned service.

Naval Magazine Indian Island, as it is now called, was originally established at the beginning of WW II and, in addition to munitions handling and storage, mines and anti-submarine nets were assembled there. Many of the wood net floats are still stacked around the island. Following a reduced activity period which started in 1959, Indian Island was reactivated in 1979 when munitions handling and storage were transferred from Bangor. The base is normally operated by 154 personnel-4 active duty, 86 civilian and 64 contractor. An additional 94 reserve personnel are also there at times. Several WW II era buildings still exist, as do all of the munitions storage bunkers constructed during that time.

Indian Island's deep draft pier can handle ships of any size-from submarines to aircraft carriers. The pier is equipped with a very large crane known as "Big

Blue." The submarine USS OHIO SSGN 726 was tied up at the pier during our tour. Munitions are stored and handled for all services and allied forces. Conventional ordnance is gradually being replaced by GPS guided type ordnance. There are no nuclear weapons.

Naval Magazine Indian Island has been a responsible citizen with the local Native American community and the environment. Shellfish management and protection of important Native American sites on the island are done cooperatively. Among environmental protection successes there are salt marsh restoration and the capping of the landfill which resulted in the removal of Indian Island as a Superfund Cleanup site ... a special event in itself.

Naval Magazine Indian Island is a beautiful place. Few know about its important and necessary work, but we should be proud to have the facility as our neighbor here in the Pacific Northwest.

*Submitted by Norman Marten*

## NAS Whidbey Island Tour

A most interesting tour of NAS Whidbey Island was enjoyed by 21 people from the Bremerton-Olympic Council, joined by several Oak Harbor Council members on October 4, 2010. Our tour escort was the NAS PAO Anthony Popp.

The first stop was at Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129. This squadron flies the EA-6B Prowler and the new EA-18 Growler and is the training squadron for the US Navy and Marine Corps aviators in those aircraft. A transition is presently underway from the Prowler, which requires a crew of 4 to the Growler, which only requires a crew of 2. One Prowler was observed with a manufacture year of 1973! Several aircraft of both types were available for our walk around (and under) inspection.

We moved on to the headquarters building where the recently arrived new base CO, CAPT Jay Johnston met with us and gave us a comprehensive overview of the history and mission of NAS Whidbey Island. The base employs 7600 military personnel, 1200 civilians, and 1200 contractors. It consists of three local components...Ault Field, Seaplane Base and OLF Coupeville as well as Boardman Range in Oregon. As with

the Prowler to Growler transition, the P-3C Orion aircraft is beginning the transition to the new P-8A Poseidon, an aircraft evolved from the Boeing 737. Electronic warfare on land and sea, maritime patrol (which will ultimately include UAV control) and search and rescue (1 of 2 mountain rescue qualified units in the US Navy) are all major responsibilities of NAS Whidbey Island. Or, as CAPT Johnston stated ... to Prevail, Prevent, Prepare and Preserve.

The NAS is also a good neighbor, undertaking environment and ecology protection efforts as well as noise abatement and school programs. 76% of solid waste is recycled, salmon habitat restoration in cooperation with USDA has been accomplished as well as other community partnerships. The positive economic impact on the local area was \$692 million in 2009.

Following a great lunch at the Officers' Club we headed over to the Navy Firefighting School where shipboard personnel are trained in safe and effective aircraft firefighting techniques. There we were given a briefing on elements and types of fires, portable fire extinguisher operation, flight deck clothing requirements and hose team

methods. We were also shown the simulated aircraft fire trainer where water used for firefighting is captured and recycled.

The final area we visited was the Fleet Readiness Center Northwest where ejection seats, parachutes, avionics, radars and jet engines for the EA-6B and P-3C are repaired and maintained at a level above squadron work. We specifically toured the engine repair and maintenance area and were amazed at the complexity of the engines but also by the care with which the work is done to insure a perfect end result. FOD (foreign object debris) is the enemy and is strongly avoided by all personnel. Both of these engines will eventually be phased out as the new replacement aircraft come on line, but because of their newness no work on the new engines is yet required.

All good things must come to an end, and so ended our tour at NAS Whidbey Island. Although we saw much we also did not see much due to time constraints and so look forward to another opportunity to return to NAS Whidbey Island in the not distant future. Another winner arranged by Byron Faber.

*Submitted by Norman Marten*

## Navy League Lunch



Ombudsmen and Navy spouses, Joy Gjersvold (Group 9 Assembly Chair), Kelly Sciarotta (USS Ohio Blue) and Carrie Mast (CNRNW) spoke to our members about their voluntary roles in supporting Navy families. Their extensive training and support of the Commanding Officers helps

make them effective team members of the Commands. Ombudsmen are celebrating their 40th Birthday this year of bringing support to families in an organized way. Thanks to CMDCM Joe Fahrney for moderating the panel. Thanks also to Daphne Nolte and Lynne Flynn for their support.



SHSN Erica L. Graham was honored for being named Kitsap Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2010. This Naval Base Kitsap awardee was presented with a plaque provided by Patriot's Landing, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and a photo sitting provided by Hudson Photography. These awards were presented by Alice Thomas, Awards Chair. SHSN Graham was accompanied by CSC Fuhlrodt.

## Navy Base Kitsap Hosts the Navy Ball



Almost 400 people celebrated the annual Navy Birthday Ball on Friday, October 15 at the Bangor ballroom. Members of our Navy League Council were honored to be a part of this 235th birthday party. Command Master Chief Fahrney of NBK, was an excellent Master of Ceremonies. We watched the Marine-Navy drill team perform, heard Mr. Jensen speak about his amazing, and sometimes humorous, experiences as a POW in WWII, shared the special tradition of honoring the POW/MIA's, listened with awe as the Command Master Chief Orloff of Third Fleet shared her ideas and suggestions for those present.

Following an excellent dinner, the dance floor filled and everyone had a great time.

## IMF Tour (cont'd)

extrication from underwater, and similar work.

Finally, Tom took us on a bus tour of the waterfront area at Bangor, discussing the history and operation of Delta Pier and Explosives Handling Wharf. NBK-Bangor is the only base, which is homeport to SSBN, SSGN and SSN class submarines, the SSN class including the special service USS Jimmy Carter. There are also 2 sea lions for underwater security. It is planned to expand that "fleet" some time in the future.

Although we could have spent days there and not seen everything, all good things have to end, and so the bus finally headed back to Keyport where we parted ways. It was a day very well spent ...and Byron Faber sure arranged another good one for us. Next stop Whidbey Island NAS.

*Submitted by Norman Marten*



## Navy Base Kitsap Navy Ball (photos by Susan Larsen)



*WWII POW Jensen talks about his war time experiences.*



*Chaplain Puttler and Captain Olson help the youngest and oldest sailors in the room cut the birthday cake.*



*CMDM (AW/SW) Orloff laughs as she gets some gentle ribbing from the NBK CMDM.*

## Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball

The Lake Washington Council hosted their third Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball on Saturday, September 25. Vice Admiral John Currier was the Guest of honor. Admiral Currier is currently serving as the USCG Chief of Staff. Prior to assuming the duties of Chief of Staff, he was the Thirteen Coast Guard District Commander whose headquarters are in Seattle.



*Representing the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council at the Ball were President Gary Gunderson, National Director Larry Salter and Board Member Tina Salter.*

# Welcome to our New Community Affiliate

Air Management Solutions is a local HVAC contracting company that has been keeping Kitsap County residents comfortable in their workplace since 2001. Specializing in commercial heating, air conditioning and controls they work exclusively in Kitsap County in order to maintain the highest levels of customer service and fastest response time possible. AMS performs new construction, remodel, maintenance, service, equipment replacement and energy analysis. They regularly perform work at Keyport and Bangor through NAVFAC.

Additionally, AMS takes pride in supporting our community. A few of the organizations that they have donated their services to are: Admiral Theatre, Children of the Nations, Kitsap Humane society, Central Kitsap School District and the Poulsbo Fire Department. Recently, AMS established a residential department and is now delivering the same first-rate HVAC services for homes as they have been for years, in the workplace.



Mike Hancock, our Membership Chair, presents the Navy League affiliate plaque to AMS Bob Murphy.

# HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

## VETERANS DAY

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2010



# FREE ADMISSION!

## Kitsap Sun Pavilion, Kitsap County Fairgrounds Bremerton, Washington

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### CEREMONY

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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### SPEAKERS

Lt. Col. Barry Bridger, USAF, Ret.

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### PROGRAM

U.S. Navy Band  
Peninsula Pipes & Drums  
Ceremonial Bell Ringing - Rifle Salute - TAPS

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### DISPLAYS

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Vintage Military Vehicles & Uniforms  
FREE Refreshments Courtesy of Crazy Eric's Drive-Ins

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#### PARTICIPANTS:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Legion</li> <li>Air Force Auxiliary-Civil Air Patrol,</li> <li>Peninsula Composite Squadron</li> <li>Bay Pointe Retirement</li> <li>Boy Scouts of America</li> <li>Blind Veterans Association</li> <li>Bremerton Naval Museum</li> <li>Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League</li> <li>Combat Veterans International</li> <li>Daughters of the American Revolution</li> <li>Disabled American Veterans</li> <li>Fleet Reserve Association</li> <li>Former POW/MIAs</li> <li>Goldwing Road Rider's Association</li> <li>Harley Owners Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Augmentee Families</li> <li>Japanese-American Veterans Association</li> <li>Kitsap County Sheriff's Citizens On Patrol</li> <li>Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board</li> <li>Kitsap Regional Library</li> <li>Knights of Columbus</li> <li>Marine Corps League</li> <li>Merchant Marine Association</li> <li>Military Officers Association of America</li> <li>National Association of Black Veterans</li> <li>National Guard Armory</li> <li>Naval Museum Northwest</li> <li>Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society</li> <li>Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Kitsap Battalion</li> <li>Naval Submarine League</li> <li>Navy Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps, Bremerton Knights Company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy WAVES Association</li> <li>Nisei Veterans Committee</li> <li>Pearl Harbor Survivors</li> <li>Reserve Officers Association</li> <li>Retired Officers Wives Association</li> <li>U.S. Daughters of 1812</li> <li>U.S. Submarine Veterans</li> <li>U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII</li> <li>Veterans of Foreign Wars</li> <li>Washington State Veterans Home, Retiree</li> <li>West Sound Military Vehicle Preservation</li> <li>Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs</li> <li>Washington Youth Academy</li> <li>Women Veterans of America</li> </ul>
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# Captain Brad Johanson (USN, ret.) Passed September 30th

A much loved member of our Kitsap community (2006-2008), when he served as the Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier, USS John C. Stennis, retired Navy Captain Brad Johanson, died Thursday, September 30th, at the age of 53. Brad and his wife, Junay, had moved to southern California in their retirement, when Brad was diagnosed with "ALS", sometimes referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease". This was early 2009. With typical Johanson determination, the Johansons immediately got involved in fundraising for ALS research. Through their many friends and navy contacts, they were able to raise almost \$12,000. Starting out as an enlisted man himself led to Brad's now-legendary care for his sailors. A public celebration of life



was held on Sun, Oct 3rd at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton waterfront.

*Written by Sandra Smith  
Life Events Editor*

## U.S. Navy League Mission Statement and Goals



A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and the United States Merchant Marine.

### Navy League Goals

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.

## Planning Ahead

**For best service, register early for the luncheon and the tours.**

Nov. 2	Election Day — YOUR VOTE COUNTS
Nov. 3	Council Board Meeting, 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
Nov. 4	Luncheon Registration deadline Call CTC 360-782-5500
Nov. 4	Heroes' Welcome, Jackson Park, 5:30 pm
Nov. 9	Marine Birthday, luncheon meeting, 11 am Bangor Plaza, Bangor
Nov. 10	Marine Corps' 235th Birthday
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Celebration, Kitsap Pavilion, 9:30 am
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day

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