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Welcome Aboard

- ★ Chris Endresen
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Navy League "Tigers" Sail Home

It was indeed the experience of a lifetime.

Late last year Navy League members had the delight of touring the USS John C Stennis CVN 74. We met the Captain, Brad Johanson. This was a fortuitous event, which has developed into a great friendship.

At his invitation, we traveled to Pearl Harbor for the trip home to Bremerton. Before leaving Pearl, Captain Johanson took us on a guided tour of the Harbor (on the Admiral's barge) with a locally stationed sailor as narrator of events at the memorable sites.

After leaving Hawaii, there were several very eventful days. Air ops, the incredible power of the aircraft as they launched & recovered and a supersonic fly by. The sonic boom was VERY impressive! The precision & extreme care with which the crew went about their tasks was a revelation. These are some of the most competent people & carefully planned procedures one can imagine. The following day, the full air show was done in bright weather. Helicopters laid down a line of smoke markers beside the course of the ship. One F-18 came past strafing the ocean along that line. Then 2 F-18s came down that same line dropping 500 lb bombs. We also witnessed an air to air refueling configuration.

The accompanying cruiser from the Task Force, the USS Antietam, sailed alongside a thousand yards or so away, and fired one of it's 5 inch guns several times. A fly

over of 16 of the planes in formation was impressive, too.

On August 27th, 2007 approximately twenty one members and guests of the



Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council met at San Diego and were bussed to the USS John C. Stennis on Coronado Island, where we boarded the ship to join the Tigers who had started in Hawaii. Our "Tiger

Trappers" did a great job getting us all to the ship. The F-18's had left the ship so we were lucky to have been assigned their berthing area.

Reveille @ 0600. Time to get up and get down to chow. Getting used to the passage ways on the first day was a feat. When lost you ask a sailor and they set you in the right direction. One "P way" looked just like another. The ladders were a challenge no matter where you went you had to ascend or descend ladders.

We sailed out of San Diego on the morning of the 28th heading for Bremerton. As we proceeded north the Stennis met with a T-AO 187 Henry J Kaiser MSC Fleet Oiler. Both ships jockeyed for position to practice taking on fuel and stores. Both the Kaiser and the Stennis slowed to 13 knots each and stayed approximately 200 feet or so apart for half a mile as a coordinated exercise.

Each day the Stennis tour guides (all first class) would meet us in the wardroom

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President's Message

The signs of fall are in the air, and more than the weather is changing. Several issues of change were discussed and actions taken at the last board meeting. The Navy Day dinner (Teddy Roosevelt's birthday) is coming up October 25, and Guy Stitt is putting together a very interesting program featuring TR himself (an actor/re-creator). In the past we have used the dinner as our annual meeting, as well, but it makes for a long evening. This year we have decided to do the annual meeting in conjunction with our November luncheon. The annual meeting includes election of next year's officers, the Board of Directors and board and annual reports. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend. I also hope to see you at the Navy Day dinner which promises to be a thoroughly entertaining and educational event.

The next change is an increase in our monthly luncheon cost. We found that we did not break even this year due to the number of our hosted guests. Therefore the board has decided to raise the luncheon charge to \$15. This will go into effect for the November luncheon. The board also is inviting individuals to donate the cost of luncheon guests and be recognized for their contributions at the luncheon.

During the same discussion we determined that the "raffle" tickets, which have partially offset the luncheon costs, are probably not authorized on base. Therefore the board decided to include a ticket for everyone in the \$15 luncheon cost and draw tickets for a "door prize".

Command of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Kitsap Battalion, changed on 22 September from LCDR Charles E. Wormwood, USNSCC to LTJG James A. Byass-Rascoe, USNSCC. Charlie has served for many years, and he has done a wonderful job leading our local Sea Cadets. Welcome to James, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Finally, our website will be changing. Dave Shafer, our first webmaster, has asked us to get him a relief, and Sheila Broumley will be taking over that service. Dave has done a wonderful job, and he has received national recognition for his outstanding website. Please let Dave know that you appreciate all of the effort that he has put into our website. Sheila will be making some changes, so keep checking, and let her know what you think. I am sure she would be happy to entertain suggestions, as well.

Stan Mack

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and off we would go. We toured the bridge (20 stories above the water) to the magazine. The forecandle and anchor chains were something to see. The sailors on the ship demonstrated the CIWS "Sea Wiz" as it is called to all Tigers. We rode the ship elevator up to the flight deck. What a ride. The Sea Wiz is a gatlin gun. They fire up to 4500 rounds per minute about 500 rounds in the three second burst. In those three second bursts there was nothing but a wall of steel flying out for a couple of miles. The ship slowed and launched two targets off the port and starboard side of the ship. The targets appeared to be large red balls and sailors opened fire with the 50 caliber machine guns. Two weapons from each side of the ship and targets didn't last long under the talent of the gunners.

Our group ate in the Officers wardroom. Food was plentiful and between the Starbucks coffee, ice cream and main courses, I'm sure we left the ship with a few extra pounds.

The ships crew preformed a Naval Burial at sea for the remains of 13 retired men and women. Each received a prayer and their ashes were carried by a crewman to the bier for delivery to the sea. A Gun salute was rendered for all that were honored that day. One family who's loved one was laid to rest was presented the flag of our Nation. All families will receive a flag.

On the morning of the 31st August 2007 the Stennis steamed through Rich passage for PSNS and along the way you would see banners welcoming the fighting ship back home. We arrived at the pier at 0930 sharp to the cheers of the families and friends there to meet this Great crew and Ship, welcoming their loved ones back home. It was a sight to behold.

The USS John C. Stennis had an impressive record on this deployment. They set the record for the highest number of promotions in rank of any aircraft carrier. A JCS University program with 4 professors aboard awarded degrees during this deployment. While in the Gulf, the accuracy of their guided ordinance was extremely high which enabled the USS John C. Stennis to assist in defeating the spring offense of the Taliban, thereby preserving freedom for a large section of Afghanistan. Whenever the Taliban came out of their caves to attack the villages, JCS fighter planes bombed them right back in.

We encourage everyone to be at the

meeting Oct. 9, when Capt. Johanson will present a very informative & interesting account of their successful 7 ½ months at the tip of our Nation's spear.

On behalf of the Navy League Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council, we would like to say thank you to Captain Brad Johanson for inviting us on board the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Thank you all for doing an outstanding job over the deployment. Welcome home to Bremerton. We love you and "Job Well Done!!!"

*Written by: Tiger George Rose
and Byron Faber*



USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) leads guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54) prior to conducting an air power demonstration. The air power demonstration showed the capability of Stennis and Carrier Air Wing 9 to the onboard Tigers. (See insert for more Tiger photos)

Notes from National

Congratulations to Roger Ponto of Lake Washington Council. Roger is the top membership recruiter in the Northwest Region with 25 members.

Digital Edition of SeaPower is now live! The September edition is available on <http://www.seapower-digital.com/seapower/sample/> Check it out!

Region/Area Websites – As of September 1st, the Navy League now has TWO region websites – Pacific Southwest Region, www.navyleaguepswr.org, and European Region, www.nluseurope.org. Check it out!

Legislative Affairs – Council leaders and members are asked to please take a moment to visit <http://www.capwiz.com/nl/home/> and send a constituent message of support for two Coast Guard programs now at stake in the Fiscal 2008 appropriation process. The National President recently wrote a similar letter to key congressional leaders. However, no voice is more important to your U.S. Representative than yours as a constituent – so please consider sending your message soon. Thanks for your support!

Captain's Corner - The Stennis Returns

This article is the first in a series of new columns written by Captain Bradley Johanson, Commanding Officer of the USS John C. Stennis

Dear friends,

It was a beautiful day on 31 August as we pulled into port in Bremerton after completing our 7.5 months of deployed combat operations with tremendous success. It's wonderful to be home with our friends and families once again.

Our operations overseas included the defeat of the Taliban Spring Offensive in Afghanistan, supporting our troops on the ground in Iraq and sowing regional stability and security throughout the Middle East by reinforcing the commitment of the United States to our coalition partners in the Global War on Terrorism. These operations included the launch and recovery of thousands of missions by our 68 combat aircraft, and the delivery of almost two hundred precision guided bombs. I think the highlights we take the most pride in were defeating an ambush in which the Taliban were trying to kill a group of coalition troops in the southern provinces of Afghanistan and the destruction of two large scale explosive production facilities run by the Taliban in Afghanistan and the insurgents in Iraq. Overall, a tremendous success due to the



superb professionalism and hard work of our Sailors. We are proud to be Americans!

Following our time on station in the

Gulf we had a number of great events on our way home as well, including port visits in Singapore and Hong Kong, participation in the big western pacific exercise Valiant Shield and, best of all, getting to host a "Tiger Cruise" in which 1,450 friends and family members, including many Navy League members rode the ship on segments of our transit from Pearl Harbor to San

Diego to here, our homeport

of Bremerton, WA. What could be better than coming through Rich Passage on a beautiful summer day with friends and family members onboard and even more friends and family members waiting here on the pier to greet us at our homecoming.

The crew of the JOHN C. STENNIS is very happy to be home and very proud of our missions overseas. I look forward to visiting with you soon at our monthly Navy League luncheon. Junay and I are now members of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League for life!

Warmest regard,

Brad

Bulletin Board

from the Board of Directors

- Larry Salter, Membership Chair, reports that we now have 512 members.
- Board votes to raise luncheon charge to \$15.00.
- Nominating Committee for the selection of the 2008 Officers and Board Members candidates selected.
- Annual Meeting to be held at November luncheon where officers will be elected and annual reports from all elected officers will be given.
- Sheila Broumley retained to maintain our website.
- Vern Young reports that the Annual Report is coming along nicely.

Public Invited NL Luncheon October 9th

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza (formerly called the Trident Ballroom, CMO) Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor. Captain Bradley E. Johanson, Commanding Officer of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) aircraft carrier, will serve as the guest speaker.

All guests must RSVP and enter only through the Main Gate off Luoto Road. Reservations are required. Call Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) (360-782-5500) no later than Wednesday, October 3rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person. Please consider joining the local Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League Council and help support the troops (<http://brem-olympic.nlus.us>).

Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Wins Mackie Award

Congratulations to our council newsletter, "Now Hear This" which has been selected as the first place winner in the large council category for this year's Donald M. Mackie Award. The Council will be recognized at this year's Navy League National Convention in Palm Desert, California. The Honors Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 2 at 8:30 am.

John A Panneton, National President, states, "Your council members should be proud for all their hard work, your great newsletters and your efforts in support of the men and women of the Sea Services."

Our Council's special thanks goes out to all the members, officers and Board members who contributed to the 2006 newsletter and a special "Thank You" to Larry Salter and Norma Parker, last year's editors; Dave Shafer, Editor of the Web Issue; Kirk Piering and James Klose for graphic design; Communications Group at Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems for Publishing and Countrywide Home Loans for postage and mailing. A REAL GROUP EFFORT and a JOB WELL DONE!



Alice Thomas and NL President, Stan Mack, look on as Captain Reid Tanaka, Commanding Officer Naval Base Kitsap and CMDMC (SS/AW/SW) Kevin Moore congratulate Command Master Chief SOQ AI Douglas Drehyer, "Kitsap Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter Chief Select" and his wife.



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Planning Calendar

- Wednesday October 3 Board of Director's Meeting
Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
- Tuesday October 9 Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
Speaker: Captain Bradley Johanson
- Thursday October 25 Navy Day Dinner, Bangor Plaza
- Tuesday October 30–
November 4 Navy League National Convention
Palm Desert, California
- Monday November 12 Veterans Day Celebration
Kitsap Pavilion
- Tuesday November 13 Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza
Annual Meeting

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Luncheon Raffle Winner

Dick Vlist
 Free Lunch at
 October Luncheon

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Special Edition Invite – Please join us in celebrating our founder, President Teddy Roosevelt's birthday and "Navy Day."

President Teddy Roosevelt to visit Bremerton PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT DINNER IN HIS HONOR

The Keynote speaker for this event is none other than our 26th President, Teddy Roosevelt himself! Teddy hopes all of you will come celebrate his birthday as well as our traditional "Navy Day" and the founding of our U.S. Navy League. Gib Young, a professional Teddy Roosevelt impersonator and authority on the Roosevelt era, will present Roosevelt history in a new light; building our battleship navy, the Panama Canal, the Rough Riders, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize & the Medal of Honor, and the creation of our national parks, forests and wildlife refuge areas. Theodore Roosevelt packed more living and adventure in his sixty years than any other man could have done in one hundred! For a view of Gib Young's Teddy Roosevelt visit www.trlive1915.com.



The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first and love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

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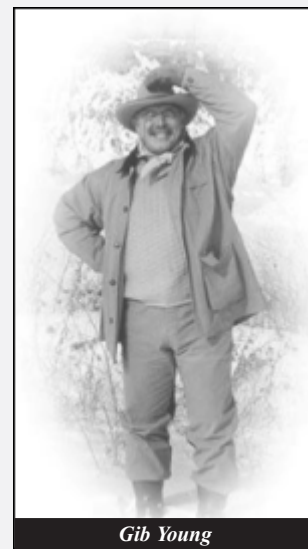
This county will not be a permanently good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a reasonably good place for all of us to live in.



DETAILS OF VISIT COME CLEAR!

The US Navy League Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council Invites you to come and listen to:

Teddy Roosevelt (Gib Young) celebrate our traditional "Navy Day"



Gib Young

Thursday, October 25, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Bangor Plaza

Dress

Military – Uniform of the day
Civilian – Business Casual

\$45 per person (payable at door)

Salmon or Prime Rib Dinners
No Host Bar

Please RSVP by Oct 15, 2007 to:
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