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The Lone Sailor on the Boardwalk

Bringing the Lone Sailor statue to Kitsap County has become a reality thanks to the generosity of many people and organizations. As of mid October we had more than 414 contributions, but we have not completed our task. We are still in the process of site preparation and installation, so your contributions are still needed to finish the work.

You may go to the south end of the new breakwater and see this wonderful nationally recognized work of art, a larger than life guy who represents the past, present and future bluejacket – adventurous, independent, courageous, self-reliant,



A huge thanks is due to the SeaBees that helped to build the Lone Sailor Memorial. CE1(SCW/SW/AW) Scott Hanneman, Construction Electrician; SW2(SCW) Scott Aga, Steelworker; BU2(SCW) Timothy Radford, Builder; EO2 Dustin Beach, Equipment Operator; All these young men are from Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Detachment Bangor.

and resourceful. Many of you have said that is exactly how you felt on a late night watch with the cold wind blowing. You will continue to hear more about this project. A formal dedication is planned for mid March or the beginning of April.

In the meantime, our grateful thanks to Carol Meteney for coordinating the installation with the superb help of the Seabees, American Construction, the Port of Bremerton, Art Anderson & Associates, Bob Kimball Design and Evergreen Transfer & Storage.

They are doing an outstanding job and we look forward to seeing a completed project, -one that will be enjoyed for generations.

For more information, check our website

www.lonesailor-bremerton.org





Vice President's Message

Our council continues to excel due to the hard work of many of our members. The Lone Sailor statue has been installed at the Bremerton Marina due to hard work by the Lone Sailor Committee led by Ron Testa and Tim Thomson. We will hold a dedication ceremony next spring when the weather becomes a little more predictable. We are still raising money to fund the final installation and dedication ceremony.

Along with National Directors Carol Meteney, Ron Testa, and Larry Salter, I will represent our council at the Navy League National convention the last week of October. Our council will be recognized as Outstanding Council for 2007 and for the 2007 Mackie award, for best Website. The outstanding council award recognizes work done by the entire council, led by your Board of Directors. The Website gets better every month under guidance of Sheila Broumley.

This month will mark another significant success. The Veterans Day ceremony at the Kitsap Pavilion, on November 11th with Earle and Sandra Smith working diligently, this event brings a huge number of participating groups as well as our elected officials. Kitsap County continues to support the event by providing the Pavilion

Because our normal luncheon date would fall on Veterans Day, the luncheon is being held on November 7th, a Friday. We will honor the Marine Corps birthday. Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Bangor will conduct their birthday honors and cake cutting ceremony. Please attend this special event and join us in honoring our active duty Marines.

In October we held our annual business meeting and elected new Officers and Directors. Most of our current Board Members are returning to continue their outstanding work for another year. They are the folks that get things done for our council. Please thank them for their service.

Thank you again for your service and assistance in carrying out our mission to educate the nation about our sea services, and to lend assistance to our sea service members and their families.

Submitted by President Elect Dave Thomas in the absence of Guy Stitt, President

Installation Dinner

Rear Admiral Joe Walsh, Deputy Commander of the Pacific Fleet and William Ryzwick, Pacific Fleet Material Officer are planning on joining us for our Installation Dinner in January at the Bremerton Harborside Conference Center. We are waiting to confirm the date and will let you know as soon as possible.

Guy Stitt, our outgoing President, will welcome David Thomas as our incoming President at our own Change of Command Ceremony. We will have a great time as we thank our current officers and welcome the new officers and Board Members. Look for more information.

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

Operation Holiday Spirit

This holiday season a few military families will have bigger smiles on their faces because of the caring of our members and the local business community. Tina Salter and Alice Thomas are co-chairing the efforts to make this happen. They can remember the challenges when their children were young and their husbands were deployed.

We are working closely with the Northwest Regional Chaplains and the Marine Toys for Tots Program. This is our first year. We want to identify just a few families and learn the resources available. This is a program that can continue for years to come and will enhance the holidays for our military families.

If you wish to participate, please contact Tina or Alice. Their contact information is in your Directory.

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

Marine Birthday & Toys For Tots

On November 7, we will celebrate the Marine Birthday and have the opportunity to help in their **Toys for Tots** program. **Lt. Col Russ Hittinger of the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion** will be the featured speaker. According to their website, security force duty is extremely challenging. "Cadre personnel are assigned to assist naval installation commanders in formulating their security and training plans. This is a career broadening experience and one that strengthens the special bond that Marines share with the US Navy.

Service with the fleet is the oldest and original duty of Marines, dating from the Athenian fleets of the fifth century BC, carrying on through Roman times when separate legions of 'milites classarii' (soldiers of the fleet) were assigned to duty afloat. In the seventeenth century, the British and Dutch organized the first modern Corps

of marines in the western world for duty as ship's detachments and naval security ashore."

Marine Harry W. "Sgt Rock" Tachell, Commandant, Service Officer, Olympic Peninsula Detachment 531 and local area coordinator for Toys for Tots program will be at our meeting to help collect toys and /or money. Toys must be new, in good condition and unwrapped. Also, they need to be on the safe list. Commander Tachell suggests that giving money might be easier for everyone. This great national program is designed to "help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas

While our local program receives generous help from the national foundation, all of the toys and money collected locally, stays local to benefit our children. Let's help make this holiday season very special.

Northwest Navy Notes: October 2008 - Happy Birthday

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

I begin this message by wishing our United States Navy a very Happy Birthday. 233 years of excellence, honor, and service to the world is certainly an amazing accomplishment. Each year as we celebrate our birthday, we take the time to look back at our impressive history and consider how it has shaped us into the Navy we are today.



operations on lakes and waterways throughout Al Anbar, Iraq. USS Decatur and USS Thatch are supporting a task force in the Persian Gulf. The USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is operating in the Gulf of Oman and is supporting coalition ground forces in Afghanistan. As we have for 233 years, we're projecting power from the sea to fight and win

our nation's wars.

The Navy's reason for being, really the reason that nations from antiquity to the present have built and maintained navies, is to project power. By their very nature, sea services are the military arm most capable of expanding a country's frontiers, of protecting her borders, citizens and commerce... of keeping wars "away games." It's no coincidence that history's greatest nations have also put history's greatest navies to sea.

Today, as many of you know, we also have Sailors deployed as what we call Individual Augmentees, or IAs. Our Sailors are phenomenal people, with phenomenal skills, and many of those skills are as relevant on land as they are at sea. So, many Sailors augment ground forces... they serve with Army units and provide needed but lacking capabilities. More than 72,000 Sailors have served an IA tour. We have submarine engineers on civil reconstruction teams, naval aviators doing counter-IED patrols, Navy police working terrorist detainee operations... Today, about 15,000 Sailors are serving on the ground in the Middle East. They've got training and experience in projecting power, and they're doing that wherever they're needed.

This year marks a special anniversary in naval history, because one hundred years ago, Sailors and ships of the Great White Fleet proved to the world that America now had a Navy capable of global power projection, and that we were now surely counted among those "great nations." Their deployment signaled America's emergence as a world power, and provided a diplomatic message of peace and partnership to countries around the globe. We continue to build on the legacy born of the Great White Fleet, projecting power around the globe ...

People sometimes forget that the Navy mission is the same whether we are a country at war or at peace. When conflicts are resolved, we don't pack up and go home until the next need arises ... we are a persistent global presence and we never stop working, day or night. We are present and prepared to project power when necessary.

To help celebrate this 233rd birthday of our service, I want to talk about some of the ways our Navy today is staying true to that legacy. We're working with partners to deter aggressors and prevent war, securing the world's waterways for commerce, and providing aid where needed to victims of natural disasters and war.

While we participate in current conflicts, we're also the service that must be looking beyond the horizon, recognizing future threats; or even better, turning potential threats into current opportunities. Our Maritime Strategy states that preventing wars is as important as winning wars. Prevention may come from hard power ... in the form of a naval air strike on a terrorist training camp. Or it may come from soft power....a team of Navy doctors and nurses stopping a cholera epidemic in a developing nation.

We're fighting in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, on the sea and on the land. We're also looking to the future, stopping wars before they start, increasing stability of the maritime commons and the world. The USS Peleliu Expeditionary Strike Group is conducting maritime security operations, in the Red Sea, Arabian Sea, and Arabian Gulf. Riverine Squadron 3 is conducting combat

virtue of its deterrent strength... although it can affect stability and peace by reaching out with a helping hand. Today, we are working with our partners and allies to address the roots of conflict – from economic instability, to illegal trafficking, to refugee movements, to environmental disasters and endemic diseases. Just last month we provided more than 115 tons of assistance with our Coast Guard partners to the Republic of Georgia. Our hospital ship USNS Mercy provided humanitarian assistance to nearly 11,500 people in Micronesia.

Today, we have SEABEES in Haiti, helping the poorest nation in the western hemisphere recover from Hurricane damage. Today, our Fleet is operating with the navies of Pacific nations to halt the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction on the seas. Our ships in the Caribbean are regularly hauling in tons of cocaine. We are working with coastal African nations to stop the nearly \$1B in losses due to illegal fishing. And, we're fighting piracy off the coast of Somalia.

Whether using our power to fight wars or preserve peace, to punish or to save, the fundamental strengths of our Navy remain as they've been for 233 years.

With naval forces, you do not have to establish a base, you do not have to negotiate for space, you do not have to build extra infrastructure, you do not have to ask permission, and you do not have to infringe on another's nation's sovereignty.

Today U.S. Naval forces are operating on the ground, on the sea, under the sea, in the air, and in space. Our presence, our maneuverability, our strength, and our ability to operate across the spectrum of operations in war and peace are what made our naval forces so valuable in 1775, in 1908, and today. Make no mistake, we are fighting wars, fighting criminals, terrorists, and all others that threaten our liberty and prosperity. Still, our efforts focus on opportunities, not threats... on optimism, not fear... and on confidence, not doubt.

Today, 233 years later after our Navy began, we watch as our past influences our present, and as our present helps shape our future.

Happy birthday to the United States Navy!

Council Turns 60 Years Old

Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council celebrates sixty years of honoring and supporting the Sea Services. The very first business meeting was held in 1948 under the leadership of President J. Edward Adams. Perhaps some of our members remember the beginning of the Council and would share their stories.

1948 was a memorable year. I remember the Freedom Train arriving in San Francisco and hundreds of people crowding around to see it. Nikita Khrushchev became the leader of the Soviet Union. Congress passed the Marshall Aid Act to rehabilitate war-torn Europe. Philips began experimental TV broadcasting and ABC entered network TV. Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of Phantom of the Opera and Cats was born and so was Al Gore.

Sixty years later, our Council is still strong and growing. We now have over 560 members, the largest Council in Washington.

We have over 35,000 men and women directly linked to the military living in our area. We have developed a strong, positive working relationship with the civic and business community and are pleased to also have a positive working relationship with many of the local, state and national political leaders. These links have not come easily and need constant attention. As members, we need to become more actively involved in Council activities.

Navy League provides opportunities for us to learn first hand what is really happening around the world. Meet and listen to the people who are making a difference and protecting us on a daily basis. Spend time with people who share similar values and are proud to be an American.

Happy Birthday Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League!

Submitted by Carolyn Dankers

The Lone Sailor Makes the Front Page

I hope most of our Council Members saw the fabulous front page article in the Kitsap Sun on Thursday, October 16 regarding the installation of the Lone Sailor Memorial at Harborside. These posts were on the Kitsap Sun website as of 11pm Oct. 16 following the article.

"It looks terrific! I can't wait to see it in person! Great job!"

"This statue in DC and San Francisco is very moving. How about a little more history on the original statue and sculptor, Stanley Bleifeld?"

"I've seen the original, at the Navy Memorial. For many of us, "The Lone Sailor" was us, at one time or another. Lots of memories.

Thank you, Navy League, and Mrs. Meteney."

"Nice tribute. Sure brings back memories."

"Looking forward to seeing it, where does a person park downtown nowadays?"

"It is a wonderful piece. I hope that someone will pursue a memorial to the women of PSNS"

"What some folks may not know is that the actual sailor who posed for this statue served aboard USS Alabama during the mid '80's. How's that for bringing some local life to this piece of history?"

"Simply wonderful!"

Great Job, BROLPN!

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Council invited to attend the USMC Ball

Harborside Convention Center

November 14, 2008

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Ceremony/CG's comments 7:00 pm

Dinner

Dancing Until Midnight

\$50 Per Person

Meal Choices: beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian

For more information contact:

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Forgotten Veterans Laid to Rest

Witnessed by some of our Council members on October 2, 2008, a gentle rain accompanied the gathering of Patriot Guard Riders, Veteran Support Organizations and the general public in the parking area of Kitsap County Coroner's office. As the remains of six veterans, four Navy, one Army and one Marine were carried to be placed in a transporting vehicle. A hand salute was rendered, each were draped with the American Flag, & Kitsap County Sheriff, Steve Boyer, spoke of what an honor it was to be part of this escort.

The procession departed for Tahoma National cemetery in Kent. As the seventy plus mile escort continued, some drivers saluted

and respectfully waved when they recognized the significance of the escort.

Upon reaching Tahoma National Cemetery, the remains of the six veterans were carried to the Committal Shelter where full military honors were given. A final roll call was taken and each name and branch of service was called and followed by the ringing of a



BOPC member Drake Evans escorts remains of Forgotten Veteran (photo by Cherlene Post, BROLPN member)

bell. A U.S. Flag was unfolded and held open as the honor guard fired three volleys. Upon completion of the service, an Army Bugler played taps and three brass shell casings were presented to the Kitsap County Veteran's Assistance Coordinator, Leif Bentsen.

"MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY" CELEBRATION AT NOV. 7th LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League will be held on Friday, November 7th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bangor Plaza. Usually, the Navy League luncheon is held on the second Tuesday of each month. However, due to Veterans Day falling on the second Tuesday this year, it will be held on Friday, November 7th. Lt Col Russ Hittinger, USMC, will be overseeing the

ceremony in celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday.

The Marines will be on hand to collect unwrapped, new toys for their "Toys for Tots" program.

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 Friday, October 31st. The cost of the luncheon is \$15/person.

Comings and Goings

Rear Adm. Scott Swift relieved **Rear Adm. Scott Van Buskirk** as commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 9 in a change-of-command ceremony Oct. 9 aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Van Buskirk served as CCSG-9 since March 26, 2007. Adm. Buskirk's next assignment is Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Strategy in Washington, D.C. The Lincoln is the flagship for CCSG 9. The strike group commander's duties are to oversee operational training and readiness for the entire group and to maintain administrative functions and material war fighting readiness support for ships and squadrons.

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) returns to its homeport in **Everett**, Oct. 12 after a successful seven-month deployment supporting Operations Enduring Freedom & Iraqi Freedom, maritime security, and coalition operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) departed its homeport of Naval Station Everett Oct. 20 for a regularly scheduled deployment. The Oliver Hazard Perry Class guided missile frigate is scheduled to deploy to the southern Pacific Ocean to participate in a counter narcotics mission alongside international partners and the U.S. Coast Guard.

During the week of Oct. 6, **USS Momsen (DDG 92)** conducted Tiger Cruise as it transited back to its Everett home port following a nearly seven-month deployment with the USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group. 64 Momsen family and friends embarked on board the destroyer in Pearl Harbor.

Cmdr. David Skipworth has relieved **Cmdr. Stephen Tripp** as Commander of Naval Ocean Processing Facility (NOPF), Whidbey Island. His next assignment is with Commander, Undersea Surveillance in Virginia Beach, Va. The new executive officer is **Cmdr. Mark Eckardt**.

Membership Increases Again in October

October was a great month for recruiting business support. Concurrent Technologies Corporation upgraded their membership from Business Associate to Corporate Sponsor. I believe this is the first time our Council has sponsored a Corporate Membership. We have two new Community Affiliate Members--Art Anderson Associates (see accompanying article) and EJB Facilities Services. We are in discussion with two other businesses who are interested in being Community Affiliates as well.

Thanks to our business members for your support of the Navy League mission. We are well on our way to breaking 700 members. Please help us make that goal. We can provide membership material. You can pass contact information to Larry Salter and he will contact them, or you can send prospective members to the national website. (<http://www.navyleague.org/>). Please encourage your friends and family to support this great organization by being a dues paying member.

*Submitted by Larry Salter
Membership Chairman*

Mail Bag

I continue to repeat myself - (and thank you for the mention with my name!) but I love to get the Navy League Newsletter because it not only looks great but has a lot of interesting information therein. I always read it from my monitor and then copy it for my husband. One advantage of receiving it by e-mail is the color as that lends to the attractiveness of the layout. Thanks for all of the hard work done by you and your staff.

*Thank you.
Dottie Gauvin*

Art Anderson Associates joins Council as Community Affiliate

For over 50 years, Art Anderson Associates has provided its clients *Value Beyond Engineering*®. Founded in 1957 to provide engineering support for vessels at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the firm has since grown and diversified to include facilities engineering, construction management, research and development, and transportation planning. In fact, no other firm of its size is capable of delivering the unique mix of services that is the company's hallmark.

Because of its broad, multidisciplinary capability, Art Anderson Associates is capable of meeting some very unique challenges. One challenge is having the vision and expertise to develop the sealift and seabasing systems of the future Navy. Art Anderson Associates has carved a unique research and development role whereby it is investigating new systems for moving equipment and personnel from ship to shore. The firm is answering the difficult questions of how to engineer a safe floating sea base, or quickly transfer and offload tanks and troops onto undeveloped beaches. The Navy continues to support these efforts over multiple contract awards through its Small Business Innovation Research program.

Another challenge is in the often-demanding shoreline environment, which constantly battles with the forces of wind

and waves. The firm recently completed construction of a state-of-the-art marina and breakwater system designed to withstand the wake waves of passing ferries. The \$34 million Bremerton Marina Expansion project has already won awards for its outstanding achievements in engineering.

In fact, **the firm is currently working with the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League to install and publicize the "Lone Sailor" US Navy Memorial** on the breakwater of the newly expanded Bremerton Marina. The firm has donated the services of talented architects to design the base of the statue and its installation. They have also worked with the League to publicize the memorial, designing the bus ads and posters that represent the community's call to action in support of the project. The result recalls the city's unique naval heritage and is a fitting welcome for visitors coming in on the ferry.

These are just some of the components of a highly-capable, highly-versatile, world-class engineering services firm. From ship to shore, and everywhere in between, Art Anderson Associates is stands ready to deliver on its promise of *Value Beyond Engineering*®. For more information on the firm, visit its website at www.artanderson.com.



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Concurrent Technologies Corporation

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CTC has been supporting the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council for many years as a Community Affiliate, then as a Business Associate, and now as a Corporate Sponsor. They have also contributed to Council activities by providing financial support to the annual Armed Forces Day Gala, the Lone Sailor, USS Ohio Return-to-Service festivities, providing luncheon and event RSVP services, and have encouraged their staff to participate in Council activities. National Director/Council Past President Larry Salter and Council President Elect Dave Thomas are members CTC's Bremerton office leadership team.



Larry Salter (left), Past President of our Council, is Executive Director, C4 Systems at Concurrent Technologies Corporation; and Dave Thomas, Incoming President of BROLPN is the Manager, Readiness and Training Analysis at CTC.

2008 Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday, Nov 11

Mark this date on your calendar now. This is an event that stirs your heart and makes you proud to be an American as flags parade and our military is honored. This Veterans Day Program is now the largest in the State, thanks to the support and efforts of more than 30 military organizations, led by our own Sandra and Earle Smith.

The Kitsap County Commissioners have agreed to co-sponsor the event again. They are providing the use of the "Kitsap SUN Pavilion" at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, and are waiving all setup fees (tables, staging, chairs, PA system etc.)

Our guest speakers are **Rear Admiral Timothy Giardina**, Commander Submarine Group Trident, and **Rear Admiral James Symonds**, Commander Navy Region Northwest. **Lourdes "Alfie" Alvarado**, the Deputy Director, WA State Dept. of Veterans Affairs will also speak. **U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell**, **U.S. Senator Patty Murray**, **U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks** and **U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee** have been invited and are hoping to attend.

Commissioner **Josh Brown** will introduce the dignitaries and our Council President; Guy Stitt will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Navy Band Northwest will stir our emotions with their wonderful music. Military displays will be available to view as the doors open at 9am on Nov. 11. The program will begin at 10am and finish in time to enjoy lunch provided once again by **Crazy Eric's Drive Ins.** Thanks Eric and Sherrie.



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Planning Ahead

Friday	Nov 7	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza – 11:30 am “Happy Birthday USMC”
Tuesday	Nov 11	Veteran's Day Celebration Kitsap Sun Pavilion Doors Open 9:00 am
Friday	Nov 14	US Marine Corp Ball – 6:00 pm Harborside Convention Center
Tuesday	Nov 16	Lone Sailor Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm Port Office on the Boardwalk
Wednesday	Dec 3	Board of Director's Meeting – 5:30 pm Reid Real Estate, Silverdale
Sunday	Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day Rememberence Keyport - To Be Announced
Tuesday	Dec 9	Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Bangor Plaza – 11:30 am Program – To Be Announced

This Date in History

November 10, 1775 – Congress votes to raise two battalions of Continental Marines, establishing the Marine Corps.

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