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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 17, LWC Awards Dinner Meeting
- ◆ January 19, 2005 LWC Anniversary Dinner Meeting
- ◆ March 9, 2005 Honor the Healy Dinner Meeting

Additional information on LWC meetings and events can be found on our web site at www.lakewashnlus.org. You can contact us at info@lakewashnlus.org.

ABOUT US

The Lake Washington Council (LWC) is part of the Navy League of the United States, whose web site is located at www.navyleague.org.

Lake Washington Council Adopted Units

- ◆ US Coast Guard Cutter Healy
- ◆ Harbor Defense Command Unit 113
- ◆ USCG Integrated Support Command, Seattle
- ◆ Liberty High School NJROTC
- ◆ University of Washington NROTC
- ◆ USN Sea Cadet Corps, Everett

November 17th Dinner to Honor our Adopted Units

At our November meeting we will be honoring each of our adopted units and youth groups:

- ◆ US Coast Guard Cutter Healy
- ◆ Harbor Defense Command Unit 113
- ◆ US Coast Guard Integrated Support Command-Seattle
- ◆ USN Sea Cadet Corps. Everett
- ◆ Liberty High School NJROTC
- ◆ University of Washington NROTC

Representatives from each will be in attendance to receive our annual presentation of financial support.

This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to see first hand one example of how your Council is fulfilling its primary mission of Support for the Sea Services, and to hear brief reports on how our support helps them. Liberty High School NJROTC will provide the Color Guard.

In addition, election of the LWC 2005 Officers & Board will take place during this meeting. Please refer to the Proposed Slate on page 3.

The Meeting will be in the Evergreen Point room at the Red Lion Bellevue Inn, located at 11211 Main Street in Bellevue. Full information regarding times, menu, and keynote speaker will be announced in the November Voyager.

Roger Ponto, Editor

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Council members and friends:

A Navy League Council's very life, and its ability to fulfill its mission, is dependent on a strong and growing membership. Membership growth is not just the responsibility of whomever may be assigned this "task," it is the responsibility of each and every member of the Council. If you are participating in something that you enjoy and feel is worth while, you tend to want to get others to share in this good experience. Membership growth is also a good indication of just how well a Council is doing in achieving its mission, Support of the Sea Services.

I am pleased to report that through the 7 months (Jan.-July) 2004, Lake Washington Council ranks #1 in membership growth of the 21 Councils in our Region. You may recall that we were also #1 in the Region for the year 2003

At the recent Navy League National Convention in San Diego, your Council received an

award in each of the three areas of Council evaluation; Overall Council Performance, Public Relations, and Newsletters.

I believe these are strong indications that Lake Washington Council is achieving its objectives. Our membership is involved, participates in our activities, and shares in our achievements.

Since the last issue of Voyager, our members have participated once again in a very informative Bangor Sub Base tour, took part in the 2004 Naval Fleet Arrival activities, enjoyed a cruise aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, and over 70 members and friends joined in a very enjoyable Lake Washington Argosy Cruise and successful fund raising activity.

As our membership grows, we are able to expand our support mission. We recently adopted the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command-Seattle and are in the process of adopting the USS Abraham Lincoln. This expands by many fold, the number of Sea Service men and women we now support.

Another indicator of how we are doing is the ever increasing number of businesses who are joining with us in support of our adopted units and youth groups. See page 3 for a complete listing of our current Business Affiliates.

Our task is not complete but rather, a continuing "work in progress." We are on the right track, but require the continued involvement and participation of our membership in order to achieve our mission, as stated on page 4.

Roger W. Ponto
President, Lake Washington Council-NLUS

2004 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Roger Ponto
Vice-President/Military & Gov't Affairs	RADM John Lockwood
Vice-President/ Judge Advocate	Capt. Ron Matthew
Treasurer	Lee Anne Petersen-Walker
Secretary	Judy Matthew
Chaplain	Rev. Paul Williams
Board Members	Gerald Kroon
.....	Capt. David Visneski
.....	David Ojeda
.....	Capt. Angus McDonald
Board Members Emeritus	Marilynn Crist
.....	Louise Chase

New Community Affiliates
Stoller & Co., Red Lion Bellevue Inn, Costco Kirkland/Issaquah, & Texas Smokehouse Bar-B-Q have recently joined with us in support of our mission.

We welcome businesses who would like to join with us in the support of the sea services. Please contact us at info@lakewashnlus.org.

PROPOSED SLATE 2005 BOARD MEMBERS

This slate of proposed Board members for 2005 has been developed by the Nominating Committee appointed by President Roger Ponto and has been approved by your current Board.

President	CAPT Ron Matthew
1st Vice President	CAPT David Visneski
Vice President	Jules Bresnick
Vice President	Roger Ponto
Treasurer	Lee Anne Petersen-Walker
Secretary	TBD
Chaplain	Rev. Paul Williams
Board Members	Dale Branscomb
	Malcolm Edwards
	Gerald Kroon
	RADM John Lockwood
	Cyndee Lockwood
	Sheila Meiling
	MCPO David Ojeda
	Pete Stiles
	Donna Visneski

Elections will be held during the
November 17th General Meeting

Board Members Emeritus	Marilynn Crist
	Louise Chase

LWC BUSINESS AFFILIATES

Corporate Members

- ◆ Todd Pacific Shipyards
- ◆ Microvision, Inc.
- ◆ Safe Boats International

Community Affiliates

- ◆ ALSTOM Power Conversion
- ◆ Argosy Cruises
- ◆ Cadick Corp
- ◆ Costco Kirkland/Issaquah
- ◆ First Command Financial Planning
- ◆ Flags & Flagpoles Northwest
- ◆ Forde Financial & Tax
- ◆ Galvin Flying Services, Inc.
- ◆ Il Fornaio Ristorante
- ◆ Lisa Whittaker, Coldwell Banker Bain
- ◆ Red Lion Bellevue Inn
- ◆ Security Services Northwest
- ◆ Sperry Ocean Dock Ltd
- ◆ Stoller & Company
- ◆ Texas Smokehouse Bar B-Q
- ◆ USAA
- ◆ Vigilos, Inc

Through their financial contribution, these business affiliates demonstrate their commitment to LWC-NLUS, to the mission of the Navy League, and their desire to support young people through our programs and scholarships.

Area Navy League Councils Attend Seattle Mariners Game

On Sept. 8th, NLUS Area Councils including Bremerton, Everett, Lake Washington, and Seattle, will enjoy FREE tickets to the Seattle Mariners vs Cleveland Indians game, as a result of liaison activities by Lake Washington Council with the Seattle Mariners.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

If you have e-mail and have not received news from LWC in the last month, we do not have your e-mail address. Please contact us at info@lakewashnlus.org with your updated address. This will ensure that you are receiving the latest information from the Lake Washington Council.

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Lake Washington Council

CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF THE SEA SERVICES

Lake Washington Council is your community organization that:

- Supports our Puget Sound sea services:
 - USCGC Healy, Harbor Defense Command Unit 113, and CG Integrated Support Command.
- Supports local Naval Reserve Officer Training Units and USN Sea Cadet Corps:
 - NJROTC at Liberty High School, NROTC at University of Washington, and Sea Cadet Corps, Everett
- Increases awareness of the diversity of maritime units in Puget Sound.
- Conveys the pivotal role our Puget Sound sea services play in our national and regional security.
- Furthers understanding that maritime commerce is the cornerstone of our region's economy.

Navy League of the United States Mission Statement

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