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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ May 18th Dinner Event
- ◆ July 21st, Bangor Tour
- ◆ August 17th, Argosy Cruise Event
- ◆ November 16th, Dinner Event

Additional information on LWC meetings and events can be found on our web site at [www.lakewashnlus.org](http://www.lakewashnlus.org). You can contact us at [info@lakewashnlus.org](mailto: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](http://www.navyleague.org).

### Lake Washington Council Adopted Units

- ◆ US Coast Guard Cutter Healy
- ◆ Naval Coastal Warfare Sqdn-33 (former HDCU-113)
- ◆ USCG Integrated Support Command Seattle
- ◆ USS Abraham Lincoln
- ◆ Liberty High School NJROTC
- ◆ University of Washington NROTC

## On May 18, 2005 Lake Washington Council Pays Tribute to CG Integrated Support Command-Seattle, & USS Abraham Lincoln

Lake Washington Council will pay tribute to two of our adopted units, and recognize their outstanding sailors during our Spring Dinner Event. Refer to the insert sheet for full details. As always, we encourage you to bring interested guests to this special evening.

We are pleased to have as our keynote speaker, Captain John Clary, Commanding Officer NOAA Marine Operations Center-Pacific. (See page 3 for further information on your Councils activity with NOAA).

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## Lake Washington Council Receives Navy League 2004 Outstanding Council Award

Our Council has been recognized as 2004 Outstanding Council. The award will be presented at the Navy League National Convention in Norfolk VA in June. In 2003 our Council received the Meritorious Council Award.

Roger Ponto, Editor

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Council Members and Friends:

2005 is looking to be another great year for this council! After our blockbuster January dinner meeting, we followed with another wonderful meeting in March. We had the very great honor of having many members of the crew of the USCGC Healy with us for the dinner. This was our "Honor The Healy" night, and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet with the members of the ship and their guests as we formally honored the vessel and recognized their Enlisted Persons of the Quarter and Enlisted Person of the Year. Captain Dan Oliver provided some interesting remarks about the Healy's work last year and their upcoming expedition this year. In addition we were very honored to have Admiral Harvey E. Johnson, Commander, Coast

Guard Pacific Area as our guest speaker. I especially want to gratefully acknowledge our corporate members, community affiliates and many individual members who so generously supported this event with the largest financial contributions we have received for an event like this. These donations, enabled us to sponsor the crew of the Healy at the dinner and to make another significant contribution to their Morale Fund. Captain Oliver advises that the funds will be used to support the transition of the ship's existing library into a multi-station computerized learning center.

Several great new things have occurred since our March meeting. First, I am very pleased to announce that the Lake Washington Council was selected as an **Outstanding Council for 2004**. Also, for the second year in a row, we received the **First Place Public Relations Award for Medium Councils**. Many thanks to Roger Ponto, John Lockwood and those who worked so hard to make this council such an outstanding and active council.

I also want to welcome two new Community Affiliates to our list of members; **DCR Maritime Consultants**, and **Memories Security**. We are happy to have them as part of our Council

Finally, I am announcing the decision by your board to adopt the **USS RAINIER**, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research vessel stationed in Seattle. The adoption of the Rainier is the first of its kind in this area, and so far as we are aware, the first in the Navy League. The Rainier is currently underway in Alaskan waters conducting a variety of surveys. (See photo and article on page 3)

In connection with the adoption of the Rainier, we are looking forward to having Captain John C. Clary, Commanding Officer NOAA Marine Operations Center-Pacific as our guest speaker at the May 18th meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about this branch of our sea services and the great support they provide to the nation and to our Puget Sound region. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ronald S. Matthew  
President, Lake Washington Council-NLUS

### 2005 BOARD MEMBERS

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### LWC to Adopt NOAA Ship Rainier

The Navy Leagues stated mission is to support the men and women of the sea services, defined as the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and US Flag Merchant Marine. Of the four groups, the merchant marine has received by far the least attention from the Navy League. Lake Washington Council once again is providing national leadership by adopting the first NOAA vessel ever adopted by a Navy League Council. The Navy Leagues NW Region President, the Senior Director of Membership Services, the National Vice President for Public Relations, and the incoming National President, all think this is an outstanding step by Lake Washington Council in furthering the NLUS mission.

The Rainier is primarily engaged in scientific hydrographic research off Alaska, resurveying old lead line surveys and glacial till areas to better insure the safety of the thousands of US citizens that travel on cruise ships every year to and throughout Alaska.

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### Fourth Annual Bangor Sub Base Tour Thursday, July 21st

Once again we have the very special opportunity of touring the Bangor Submarine Base. Get your reservations in early as we have space for only 35. The tour will be from approximately 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Minimum age is 12 and you must be able to climb a vertical 20 foot ladder. Cost is projected at under \$15 per person, and includes lunch. You must provide your own transportation to Bangor. Make your reservations at [info@lakewashnlus.org](mailto:info@lakewashnlus.org).

## LWC BUSINESS AFFILIATES

### Corporate Sponsors

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### Community Affiliates

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- ◆ Argosy Cruises
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- ◆ Vigilos, Inc

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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, USS Abraham Lincoln, Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron-33, and USCG Integrated Support Command-Seattle.
- Supports local Naval Reserve Officers Training Units and USN Sea Cadet Corps: NJROTC at Liberty High School, NROTC at University of Washington, and USN 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 States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine.*