

# THE LAKE WASHINGTON COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

# Voyager



Navy League  
of the United States



VOL. 25

WWW.LAKEWASHNLUS.ORG

SEPT 2005

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ November 16th, Dinner Event
- ◆ January 18, 2006, LWC 5th Anniversary Dinner Event
- ◆ February 24-26, 2006 NLUS Regional Conference

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
- ◆ NOAA Ship Rainier
- ◆ Liberty High School NJROTC
- ◆ University of Washington NROTC
- ◆ USN Sea Cadet Corps, Everett

## Lake Washington Council's "Mission Achievement" Dinner Event, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Have you ever had someone ask, "What's Navy League?" or, "What do you mean you support the sea services"? Sometimes it can be difficult to find the words that really express all that Lake Washington Council is doing in support of our adopted sea service units and youth organizations. **This issue of Voyager is designed to help you answer these questions.**

First of all, at our dinner event on November 16<sup>th</sup> LWC will once again be honoring each of our adopted units (see list under "About Us" to the left).

Representatives from each will be in attendance to receive our annual presentation of financial support and to help you learn first hand, just how important and meaningful our "support" is to each of them.

Mark your calendar now, as this will be our last dinner event of 2005 and is one you do not want to miss. In addition to all of the other important activities, we will be electing the LWC 2006 Officers and Board. Please refer to the Proposed Slate in the insert section of this issue of the Voyager.

The event will be held in the Evergreen Point room of the Red Lion Bellevue Inn. Full Information regarding times, menu, keynote speaker, etc; will be announced in the November Voyager.

Roger Ponto, Editor

# WHAT IS LAKE WASHINGTON COUNCIL ALL ABOUT?

Our Mission is stated on page #4 of every issue of Voyager. **The Mission of Navy League is to Educate and Support.** Educate means to spread the word regarding the importance of protecting our maritime nation through strong sea services. **Support** means actions which demonstrate our appreciation and respect for the men and women who, through their personal dedication and commitment, protect the safety, freedoms, and economic well being of each and every one of us.

So, what is LWC doing? As an example of our efforts to **Educate**, in 2003 and 2004 we were recognized as the #1 medium sized council (126-500 members) in all of Navy League for our Public Relations (educational) Activity.

OK, but what about **Support**?

## 2005 BOARD MEMBERS

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

Lake Washington Council currently has five adopted military units, with a sixth to be added in November, plus three youth organizations for which we provide financial support. (see list under “About Us” on page #1). “But doesn’t the government take care of the support of our military units?” Yes and no! Note the photos in the photo pages of this issue, showing Coast Guard Cutter Healy’s New Learning Centers, which LWC helped provide. This is but one example of our support. Others include: thousands of books provided to local Navy and Coast Guard vessels by our ongoing book drive headed by Phyllis Lane, hundreds of DVD’s, over 300 Seattle Mariners free tickets for our sailors and their dependents, financially enabling two UW NROTC Midshipmen to obtain special leadership training at Notre Dame University, contributing several thousand dollars to the Moral, Welfare, and Recreations funds of our adopted units, co-sponsoring of the USS Liberty Essay Contest for high school students, recognizing and financially rewarding outstanding sailors from our adopted units, plus much more.

**Support by our business community is critical to our Mission.** The simple fact is **10 new Community Affiliates provide your Council as much revenue as 200 new one-year memberships.** Don’t misunderstand, new members are very important. Members tend to be more involved in Council activities and operation. The point is that business support provides a disproportionate amount of revenue, and is therefore critical to our achieving our Mission. Community Affiliates, with their annual \$400 tax-deductible contribution, provide our single most lucrative revenue source.

**We need your help in building our business support.** Encourage your business, and the businesses you have special contact with or support through your purchases, to become a Community Affiliate of Lake Washington Council. In this way they will be putting important and meaningful action into the words “We Support

Our Troops". A Community Affiliate Information packet is available to help in your presentation, or with your introduction, we will make the presentation for you. Simply contact us at [info@lakewashnlus.org](mailto:info@lakewashnlus.org).

**The opportunities to provide meaningful support to our sea services are limited only by our resources, namely MONEY.** To better understand where our money comes from, note that in 2004:

- ◆ 80% of our Revenues (Income) came from business support,
- ◆ 11% from individual memberships,
- ◆ 9% from special contributions (Raffle's etc)

Note that our dinner events are designed to be breakeven events, they are not income producing. Only the Healy Dinner Event's special contributions, specifically to the Coast Guard Cutter Healy, provide revenue. **It is very important to note that additional members, both individual and business, will greatly increase our ability to provide new and important sea service and youth support activities.** Your Council has grown to the point where basic operating costs will not increase proportionately with increased members and revenue. A disproportionate amount of the additional revenue generated by new memberships will go directly to our primary mission of Support of the Sea Services.

Give this Voyager to friends and associates and encourage them to join in our important mission. Additional copies are available. Request them at [info@lakewashnlus.org](mailto:info@lakewashnlus.org)

**Lake Washington Council-NLUS is doing an outstanding job! WE NEED YOUR HELP in getting others to join with us so that we can do an even better job in our Support of the Sea Services and our youth organizations.**

## LWC BUSINESS AFFILIATES

### Corporate Sponsors

- ◆ Todd Pacific Shipyards
- ◆ Safe Boats International

### Community Affiliates

- ◆ ALSTOM Power Conversion
- ◆ Argosy Cruises
- ◆ Cadick Corp
- ◆ Complete Automotive
- ◆ Costco Kirkland/Issaquah
- ◆ DCR Maritime Consultants Inc.
- ◆ FedEx Kinko's
- ◆ First Command Financial Planning
- ◆ Flags & Flagpoles Northwest
- ◆ Forde Financial & Tax
- ◆ Galvin Flying Services, Inc.
- ◆ Global Construction Services, Inc.
- ◆ Kris Robbs, Realtor
- ◆ Memories Security, LLC
- ◆ Red Lion Bellevue Inn
- ◆ Security Services Northwest
- ◆ Sperry Ocean Dock Ltd
- ◆ Steelhead Construction
- ◆ Texas Smokehouse Bar B-Q
- ◆ Tru-Line Bellevue Inc.
- ◆ USAA
- ◆ Vertical Path Recruiting
- ◆ 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.

### PLEASE CONSIDER A SPECIAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO LWC

If you would like to make a special contribution to Lake Washington Council's "Support of the Sea Services" send your check, payable to LWC-NLUS to PO Box 183, Medina WA 98039-0183.

We will greatly appreciate your additional support.

LAKE WASHINGTON COUNCIL  
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES  
P.O. Box 183  
MEDINA WA 98039-0183



# 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, USCG Integrated Support Command-Seattle, and NOAA Ship Rainier.
- 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.*