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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ January 18, 2006, LWC 5th Anniversary Dinner Event
- ◆ February 24-26, 2006 NLUS Regional Conference
- ◆ March 15, 2006 Honor the Healy Dinner Event

Additional information on LWC meetings and events can be found on our web site at www.lakewashnlus.org.

ABOUT US

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

Lake Washington Council's Adopted Units;

- ◆ US Coast Guard Cutter Healy
- ◆ Naval Coastal Warfare Sqdn-33
- ◆ USCG Integrated Support Command Seattle
- ◆ USS Abraham Lincoln
- ◆ NOAA Ship Rainier
- ◆ Liberty High School NJROTC
- ◆ University of Washington NROTC
- ◆ USN Sea Cadet Corps, Everett
- ◆ USS Jimmy Carter
- ◆ Undersea Research & Development

Lake Washington Council's 5th Anniversary Celebration January 18, 2006

Our next Dinner Event will be held in the Yarrow/Hunt's rooms at the Red Lion Bellevue Inn, located at 11211 Main Street, Bellevue. Note that these are the rooms adjacent to our past meeting room. We are pleased to have as our speaker for this special event, Commander Guy Noll, Commanding Officer of the NOAA Ship Rainier. The no-host social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. There is plenty of free parking and as always, we encourage you to bring interested guests.

The entrée choices are Filet Mignon wrapped with smoky bacon, grilled to perfection and topped with brandied mushrooms, Boneless Chicken Breast stuffed with brandied mushrooms and wrapped in a golden puff pastry, or Dijon Prawn Pasta. All three come with Seasonal vegetables, Garden salad, rolls and butter, fresh brewed coffee, herbal tea and Chocolate Mousse Cake dessert. The cost per person is \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Make your reservations today by mailing your check, payable to Lake Washington Council-NLUS, to LWC-NLUS, PO Box 183, Medina, WA 98039-0183, or via e-mail to info@lakewashnlus.org.

Please Note: Receiving your reservation no later than January 13th will greatly help our planning for this event. Also, please specify your entrée selection with your reservation.

Roger Ponto, Editor

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Council Members and Friends:

As we head to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Lake Washington Council's year also comes to a close. I want to take a moment to reflect a bit. It has been a surprisingly momentous year for this Council.

We became the first Council in all of Navy League to associate ourselves with NOAA, by adopting the NOAA Ship Rainier. Later, we participated in a major way with the arrival of the USS Jimmy Carter to Washington and adopted both the Jimmy Carter and Undersea Research & Development. That brings our list of adopted units to 10, an amazing number given our short history. The support we provide directly to the men and women of our adopted units continues to expand, thanks in large part to your individual generosity and the extraordinary financial support

of our business associates. We continue to add new Community Affiliates and general members. For 2005, we once again far surpassed the other Councils in the Region in all of these activities. You all have much to be proud of.

Our dinners this year were extremely well attended events, with the recognition and support of all of our adopted units taking place at different dinners. Our Argosy Cruise was again a great success.

I want to thank the 2005 Board for their dedication and willingness to give so much of their time to this Council. I said at the beginning that my tenure as President was going to be a team effort and indeed it was. Each of the members of the Board was extremely generous with their time and energy and that has been very greatly appreciated by me. They are deserving of your appreciation as well. They kept this Council running.

There is however one individual who I have to single out as the most dedicated member of this Council: Roger Ponto. Roger continues to be the heart and the soul of the Council. He continues to devote many, many hours to publishing this newsletter, bringing in new members and Community Affiliates, reminding us all about what has to be done, keeping records (both photographically and otherwise) of our activities, and generally keeping us on track. He is an amazing source of information about how the Navy League works and how we can improve our activities. The amount of energy he continues to dedicate to the Navy League in general and this Council in particular is worthy of very high praise. Thank you Roger.

I'm sure that the next year with the new Board and under the leadership of Capt David Visneski will be even better than this one. We have much to look forward to. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and best wishes for the holidays.

Ronald S. Matthew, President

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Coast Guard Cutter Healy Circumnavigates North America

Our adopted CGC Healy, the vessel that adorns the header of our Voyager Newsletters, returned home to Seattle November 28th after sailing over 22,000 miles in 6 months, achieving several milestones including the third visit to the geographic North Pole by a U.S. surface ship, the first U.S. ship to reach the North Pole twice, and the second ever trans-arctic expedition by surface ships. Additionally, Healy hosted the Ocean Exploration branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for an intensive one-month survey of marine life under the polar ice cap. Healy scientists and crewmembers used divers and remote operated vehicles to complete this survey, which included the discovery of multiple new species of marine life. Our March 15, 2006 dinner event will once again honor the Coast Guard Cutter Healy and its crew.



Healy CO, CAPT Dan Oliver (2nd from Left) being welcomed by fellow Ice Breakers, including CO's of Polar Sea and Polar Star

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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, NOAA Ship Rainier, USS Jimmy Carter, and Undersea Research & Development.
- 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.