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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Nov. 15, Dinner Event
- ◆ Jan. 17, 2007 6th Anniversary Event
- ◆ March 14, 2007 Honor the Healy Dinner Event
- ◆ May 16, 2007 Dinner Event

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

Contact us; info@lakewashnlus.org.

ABOUT US

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 Last 2006 Dinner Event November 15th

The last Lake Washington Council dinner event of 2006 will be held Wednesday, November 15th in the Yarrow/Hunt's rooms at the Red Lion Bellevue Inn, located at 11211 Main Street, Bellevue. Our keynote speaker will be Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna.

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.

We will be honoring our adopted University of Washington NROTC, USN Sea Cadet Corps, Everett, and NOAA Ship Rainier at this dinner. We will also be electing the Lake Washington Council 2007 Officers and Board. Please refer to the Proposed Slate on page 3 of this issue of the Voyager.

Entrée choices are Macadamia Crusted Mahi Mahi, Chicken Parmesan, or Vegetarian, all with Caesar salad and carrot cake. Please be certain to specify your entrée selection with your reservation. The cost is \$35 per person in advance, \$40 at the door. Make your reservations today by mailing your check, payable to LWC-NLUS, to PO Box 183, Medina WA 98039-0183, or via email to info@lakewashnlus.org.

We must receive your reservation no later than Nov. 10th.

Roger Ponto, Editor

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Council Members and Friends:

Fall has arrived and the year moves toward a close. It has been an eventful year and there is more to come. Our next event is the November 15th Dinner at the Red Lion

Inn. At this dinner, we will be recognizing some of our adopted units; University of Washington Navy ROTC, USN Sea Cadet Corps of Everett, and NOAA Ship Rainier. It will be a fun and interesting evening and I encourage you all to get your reservations in early.

With Veterans Day just around the corner it is time for honoring living veterans who have served in the military during wartime or peacetime. We recognize that all our veterans have given something of themselves to this country and some have given all -- laying down their lives to defend the freedoms we hold so dear. In November, we especially honor those great veterans who have given their lives in the defense of liberty and we also recognize all veterans who have honorably worn

the uniform of this great nation.

To all our veterans we have a simple yet heartfelt message -- thank you -- all of you, for your service. We want you to know that your example serves to inspire others who follow in your footsteps. Thank you for your selfless-service in peacetime and war, here in this nation and throughout the world. For all veterans, regardless of their service and the era in which they have served, have paid a price for the freedom we enjoy.

As Navy League members we have twin missions of **education** of the public about the sea services while in **support** of those services. We must remember that it also includes those who have severed. Both are equally important, and require financial resources to carry out our missions. A large percentage of those resources come from our memberships, with the bulk of that coming from our Community Affiliates and Corporate members. Individual memberships are vitally important, because without you, the individual members, we would not have the personal interest, energy and dedication to our missions, and for that I thank each and every one of you!

2006 BOARD MEMBERS

- President** David Visneski
- Vice-President**.....Roger Ponto
- Treasurer** Lee Anne Petersen-Walker
- Secretary**Donna Visneski
- Chaplain**Rev. Paul Williams
- Board Members** John Lockwood
- Ron Matthew
- Peggy Ponto
- Pete Stiles
- Allen Torstenson

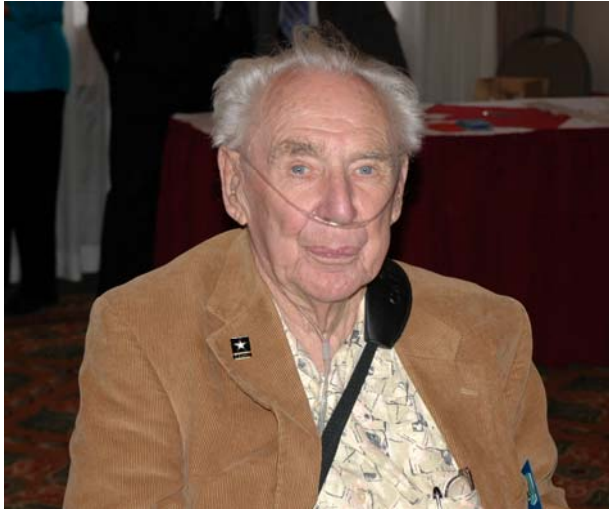
- Board Members Emeritus**.....Marilynn Crist
-Louise Chase

In closing I want to encourage our members and friends to set aside Saturday, September 8, 2007. On this day we will be celebrating one of our Sea Services, the United States Coast Guard, with a Grand Ball. Although 10 months away, please put this very special event on your calendar. Pages 4 through 8 of this Voyager have full details on this Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball and how you can help say you care and appreciate the Coast Guard's world class efforts at home and abroad.

See you at the November 15th dinner event!

Dave Visneski,
President, Lake Washington Council-NLUS

Bob Curran, Major USA (ret) April 12, 1918 - October 13, 2006



Bob Curran had the innate ability to grasp and build upon opportunities that brought together the local and the military community, creating a better understanding between the two. While Seafair was a major focus over the years, Bob was also very much involved in the Navy Recruiting District Advisory Council and in the Navy League. A past Board Member of the Seattle Council, and in recent years a member of the Lake Washington Council.

Bob was a very special person,
and will be missed by many.

Proposed 2007 Slate Lake Washington Board

This slate of proposed Board members for 2007 has been developed by the Nominating Committee appointed by LWC President Dave Visneski and has been approved by your current Board. Elections will be held during the November 15th Dinner Event.

President	Dave Visneski
Vice President	Roger Ponto
Treasurer	Lee Anne Petersen-Walker
Secretary	Donna Visneski
Chaplin	Rev. Paul Williams

Board Members;

Jules Bresnick
John Lockwood
Peggy Ponto
Pete Stiles
Allen Torstenson
Sheldon Woodle

Board Members Emeritus;

Marilynn Crist
Louise Chase

Veterans Eat Free at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants

What: All veterans receive a free lunch or dinner entrée. Proper ID required (VA card, VFW card, Veterans ID, discharge papers, etc)

When: Sunday, November 5th, the Sunday before Veterans Day

Why: To show thanks to our nations veterans, Bill McCormick & Doug Schmick offer to serve those who've served

Where: McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants;

Bellevue 425-454-2606

Seattle 206-623-5500

McCormick's Fish House & Bar

Seattle 206-682-3900

McCormick & Schmick's Harborside

Seattle 206-270-9052

Reservations Strongly Encouraged

Lake Washington Council to Host First Ever Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball

With the enthusiastic support of Rear Admiral Richard R. Houck, Commander 13th Coast Guard District, your Council will host the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball, September 8th, 2007, at the newly constructed Westin Hotel, Bellevue. This "black tie optional" event will be a Centerpiece Northwest Patriotic Event, and a major financial undertaking by your Council.

In order to enable Coast Guard junior officers and enlisted personnel to participate, we need to significantly subsidize their dinner costs on a sliding scale by rank. This will require substantial financial support from the business community.

The following 4-page insert is a copy of the Solicitation Brochure for this event. **We need your help in getting information to our business community regarding this unique opportunity to thank our Pacific Northwest Coast Guard.** Please review this brochure. Note that contributors are not only making a tax-deductible donation to a very worthy cause, they also receive the following benefits;

Contributor Benefits	Charter Member Level \$5,000 or more	Plankowner Level \$1,000-\$4,999
Table at Coast Guard Ball for 10*	Yes	Yes
Prominent Listing in Commemorative Program and display signage at CG Ball	Yes	Yes
½ Page Ad in Coast Guard Ball Commemorative Program	FREE	\$250**

Here's what we want you to do...

Our membership has close contact with numerous business leaders and organizations throughout our region. We ask that you carefully consider who you feel might be interested in providing financial support to this important patriotic endeavor. Then, contact the organization and provide them with the brochure, or if you prefer, provide us with the name of the organization and contact and we will make the presentation.

We only have 45 days to obtain Pledges of Financial Support. By December 15th, we need to know the dollar amount of support, with payment due by June 1, 2007.

Your help is needed NOW! Questions, contact
Roger Ponto, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball
info@lakewashnlus.org 425-453-1979

* Charter Member and Plankowner contributors may specify the 10 attendees at their table. For example, you may want four guests from your organization and six military guests at your table. The decision regarding the mix is entirely yours.

** Special 50% discount rate available only to Plankowners.



Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball

Saturday, September 8, 2007
Westin Hotel, Bellevue

Hosted by:
Navy League of the United States
Lake Washington Council

*We invite you to participate in a unique opportunity to
support and recognize the men and women of our
United States Coast Guard*

With the enthusiastic support of Rear Admiral Richard R. Houck, Commander 13th Coast Guard District, Navy League of the United States - Lake Washington Council, is honored to host the first annual...

**Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball
Saturday, September 8, 2007
Westin Hotel, Bellevue**

This Centerpiece Northwest Patriotic event honors our Region's 1,700+ Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel. It will also involve and salute the other armed forces; Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy.

We anticipate over 500 military, business, and community leaders will attend this black tie optional event.

**We need your financial support to facilitate this opportunity
for Coast Guard junior officers and enlisted personnel to fully
participate in this ball.**

This is a unique opportunity to thank, in a meaningful way, the men and women of our Coast Guard, for their personal commitment to protect the security, freedom, and economic well being of each and every one of us.

Contributors will be appropriately recognized. All contributions will be used exclusively to subsidize the costs for military personnel to attend this event.

We need your financial pledge by December 15, 2006 and payable by June 1, 2007.

We know that our Coast Guard saved 33,000 lives during Katrina, but do we realize that on a **typical day the Coast Guard will...**

- Save 15 lives
- Assist 117 people in distress
- Conduct 90 search and rescue cases
- Protect \$2.8 million in property
- Enforce 129 security zones
- Interdict and rescue 15 illegal migrants at sea
- Board 4 high interest vessels
- Board 192 vessels of law enforcement interest
- Board 122 large vessels for port safety checks
- Seize 71 pounds of marijuana and 662 pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$21.1 million
- Conduct 317 vessel safety checks and teach 63 boating safety courses
- Conduct 19 commercial fishing vessel safety exams
- Respond to 11 oil and hazardous chemical spills
- Process 280 mariner licenses and documents
- Service 140 aids to navigation
- Monitor the transit of 2,557 commercial ships through U.S. ports
- Investigate 20 vessel casualties involving collision, allisions, and groundings

- The actual dinner costs with service and tax are estimated to be \$75.00 each.

- At \$150 per couple, this cost is beyond that of many of the military personnel we specifically want to honor at the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball and we therefore need to subsidize dinner costs on a sliding scale by rank.

- In addition, some will need care for their children in order to attend the event. We plan on providing an area, with supervision and entertainment, for the children of those attending.

We need your financial support in this endeavor and will gratefully appreciate any contribution. We have established recognition levels for top contributors;

- A contribution of \$5,000 or more will recognize your organization as a "Charter Member" of the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball and will provide for a table of 10*. You may also receive other special privileges and opportunities, to be identified later.

- A contribution of \$1,000 to \$4,999 will recognize your organization as a "Plankowner" in the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball and will provide for a table of 10*. "Plankowner" is a nautical term used to identify a member of a new ships crew, and as such one who is entitled to a "plank" of the ship upon its retirement.

- Charter Members and Plankowners not currently Navy League members will receive Community Affiliate memberships in Navy League of the United States - Lake Washington Council, will be recognized on our web site and in our Voyager newsletter for one year, and featured in special "Salute to our Community Support" March and September 2008 issues.

- Individuals can participate at the "Treat a Coastie to Dinner" level with a contribution of \$100 to \$999.

**Charter Member and Plankowner contributors may specify the 10 attendees at their table. For example, you may want four guests from your organization and six military guests at your table. The decision is entirely yours.*

Yes.....

We want to financially support and say “Thank You” to the men and women of our Pacific Northwest Coast Guard, who do so very much for us!

- We/I pledge our support with a contribution at the following level;
- “Charter Member” \$ _____ (\$5,000 or more)
- “Plankowners” \$ _____ (\$1,000-\$4,999)
- “Treat a Coastie to Dinner” \$ _____ (\$100-\$999)

Enclosed find our check in the amount of \$ _____

We would like to fulfill our Pledge at a later date. Please contact us _____.

Organization: _____

Contact Person: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Signed: _____

Please make checks payable and mail to: LWC-NLUS CG Ball, PO Box 183, Medina, WA 98039-0183.

Please email Pledges to info@lakewashnlus.org, or fax to 425-453-2595,

or mail to above address. Questions, call Roger at 425-453-1979

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USS Jimmy Carter & Undersea Research & Development



Photo's from their 1st Year in the Pacific Northwest

Above & at left: First Homeporting, Nov. 2005

Below left: June, 2006 Change of Command

Below right: July 2006 Family Picnic, with Caring Clown International



NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTED USS JIMMY CARTER (SSN 23) AND UNDERSEA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

November 9th 2006 will mark the one year anniversary of our arrival to the Great Pacific Northwest! How the time has flown by. The families have come to love the area (even after the record breaking 58 straight days of rain last winter). The incredible welcome sponsored by the Lake Washington Council of the Navy League went a long way in giving the crew and families a sense of belonging to the area, and let us all know we were adopted into a warm and caring family!

Late winter and spring found the ship at sea, starting the transition from a ship coming out of a new construction phase into a true war fighter. Significant testing took place that proved USS JIMMY CARTER is in fact the Navy and Nation's premier submarine asset!

In June a time honored Change of Command ceremony took place, during which CDR David Honabach relieved CAPT Don Kelso as Commanding Officer, USS JIMMY CARTER. CAPT Kelso was transferred to the National War College in Washington D.C. CDR Honabach reports from the Pentagon, where he served in the Director of Undersea Warfare staff as the Deputy Director of Plans, Liaison, and Assessments. He has served in numerous submarines including the USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, USS SCRANTON, USS MONTPELLIER, an Engineer tour on board USS PARCHE, and as Executive Officer on USS CONNECTICUT.

Most of June was spent underway, which included a brief stop in Alaska. July and August were spent at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, going through a dry docking period to repair remaining issues from new construction and the rigors of inter-fleet transferring this time the ship had a summer party, and again it was through the generosity of LWC-NLUS providing clowns (real ones, not sailors) to make a great day for the families and children of the crew. While it was wonderful to be home for most of the beautiful summer in the northwest, the crew was almost as busy during the demanding dry dock period as we are at sea. It was good to finish up and head back out to where a true submarine sailor belongs, in the great depths!

As we write this quick update now, from depths greater than 400 feet and at speeds greater than 20 knots, we are preparing for our Tactical Readiness Examination. This is a demanding workup period in which the ship demonstrates all of our war fighting capabilities, in an environment that simulates what we will likely see during our upcoming deployment. We hope to return to home port by the middle of November, but we are sorry to report that our expected homecoming will be after your dinner event of 15 November.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for all you do for the men and families of USS JIMMY CARTER and UNDERSEA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. The time you take and the resources you spend to recognize the efforts of the sea services, and of the men and women who dedicate their life to those services, is awe inspiring. There is no way to measure the boost to our morale you provide; just rest assured it is significant. We wish we could tell you when we may be able to get together, but unpredictable schedules are a fact of life on board the best fast attack submarine in our Navy's silent service. We will try our best to arrange some event when we return. Thanks again, fair winds.

Very Respectfully

LCDR Dave Reische, OIC, UR&D
LT Brian Rednour, AOIC, UR&D
MMCM Mario Arellano, SEL, UR&D

CDR Dave Honabach, CO, USS JIMMY CARTER
LCDR John McGunnigle, XO, USS JIMMY CARTER
CMDRCM Dave Kerr, COB, USS JIMMY CARTER

Exceptional Tour Opportunity

Although still in the planning stages, the USS Jimmy Carter and Underwater Research and Development unit are working on inviting Lake Washington Council members to the ship for lunch on Tuesday, November 21, at Submarine Base Bangor. Understand that important details have to be finalized, but if this comes to pass, it will be a unique opportunity.

If you would like to attend, please make your reservation NOW, with your name, the number in your party, and your contact e-mail address, to;

info@lakewashnlus.org

We will contact you via e-mail as further details become available.

New Community Affiliate Members

Lake Washington Council is pleased to welcome

STABBERT MARITIME MANAGEMENT

and

COSTCO- Woodinville

to our ever increasing number of community businesses providing important financial support to our mission.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

If you have e-mail and have not received news from LWC in the last month or so, we do not have your e-mail address. Many unique opportunities have short time windows and we need to use e-mail rather than the Voyager Newsletters to get this information to our membership. Please contact us at info@lakewashnlus.org with your updated e-mail address. This will ensure that you are receiving the latest information from Lake Washington Council.

LWC BUSINESS AFFILIATES

Corporate Sponsors

- ◆ Todd Pacific Shipyards
- ◆ Safe Boats International
- ◆ Microvision, Inc.
- ◆ Converteam Inc. (Formally ALSTOM)

Community Affiliates

- ◆ Argosy Cruises
- ◆ Cadick Corp
- ◆ Converteam Inc. (Formerly ALSTOM)
- ◆ Costco Kirkland/Woodinville
- ◆ FedEx Kinko's
- ◆ First Command Financial Planning
- ◆ Flags & Flagpoles Northwest
- ◆ Forde Financial & Tax
- ◆ Galvin Flying Services, Inc.
- ◆ Global Construction Services, Inc.
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- ◆ Red Lion Bellevue Inn
- ◆ Ropat Professional Services
- ◆ Security Services Northwest
- ◆ Sperry Ocean Dock Ltd
- ◆ Stabbert Maritime Management
- ◆ Texas Smokehouse Bar B-Q
- ◆ USAA
- ◆ Vertical Path Recruiting
- ◆ Vigilos, Inc
- ◆ V2R Consulting Group

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.

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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, 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.