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NOVEMBER 18 MEETING

Our dinner meeting at the Red Lion in Bellevue features RADM James Symonds, the Commander of Navy Region Northwest. Full details will be contained in the October issue of the *Voyager*. You may e-mail your interest to: info@lakewashnlus.org

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OCTOBER 8th—SIGN UP ASAP

FOR NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY TOUR

Our Council has set up a tour of Naval Air Station Whidbey, to visit both the EA-6B Prowler and the P-3C Orion squadrons. This will be special because the EA-6B has been replaced by the EA-18 Growler. These airplanes were delivered this spring. The P-3 Orion's have been around for about 30 years and still represents the best in ASW warfare. In addition to the tours we will be getting a talk about Whidbey Island and the squadrons from the commanding officer and lunch will be at the Officers Club.

The tour will begin 10:00 on Wednesday the 8th of October 2008. Driving directions will be provided about a week before the event. A car pool can also be coordinated for those who want one. Driving from down town Seattle will take about 1 hour 45 Minutes.

TO SIGNUP: email: tours@lakewashnlus.org Include Full Name, Drivers License # & State, DOB, and Citizenship or call Jim Britt at 206-281-5732.

NOTE: To get on base you *must* have in your possession a driver's license, registration and current proof of insurance. We did a tour recently and some were turned away because they didn't have these or they were out of date.

EDITOR'S NOTES

1. This is the first issue of the *Voyager* in it's new format. The *Voyager* is a work in progress. The Communications Committee has directed a redesign of the basic document format that it hopes will be of greater service to the Council membership. We are looking at a new layout, with more issues and hope that many of the individual articles will lead the reader towards a much fuller reading of the Lake Washington Council website which is also being improved. Please give us your input as the redesign continues. Board member Ken Sparks is the chair of the Communications Committee at 425-453-3450, and Jim Britt is the editor at 206-281-5732.

2. The Lake Washington Council website will soon take on a new look with some new features. Please check it out at www.lakewashnlus.org to see the results. There will even be a place for you to provide your feedback and make other comments about the Lake Washington Council.

THE 2008 PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST GUARD BALL SPONSORED BY YOUR LAKE WASHINGTON COUNCIL



The 2nd annual Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball was held at the Westin Bellevue Hotel on Saturday, September 13th. Almost 300 guests feasted on beef tenderloin and roasted sea bass or a vegetarian tortellini dish followed by birthday cake. Ceremonial toasts were raised to all of the armed services and to our missing comrades. Ending with a rousing toast to the Coast Guard. The next Coast Guard Ball is already being planned for September of 2010.



A prominent feature at the Ball was the Table of Honor, the traditional way of remembering those members of the armed forces who are no longer with us.



A major feature of the Ball was the presentation of a series of special awards to a variety of Coast Guard personnel including (above) Health Services Technician Second Class Elizabeth Stevens, Damage Controlman First Class Tom Snow, Machinery Technician Third Class Corey Smith, Health Services Technician Second Class Teresa Williams, Ensign Andrea Rank, Boatswain's Mate First Class Lucas Marland, Aviation Survival Technician First Class Michael Spencer, and Mr. J.R. Addington.



Among the distinguished guests at the Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball were Captain (RADM Sel) Roy Nash, the Chief of Staff of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District and Mr. and Mrs. Roussel (Rene and Dot) of one of our charter level contributors, Holland America Line.

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- 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.

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The next issue of the *Voyager* will see the continuation of and Paul Gilbert's outstanding article on the Bangor Submarine Base and Council Director Ken Sparks' report on his trip to the Current Strategy Forum. Both stories were begun in the August issue.