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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Oct 28th LWC Board at Mercer Island Library Small Mtg Rm 715-845PM
- ◆ Nov 11th—LWC Dinner Event—NOAA Speakers: Environmental Stewardship of our NW Seas and Coastal Areas
- ◆ Dec 30th LWC Board Meeting at Bellevue Library 715-845PM
- ◆ Jan 13th LWC Dinner Event—Speaker NL President Dan Branch, Honoring our Founders & the Healy

ABOUT US

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

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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.

We should remember our Navy League goals:

- ◆ Educate national leaders and the nation
- ◆ Support the men and women of the sea services
- ◆ Provide assistance to sea services families
- ◆ Support youth programs

Our Lake Washington Council under the guidance of President Lee Anne Petersen-Walker has persevered and matured. Our alliances with other councils in the northwest and with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve have allowed us to continue our basic support of the our Sea Services and our adopted units, extend recognition to exemplary women and men of all services and local employers, better educate the public, and show off our Sea Services through the day cruise on the *USS Abraham Lincoln* and other tours. Both the Curran Breakfast and the 85th Anniversary of the first flight around the world exposed new audiences to our council and their mission.

So in the coming year, your board will continue, utilizing limited resources, to focus on our Community Affiliates, whose memberships are critical to allowing us to support more than 10 adopted units. In addition, Roger Ponto is working on the Coast Guard Ball on September 25, 2010!

The Navy League has announced that the Lake Washington Council website has earned second place in the medium size council category for the Mackie Award for 2008.

SAVE THIS DATE: WEDNESDAY EVE JANUARY 13, 2010

Navy League President Dan Branch will be our guest speaker when we recognize our Lake Washington Council Founders John and Cyndee Lockwood and honor our adopted unit the *USCGC Healy*.

Honor the UW NROTC and the Abraham Lincoln Dinner Event

NAVY LEAGUE DINNER MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30th

On September 30 the Lake Washington Council had, as its **Guest Speaker**, Rear Admiral Scott Swift, Commander of the Carrier Strike Group 9. His background is as a naval aviator; his topic focuses on the changing role of the current Navy in today's changing world.

Recently, the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard leaders met to discuss their joint, cooperative roles in changing the Sea Services. What emerged was a new emphasis: COLLECTIVE SECURITY. Old tasks were based on protecting National security and prosperity. It is clear that other nations are protective of their own national interests, and usually their interests and our own can be COLLECTIVELY PROTECTED. This collective agenda includes preventing wars. The world economy has proven to be interconnected to the prosperity of all nations, and maintaining the safety of all sea lanes is a model of this interconnectedness. International trade depends on this safety. For example, suppressing the pirates along the coast of Somalia is an international effort. What makes this joint effort so complicated, are the varying "rules of engagement" for each nation.

Other ways the current emphasis has changed for the Sea Services is in the management of conflict. The core has remained the same, but added to the head, is the need to first *shape* the nature of the conflict by being pro-active. Then at the conclusion of a conflict, the added role is to *stabilize the governing authority* to maintain a lasting peace.

One means for being pro-active in areas of potential conflict is to have direct contact with mariners in these areas. To do this, the navy has reactivated older ships called FFG's, that are lighter, have less draft and can navigate shallow waters such as rivers and estuaries (reported by Beth Cook, photos by Roger Ponto).



The Lake Washington Council of the Navy League Honors the USS Abraham Lincoln Sailors of the Year and of the Quarter and the exceptional junior ranks. Also recognized were the UW NROTC



Keynote Speaker RADM Scott Swift discusses the "new" role of the Navy in promoting diplomatic relations

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Greetings fellow Navy Leaguers,

Each year there is the changing of the guard, on Veteran's Day November 11th, we will have our annual meeting to elect new leadership. Special thanks to Penny Dustin, Jeff Garrett, Dave Ojeda, and Rev. Paul Williams for their contributions. On the slate, I am pleased to return as Treasurer. The candidate for president is **Pete Stiles** who has had many roles in the development of our council. Other officers, all prior contributors to the legacy of the Lake Washington Council: vice presidents **Al Torstenson and Sheldon Woodle**; secretary **Donnaann Visneski**, and Judge Advocate **Al Grantham**. Returning as board members at large are: **Jim Britt, Ken Dobrow, Bert Kinghorn, Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, Roger Ponto, Jim Sketchley, Ken Sparks, and Dave Visneski**. We welcome new board members at large: **Dan Burr, Craig Chapman, Phil Johnson, Delgene Phillips, and Robert Renner**. There may be some slight changes at the time for election at the dinner event.

Also, we want to welcome home the *USCGC Healy*, LWC liaison Tony Caruso was at the pier when it arrived and took the above picture.

Finally, LWC liaison Dan Burr to the UW NROTC shares the following comments on **retiring CAPT Rich Fitzpatrick**: *Rich recently completed his 30 year career with the U.S. Navy. He began his profession by graduating from the Naval Academy and completed it as the Commanding Officer of the UW NROTC. Along the way Rich has had several impressive commands, including the Commanding Officer of several Navy wars ships, as well as shore side commands, including a stint at the White House. Rich's management and leadership styles are flexible, impressive, and proven. He has led hundreds of people from varying cultures though the execution and completion of many missions assigned to him. Rich is the kind of guy that would be a great asset in a leadership role at an organization that has plans for a rewarding future. For additional information about Rich and his capabilities, please contact danielhburr@msn.com.*

Lee Anne Petersen-Walker



Lake Washington Council– Veteran’s Day November 11th Dinner Event
*Honoring our NOAA Ship Rainier, USCG former Integrated Support Unit , and USCG
Response Boat Medium*

Dinner Event Speakers: CAPT Michelle Bullock and Usha Varanasi, Ph.D

This accomplished and talented duo from NOAA will address Environmental Stewardship of the NW Seas and Coastal areas. Usha Varanasi is Director of the *Northwest Fisheries Science Center* in Seattle, Washington, which is part of the *NOAA Fisheries Service*. Dr. Varanasi has held this position since 1994, when she became the first woman to lead one of the Fisheries Science Centers. Recently honored as a science hero, Dr. Varanasi in speaking with *Earth & Sky's* Jorge Salazar about her work in studying the ecosystem of Puget Sound, she noted: "Now everybody has to realize that every time we dump something in the sink, or use fertilizers, or use chemicals in our plants and our lawns, some portion is eventually going to end up in our water."

NOAA Captain Michelle G. Bullock commands day-to-day operations of the 10 research and survey ships in NOAA’s Pacific fleet controlled from the agency’s Marine Operations Center-Pacific in Seattle. Each year these NOAA ships accommodate dozens of missions and scientists who assess Pacific fish and marine mammal stocks, service buoys that detect changes in climate, conduct coral reef research, recover marine debris, and collect seafloor data to update nautical charts, to name a few. **Since her appointment as a NOAA Corps officer in 1985, Bullock has served three Pacific sea tours.** Most notably, she served as commanding officer of the Seattle-based *NOAA ship McArthur*, where her second and third in command were also women—a first for NOAA. **Under her leadership, McArthur received the NOAA “Ship of the Year” award in 2001.** Bullock holds a bachelor’s degree in oceanography from the Florida Institute of Technology (1986) and a master’s degree in marine geology/geophysics from the University of Miami’s Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (1999). She is a graduate of NOAA’s Leadership Development Competency Program and Georgetown University’s Senior Executive Leadership Program.

Wednesday, November 11th, 2009
Red Lion Bellevue Inn
11211 Main Street, Bellevue WA
No-Host Social hour 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

Entrée choices are (a) Salmon Picatta - Salmon sautéed with Garlic, Capers, Lemon Juice and Fresh Herbs.
(b) Breast of Chicken Crusted with Tillamook Cheddar Cheese and Chives, Griddled Golden with A light Lemon White Wine Sauce (c) Vegetarian.

Cost per person \$40.00 in advance, \$45.00 at the door

Please make your reservations with entree’ selection: www.lakewashnlus.org,

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- Supports our Puget Sound Sea Services: USS Abraham Lincoln, USCGC Healy, USS Jimmy Carter, NOAA Ship Rainier, Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Nine, Undersea R & D Detachment, USCG Integrated Support Command-Seattle, & USCG Response Boat Medium Project.
- Supports youth programs: local Naval Reserve Officers Training Units and USN Sea Cadet Corps: NJROTC at Renton's 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 & 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.*